

Renee Brott / Graphic Design Portfolio

Hello! I am a communications specialist with a Bachelor of Applied Arts in Graphic Design from Central Michigan University. I also have a double minor in Marketing and Advertising. With over 15 years of experience I am ready for any communications challenge. I have worked as a freelance graphic designer, marketing director, and currently as the Director of Communications for First United Methodist Church of Grand Rapids, MI.

Here are a few projects I've worked on...



First Pulse

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Grand Rapids | grfumc.org

May 2019

Stories from First Church and the impact on the lives of our community.

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May 1
Sing
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Fellowship
Station Ringers
Soul Choir

Sunday
Infant/Toddler Nurseries
Sunday Worship

8:30 am - Children's Chapel
9:15 am - Church School
Classes for all ages
10:15 am - Youth Choir
10:45 am - Sunday Worship
11:00 am - Children & Worship
and Shine: Sensory Room
11:45 am - Blood Pressure Clinic
2:30 pm - Walk for Good Food
4:30 pm - Service for Inclusion
with meal following
5:00 pm - Jr High and Sr High
Youth Group
5:30 pm - Gentle Yoga for 50s
and Beyond

Monday, May 6
11:00 am - Adult Bible Study
6:30 pm - Stephen Ministry
6:30 pm - Methodist Connection

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Friday, May 10
6:30 pm - Moms' Group: Makeup
and Styling Party

Sunday, May 12
Mother's Day
Baptism Sunday
Coffee Can Offering
Diaper Drive for Grace's Table
8:00 am - Infant/Toddler Nurseries
8:15 am - Sunday Worship
8:30 am - Children's Chapel
9:15 am - Church School
Classes for all ages
10:15 am - Youth Choir
10:45 am - Sunday Worship
11:00 am - Children & Worship
and Shine: Sensory Room
5:00 pm - Jr High and Sr High
Youth Group
5:30 pm - Yoga for 50s and Beyond

Saturday, May 18
1:00 pm - Youth Service Rehearsal

Sunday, May 19
Youth Sunday
9:00 am - Youth Service Rehearsal
9:00 am - Infant/Toddler Nurseries
9:15 am - Church School
Classes for all ages
10:15 am - Youth Choir
10:45 am - Sunday Worship
11:00 am - Children & Worship
and Shine: Sensory Room
12:00 pm - Unplugged:
Geocaching and Ice Cream
5:00 pm - Jr High and Sr High
Youth Group
5:30 pm - Gentle Yoga for 50s
and Beyond

Monday, May 27
Memorial Day
Church Building and Offices Closed
11:00 am - Adult Bible Study
(Offsite)

Tuesday, May 28
7:00 am - Work Program
6:30 pm - Congregational Care
Visioning Committee

Wednesday, May 29
5:30 pm - Moms' Group: Baby
Party!



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EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

Resource Development



Beating Your Head Against the Wall

For the last two weeks, a cardinal has perched itself in a bush outside the window of our home. Several times a day, she will fly into the pane of glass as if trying to fly through. She will hit the glass, bounce off, perch for a moment, and then try again. Having no success in her apparent goal, she will move to another bush outside another window and repeat the process there several times. She will then go away for a while, but then return and start all over again.

At first, I thought she was perhaps "drunk" on some fermented tree berries, but now after two weeks, I'm not sure. At any rate, I have grown to admire her unbelievable determination! I am reminded of the phrase "beating your head against the wall."

Sometimes the work of the church can feel like we are this cardinal. We work hard to make a difference in a hurting world, yet it seems even more hurt presents itself. We work in mission but hear of yet even more needs. We work locally at M.I.K. Leadership Academy to nurture and support the kids there, but see even more needs that are not being addressed. We supply resources to local food pantries, yet hunger remains. With all our efforts, it can still feel like we are bouncing off the wall!

Sometimes it's important to take a moment and reflect on all that we are indeed accomplishing! First Church continues to be a vital beacon of hope for all those

we touch. Many in our church family have immersed themselves in ministry that has enabled our success. Our incredibly generous church giving enables us to expand our reach and plan new ways to bring God's love to those who long to receive it.

Our denomination is currently struggling with difficult questions about sexuality and inclusiveness, yet through all of this, First Church is remaining true to its calling to be a welcoming and inclusive family of disciples to any who wish to join us in our mission. Our giving so far in 2019 has been exactly as planned. This is a testament to our congregation rising above the continuing intense debate over our structure and organization to focus on doing the work of the church and answering God's call to ministry.

Thank God for all at First Church who so generously continue to give of their time and money. Even though there are days when we feel like that bird I can hear right this moment bouncing off the glass, we can take satisfaction in knowing that we are marching forward as a church family as we bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to so many!

Chris Hawkins
Finance Committee



The youth served a pancake breakfast on Palm Sunday.

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Risk-Taking Outreach and Mission

During the first week of April 2019, a mission team from First Church visited our sister church in Heraduna, Cuba. We had a wonderful time of ministry and fellowship with our Cuban siblings in Christ, and were able to provide much needed support for their vibrant ministries. This annual trip is especially meaningful for our First Church high school students, several of whom have attended this trip over the years. Here are some reflections from two of the students who were on our team this year.

Dr. Joan VanDessel
Director of Community Outreach and Mission

Emma Schuiling

This has been the second time I was able to go back on the Cuba mission trip. I would've never gone on this trip if my friend Sydney was not going. Through the first Cuba mission trip, I grew close with her, and it had always been our dream to go back together. I never thought it could get any better than the first time I went, but it did. It was the most important and rewarding trip because I saw firsthand what it meant to be truly humble and full of joy. Our church family in Heraduna is sincerely grateful to God for everything in their lives. Even though they possess very few material comforts, they feel blessed by God and wholeheartedly want to share the good news with the surrounding community. I was able to speak Spanish and it allowed me to connect with the people on an entirely different level, especially with the kids my age. Not only have I grown connections with the Cuban people, but also with the team from



family will always be connected to First Church because of the same God we both worship and love. God has completely blessed me through this experience.

Sydney Judnich

The hardest part of the Cuba mission trip for me has been leaving. The connections you make and the people you meet are truly one of a kind. I have been blessed to be able to go to Cuba for my third time. This trip will open your eyes to their poverty but most importantly to their faith. They give their lives to Christ unlike I had ever seen before. On this year's mission trip, we had a meeting with many leaders of the church and toward the end of the meeting everyone got emotional and started sharing how our sister church connection impacts them. I will never forget how one young man from Cuba said how it is hard for them because they want to show their appreciation for us but have no way materialistically to do so. He said they are always praying for us and thinking of us, though. This broke my heart because after 3 mission trips I never once felt like we were in need of payment. After every trip I had only thought about how I could thank them in some way for renewing my faith. They have changed my life and shown me what living your life completely for Jesus looks like. They proved that it has nothing to do with money or materialistic things. As amazing and appreciated the items we bring for them are, what we receive in return is worth so much more than they could ever imagine.



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**Join us this Easter season at
First United Methodist Church!**

Welcome to our congregation in the heart of Grand Rapids.
We seek to be a faith community that is inclusive
and affirming of ALL people.

Sunday Worship
Join us for worship at 10:45 am.

Free Yoga
Sundays — 5:30 pm (Gentle)
Tuesdays — 6:00 pm (Traditional)

The Movement
Sundays — 4:00 pm
Feb 23 | Mar 22 | Apr 26
New Worship Service: A multicultural,
multiracial, and inclusive faith
community seeking dynamic change

Ash Wednesday
February 26 — 12:00 & 7:00 pm
A service of music, meditation, and the
imposition of ashes

Adult Classes
Sundays, March 1 - April 5 — 9:15 am
• **A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood**
This class will examine the unique
relationship Mister Rogers managed
to develop with the cynical journalist
in the movie "A Beautiful Day in the
Neighborhood" and will explore how we
can become better neighbors.
• **The Walk** — Join in *The Walk* and
discover five essential spiritual
practices rooted in Jesus' own
walk with God.

Palm Sunday
April 5 — 10:45 am
Worship with a children's palm
processional, chancel choir, special music,
and brunch following worship

Holy Thursday
April 9 — 7:00 pm
A time of worship with the chancel choir
and musical guests

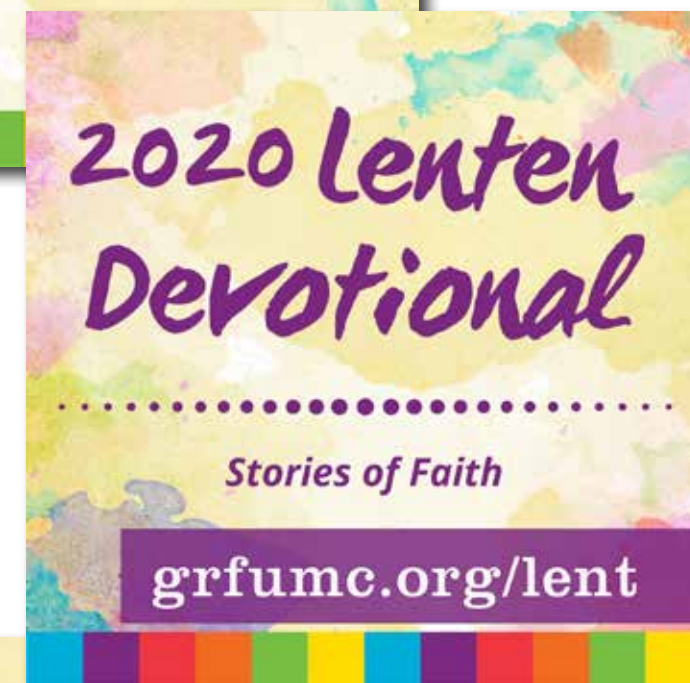
Easter Sunday
April 12 — 9:15 & 10:45 am
Worship with readings, hymns, and
special music

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or www.facebook.com/grandrapidsfumc.

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Becoming Good Neighbors:
**CONVERSATIONS ABOUT VIOLENCE
AND PEACE IN GRAND RAPIDS**

Wednesdays, March 4 – April 1
5:30 pm Dinner | 6:00 pm Presentation

First United Methodist Church is acutely aware of the community division and violence that plagues our city. We believe that the church and its people can and should play a role in helping to heal divisions and curb violence. Join in on the weekly conversation throughout the season of Lent and focus attention on how to help bring the community together. Each evening will begin with an optional catered meal. Dinner tickets: \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door. Register at grfumc.org/neighbors.

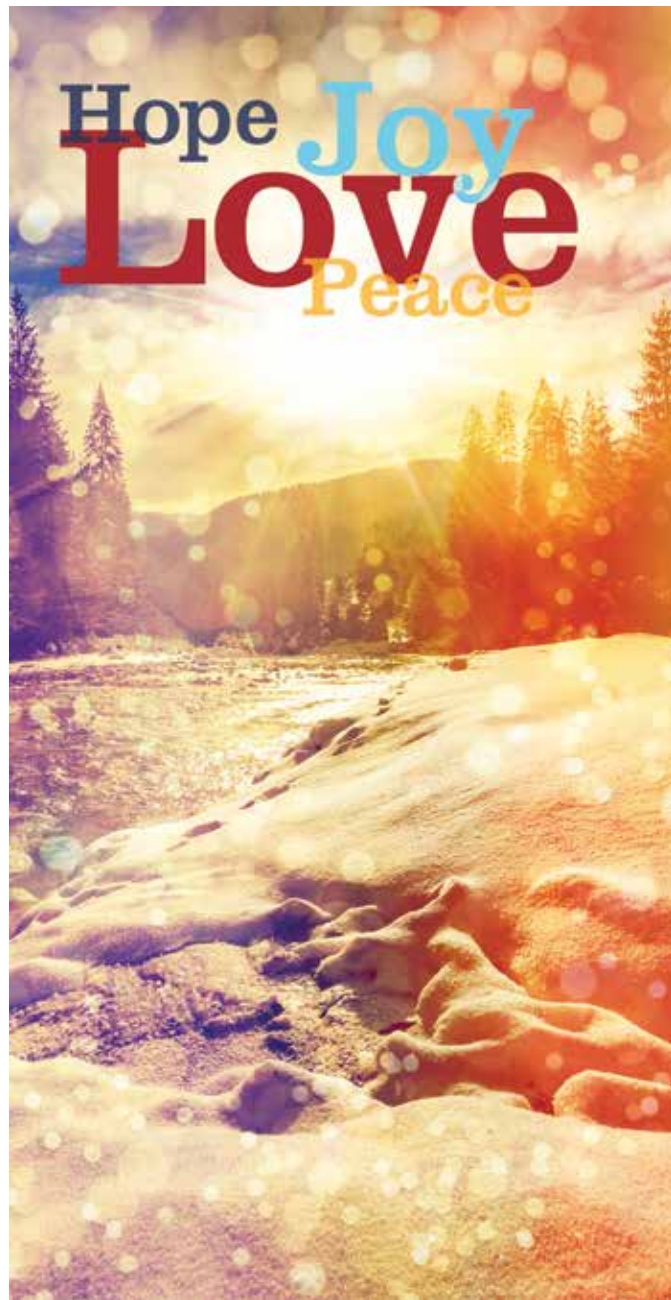
MARCH 4	MARCH 11	MARCH 18	MARCH 25	APRIL 1
Kaufman Interfaith Institute Kevin McIntosh , Campus Engagement Manager Catered by Donkey Taqueria	Realism Is Loyalty JD Chapman, Jr. , Executive Director Catered by Curry Kitchen	Grand Rapids Police Department Sgt. John Wittkowski , Public Information Officer Catered by Gita Pita	70x7 Life Recovery Ben Rosa , Executive Director Catered by Big Ed's BBQ	Michigan House



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Lent 2020
Easter Graphics
Direct mail postcard, bulletin cover, and
website graphic



Christmas is here!

Hope Joy Love Peace

Sundays at First Church
9:15 am — Classes and child care for all ages.
(No classes December 29.)
10:45 am — Worship Service
A faith community that is inclusive
and affirming of ALL people.

Christmas Eve Services
Tuesday, December 24
5:00 pm — An interactive family story-telling
7:00 pm — Traditional candlelight and communion
9:00 pm — Contemplative meditative service with
candlelight and communion

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www.grandrapidsfumc.org/advent

Christmas is here!

Hope Joy Love Peace

Daily Advent Devotional

Christmas is here!

Hope Joy Love Peace

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You are invited! Join us this Christmas season
at First United Methodist Church!

Free Gentle Yoga
Sundays — 5:30 pm
Mixed-level gentle yoga, equipment
available. (No class December 29.)

Free Yoga
Tuesdays — 6:00 pm
Community mixed-level yoga, equipment
available. (No class December 24 and 31.)

A Jazz Christmas
Saturday, December 14 at 6:00 pm
Free music by local band, MacNaughton
Blvd. This seasonal "swing" features
music and readings for the season.

Advent Adult Classes
Sundays, December 1 - 22 at 9:15 am

- **We Sing Our Theology of Christmas**
Take a closer look at the theology of
our beloved carols to examine what we
have learned from what we sing.
- **Christmas Writing Workshop**
Join writers of all experience levels as
we learn to hone our writing craft and
explore our own Christmas stories.
- **Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes**
Reimagine each of the four Gospels as a
house decorated for Christmas through
beautiful illustrations.

Visit us online for more events and details at
www.grandrapidsfumc.org/advent or like us at
www.facebook.com/grandrapidsfumc.

Advent 2019
Christmas Materials
Bulletin cover, postcard, social media
image, and website graphic

CELEBRATION of the ARTS

www.TheCelebrationOfTheArts.com

GALLERY HOURS

Open to the public:

**Saturdays, Feb 8 and 15, Mondays,
Feb 10 and 17, Tuesdays, Feb 11 &
18, and Friday, Feb 14:**

Gallery Hours: 10 am - 3 pm

Sundays, Feb 9 and 16:

Gallery Hours: 9:15 am - 5:30 pm

Wednesday, Feb 12 & Thursday, Feb 13:

Gallery Hours: 10 am - 8 pm

Wednesday, Feb 19:

Gallery Hours: 10 am - 1 pm

Off the Wall Party: 4 - 7:30 pm

EVENTS

**Artists' Reception — Friday, Feb 7
7 - 9 pm** — Jazz, special desserts, and awards!

Gallery Walk-Through

Sunday, Feb 9: 9:15 - 10:15 am

Wednesday, Feb 12: 12 - 1 pm

Thursday, Feb 13: 7 - 8 pm

Experience the show with Nancy Clouse,
artist and retired GRCC faculty member.

**Sunday Worship with Music for
Brass and Organ — Sunday, Feb 9**

10:45 am — Join us for this powerful
combination of brass, organ, and voice
that is sure to lift your spirit, even in the
middle of winter.

Music for Organ and Saxophone — Sunday, Feb 9: 3:00 pm

Eric Strand, organist, is joined by Hugh Dewitt, saxophonist, in
music of Paul Halley, James Whitbourne, and Hans-Andre Stamm.
Seasoned and frequent performers in West Michigan, this music
features diverse stylistic elements including jazz and the avant-garde.

**Sunday Worship with The Girls Choral Academy and
Grand Rapids Women's Chorus — Sunday, Feb 16**

10:45 am — The Girls Choral Academy will be joined by the GR
Women's Chorus for their annual Celebration of the Arts series.

**Music of Japan for Organ, Marimba, and Taiko Drum
Sunday, Feb 16: 3:00 pm**, with Carolyn Koebel, *Taiko Drum*, Mark
Lopez, *Marimba*, and Rhonda Sider Edgington, *Organ*

Featuring music of Japanese composers, this concert will feature
each instrument in solo, as well as ensemble works.

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**FEBRUARY
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CELEBRATION of the ARTS

February 8 - 19, 2020

Enriching lives by embracing the diverse spiritual talents and
gifts of our world

ARTISTS CALL
FOR ENTRY

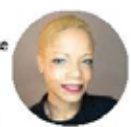
47th

annual juried
art show

CELEBRATION of the ARTS 2020

Celebration of the Arts began in 1972 as part of the Music and Arts
Ministry of First Church. In its 47th year, Celebration has grown to
represent one of the largest juried sacred art shows in the country.
It features artists from throughout the Midwest in a variety of media
including oils, acrylics, watercolor, sculpture, fiber, photography, and
more. During the 13-day festival, there are many individual events
including concerts, drama, and art activities.

JUROR Rehema C. Barber is the Chief
Curator at the Kalamazoo Institute
of Arts. Previously, she was the Director and Chief
Curator at the Tarble Arts Center at Eastern
Illinois University, and has held other significant
appointments at universities and museums, including
the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford, Connecticut. A full biography
detailing her significant curatorial work and writings may be found at
TheCelebrationOfTheArts.com.



All artists submitting works to Celebration are cordially invited
to attend our Artists' Reception.

SPREAD THE WORD! To be added to our
mailing list or print extra
entry forms, visit: www.TheCelebrationOfTheArts.com and like us at
www.facebook.com/TheCelebrationOfTheArts.

AWARDS

First Prize	\$500.00
Second Prize	\$400.00
Third Prize	\$300.00
Social Justice Prize — NEW AWARD!	\$300.00
Honorable Mentions	\$50.00

Awards will be presented during the Artists' Reception.

CALENDAR

ENTRY DATES

Friday, Jan 31: Receiving art 10 am - 4 pm
Saturday, Feb 1: Receiving art 10 am - 4 pm
Sunday, Feb 2: Juror Sunday
Tuesday, Feb 4: Accepted art posted online

GALLERY HOURS

**Saturdays, Feb 8 and 15, Mondays,
Feb 10 and 17, Tuesdays, Feb 11 & 18,
Friday, Feb 14:**
Gallery Hours: 10 am - 3 pm
Sundays, Feb 9 and 16:
Gallery Hours: 10 am - 5:30 pm
Wednesday, Feb 12 & Thursday, Feb 13:
Gallery Hours: 10 am - 8 pm
Wednesday, Feb 19:
Gallery Hours: 10 am - 1 pm
Off the Wall Party: 4 - 7:30 pm

GALLERY WALKS

Sunday, Feb 9: 9:15 - 10:15 am
Wednesday, Feb 12: 12 - 1 pm
Thursday, Feb 13: 7 - 8 pm

EVENTS

Friday, Feb 7: Artists' Reception 7 - 9 pm
Sunday, Feb 9: 10:45 am, Worship with
Music for Brass and Organ
Sunday, Feb 9: 3:00 pm, Music for Organ
and Saxophone
Sunday, Feb 16: 10:45 am, Worship with
guests, The Girls' Choral Academy and
Grand Rapids Women's Chorus
Sunday, Feb 16: 3:00 pm, Music of Japan
for Organ, Marimba, and Taiko Drum

A free-will offering is taken at each concert.

OFFICE USE ONLY		1 CELEBRATION 2020		CELEBRATION 2020 entry (Please print legibly)	
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ENTRY PROCEDURES

- Fill out the attached entry card (also available at First Church or online at www.TheCelebrationOfTheArts.com).
- Fill out and attach the identification cards to the back upper left corner of each entry.
- Deliver cards with the artwork (do not mail) to FUMC, 227 Fulton St E, Grand Rapids, MI (use back parking lot entry) January 31 - February 1 between 10 am - 4 pm. See website or call (616) 451.2879 in case of bad weather.

ENTRY INFORMATION

MEDIA Oils, acrylics, watercolors, prints, drawings, sculpture, ceramics, fiber, textiles, collage, photography, multi-media, etc.

FEES \$20.00 for the first entry, \$10.00 for the second entry. Entries are limited to two pieces per person. Make checks payable to: First United Methodist Church (FUMC) Arts Council.

REQUIREMENTS

- Work should express a social justice or sacred/spiritual quality. A note of explanation may be attached for the juror's use.
- All works must be dry and ready for presentation.
- Two-dimensional work must be framed with proper hangers and wire.
- No unframed glass will be accepted.
- Works to be hung must not exceed 5 ft x 7 ft and should weigh no more than 30 lbs.
- Three-dimensional work should take up no more than 12 square ft of floor space and must be no more than 9 ft high.
- No slides or prints of the work will be accepted. Only the original artwork is presented to the juror.

SALE OF WORK Works may be sold. FUMC Arts Council takes no commission. Those works not for sale (NFS) must be so marked.

LIABILITY Entries will be handled with all possible care. FUMC will not be responsible for loss or damage from any cause whatsoever.

SHIPPING For shipping instructions, contact Carol McNally, Associate Director of Music and the Arts, at carolm@grfmc.org.

NOTIFICATION A list of selected artists will be posted online on Tuesday, February 4.

PICK UP PROCEDURE Entries not selected must be picked up February 5 - 7 between 10 am - 6 pm. Selected entries should be picked up February 20 - 21 between 10 am - 6 pm. All entries must be picked up by the artist or artist representative with a photo ID. Any art left at the church three months after the show may be disposed of at the will of the committee. See website, facebook, or call (616) 451.2879 in case of bad weather.

Celebration of the Arts

2020 Annual Art Show

Banner, logo, entry form, signage, and
social media.

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SAVE the DATE : February 8-19, 2020

GALLERY WALKS

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Wednesday, Feb 12: 12 - 1 pm

Thursday, Feb 13: 7 - 8 pm

EVENTS

Sunday, Feb 16: 3:00 pm, Music of Japan for Organ,
Marimba, and Taiko Drum

2020 Entry Forms now available online!



“The one who sows a small number of seeds will also reap a small crop, and the one who sows a generous amount of seeds will also reap a generous crop.

Everyone should give whatever they have decided in their heart. They shouldn’t give with hesitation or because of pressure. God loves a cheerful giver.” — 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

The Holy Scriptures teach us to be percentage givers, with a goal of giving 10% (or a tithe).

Personal Worksheet

Annual Income	4%	6%	8%	10%	12%
\$12,000	\$480	\$720	\$960	\$1,200	\$1,440
\$15,000	\$600	\$900	\$1,200	\$1,500	\$1,800
\$18,000	\$720	\$1,080	\$1,440	\$1,800	\$2,160
\$25,000	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000
\$30,000	\$1,200	\$1,800	\$2,400	\$3,000	\$3,600
\$40,000	\$1,600	\$2,400	\$3,200	\$4,000	\$4,800
\$50,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,000
\$100,000	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$12,000

For your reference, the Estimate of Giving you provided last year was: \$

*Prayerfully consider how you will respond to the call to be extravagantly generous. Then complete the bottom part of this page, **cut** where indicated, and return it or this form is available online at grfumc.org/eog*



“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:21

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- ☐ Weekly
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2020 Stewardship Packet

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Logo, letterhead, envelope, and pledge card.



Alleluia!
Join us for *Holy Week!*

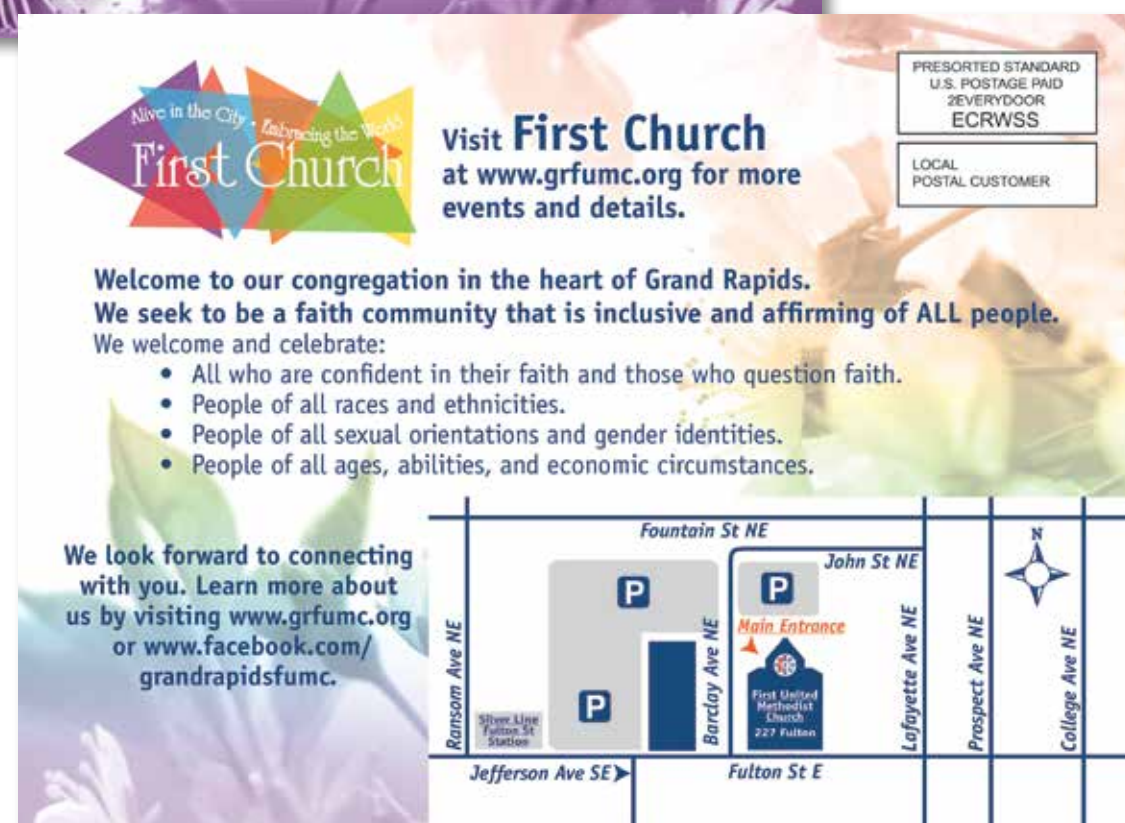
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Palm Sunday, April 14 — 10:45 am
Worship with a children's palm procession, chancel choir, and special music.
Join us at **10:00** and **11:45 am** for a pancake brunch fundraiser for the youth mission trip.

Holy Thursday, April 18 — 7:00 pm
A time of worship with the chancel choir and musical guests.

Good Friday, April 19 — 12:00 pm
A collaborative community service with guest speaker Dr. Alvin Padilla, Academic Dean and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Western Theological Center.

Easter Sunday, April 21 — 9:15 & 10:45 am
Worship at **9:15 am** with readings, hymns, and special music.
Worship at **10:45 am** with the chancel choir, readings, hymns, and special music.



First Church
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Welcome to our congregation in the heart of Grand Rapids.
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We welcome and celebrate:

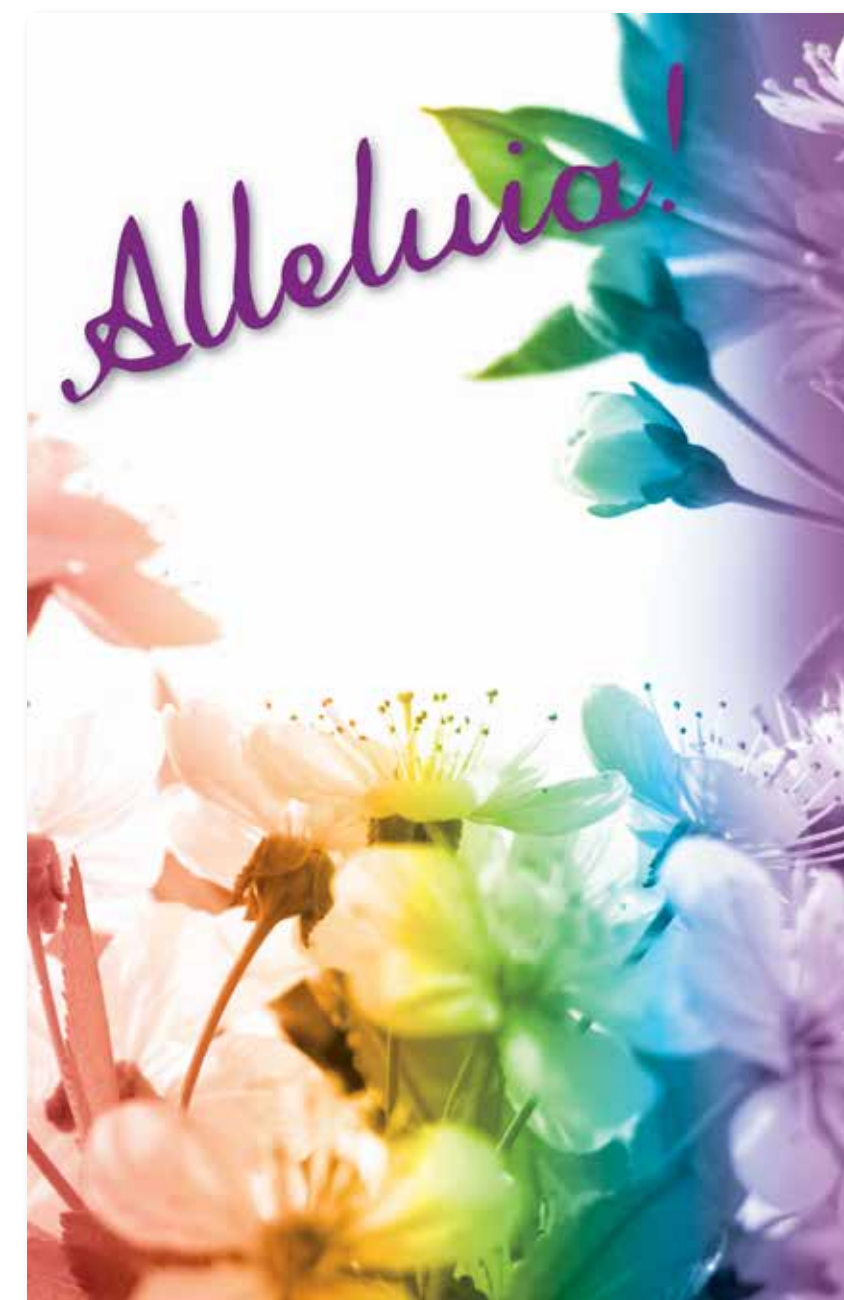
- All who are confident in their faith and those who question faith.
- People of all races and ethnicities.
- People of all sexual orientations and gender identities.
- People of all ages, abilities, and economic circumstances.

We look forward to connecting with you. Learn more about us by visiting www.grfumc.org or www.facebook.com/grandrapidsfumc.

Map: Fountain St NE, John St NE, Ransom Ave NE, Barclay Ave NE, Main Entrance, First United Methodist Church, 227 Fulton, Lafayette Ave NE, Prospect Ave NE, College Ave NE, Jefferson Ave SE, Fulton St E.

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Lent 2019
Easter Graphics
Direct mail postcard, bulletin cover, and website graphic



Alleluia!
Join us for *Easter!*

www.grfumc.org/lent

Easter Sunday, April 21 — 9:15 & 10:45 am
You're invited to join us for Easter Worship Services at 9:15 & 10:45 am. Both services will be in the sanctuary and include the chancel choir and Hallelujah Chorus.



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Identity Package

Creating letterhead, business cards, envelope, and promotional pieces using the new organizational logo.

What We Do:

- Family Petitions
- Adjustment of Status
- Naturalization
- Asylum Applications

- Representation in Immigration Court
- Religious Worker Visas
- T Visas for Victims of Trafficking
- Temporary Protective Status
- NACARA

- Self-Petition under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
- Special Immigrant Juvenile Status
- Advice and Counsel
- U Visas for Victims of Serious Crimes

Affordable Immigration Legal Services, Education and Advocacy

The Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON) program, founded in 1999 by the United Methodist Church, helps immigrants navigate our country's complex immigration regulations. As part of this nationwide outreach effort, our clinics based in West Michigan provide affordable immigration legal services to those with limited income. Our services are focused on family-based and humanitarian immigration law.

The JFON clinic model promotes volunteerism by actively engaging with clients on initial intake interviews or at form preparation clinics. JFON advocates for immigrants on issues of social justice and works to make our communities more welcoming.

Support the Immigrant

Like never before, the plight of the immigrant is in the political spotlight. While our legislators continue to debate immigration policy and consider harsh penalties, 11 to 12 million immigrants among us live in fear of what tomorrow may bring.

With the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, immigration applications became more complicated and backlogs increased. New measures enacted after September 11th caused further hardship for immigrants and their families. Most recently, stepped-up enforcement with immediate deportations cause great hardship to immigrant families when the primary breadwinner is removed.

The United Methodist Council of Bishops has issued many statements denouncing such treatment of immigrant families and urging congregations to lift up their voice in advocacy and provide ministry outreach. The UMC Bishops have participated in political demonstrations and marches on the Capitol.

JFON is a grass-roots response seeking a better solution to the broken immigration system and limiting the adverse impacts to individuals and families.

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Who are our neighbors?

- A young couple fleeing the violence of political upheaval
- An abused woman whose husband or partner threatens her with deportation and separation from her children because of her immigration status
- A father seeking to bring his wife and children out of a drought-stricken country
- An unaccompanied immigrant child who needs representation in court to prove his asylum case
- A disillusioned man whose hard-earned money has gone to pay for worthless legal advice from people ready to take advantage of immigrants
- People trafficked into the United States to work in slave-like conditions

Services are provided regardless of race or religion.



How Can I Help?

JFON is a grass-roots program depending on local support for volunteers and operating funds. 100% of donations are raised and spent locally. We encourage you to:

- Support JFON – West Michigan with a financial or in-kind gift

JFON Attorney
Liz Balck

Sites

Grand Rapids — Headquarters

First Place Building
207 Fulton St E
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503
(616) 301-7461 • fax (616) 451-4893

Holland (Satellite Clinic)

First United Methodist Church
57 W 10th St
Holland, Michigan 49423
(616) 396-5595 • fax (616) 396-4587

www.jfonwestmichigan.org
Justice for Our Neighbors West Michigan



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Homecoming 2018
Fall Kickoff
Direct mail postcard, poster, and website graphic

**CELEBRATE
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The River Rogues
and a meal!

The River Rogues, a local New Orleans style jazz band, will be playing during the 10:45 am worship service.

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Join us for **WORSHIP** (8:15 or 10:45 am),
EDUCATION (9:15 am), and a **MEAL** (12:00 pm)
on September 9!

SOMETHING FOR EVERY AGE!

8:15 am Worship: Upper Room
Child care for infants – 2nd grade

9:15 am – Church School for All Ages
Child care for infants – 3-year olds
Preschool – 4th grade: *Activate the Spark*
5th – 6th grade: *Faith In Action*
7th – 8th grade: *Junior High Sunday School*
9th – 12th grade: *Senior High Sunday School*
Adult Forums: September 9, 16, & 23
Adult Classes: Beginning September 30
Disciple III Bible Study
Faith Link
Parenting in 2018
The Most Good We Can Do
Life Transitions

10:45 AM – Worship: Sanctuary
Child care for infants – 3-year olds
Preschool – 2nd grade: *Children & Worship*
Third Grade Bible Class
Children and Youth with Special Needs: *Shine Sensory Room*

Sunday Evening Activities
Junior High Youth Group: 5:00 pm
Senior High Youth Group: 5:00 pm
Adult Class: *How To Pray – Reflections and Essays of C. S. Lewis*; Beginning September 30 at 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Additional Opportunities
Unplugged: 3rd – 6th graders meet the 3rd Sunday at noon.
Monday and Wednesday Adult Classes check grfumc.org/adults for schedule.

VISIT US ONLINE
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For children entering
1st – 6th grade in fall of 2016

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REGISTRATION FORM

☐ Check enclosed – \$45 if postmarked by May 22; \$60 after May 22
(Make out check to FUMC or credit card payment is accepted online.)

Camper's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

city _____ state _____ zip _____

Parent email: _____

Primary phone: _____

Grade in school Fall 2016: _____

Mail registration forms with payment to:

First United Methodist Church
ATTN: Audrey Kawel
227 Fulton St E
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

or register online at
www.grfumc.org/arts-alive-camp

Fee provides lunch and snack each day, t-shirt, reusable water bottle, and entrance fee to our Thursday field trip. Additional costs are underwritten by First United Methodist Church.

Camp Schedule:
Monday – Wednesday: 9 am – 3 pm
Thursday field trip: 9 am – 3 pm

REGISTRATION:
Early Bird
Rate: \$45
if registered
by May 22;
\$60 after May 22.

Sign your child up to help fight hunger in Grand Rapids! Campers will learn how Kids' Food Basket is helping to ensure that all children in Grand Rapids have three nutritious meals every day.

For more information or scholarship information contact Camp Registrar, Audrey Kawel at 616.451.2879 or audreyk@grandrapidsfumc.org.

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**Open Hearts. Open Minds.
Open Doors.**

Welcome to our historic congregation in the heart of Grand Rapids — a center of hospitality, worship, spiritual formation, mission, and outreach. Everyone is welcome here!

Sunday Worship: 9:15 and 11:00 am
Taizé Meditative Worship Experience
Wednesday, November 5 at 7:00 pm

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Passionate Worship
Classical worship with excellence

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

Welcome to First Church in the heart of the city — a faith community in classical worship and preaching that celebrates the love of Jesus Christ for all people.

Sunday Worship: 9:15 and 11:00 am
Taizé Meditative Worship Experience
Wednesday, December 3 at 7:00 pm

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Radical Hospitality
All are welcome

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

People come to First Church from many different places, looking for many different things. What many find is an open and welcoming congregation with a passion for others.

Sunday Worship: 9:15 and 11:00 am
Taizé Meditative Worship Experience:
Wednesday, January 7 at 7:00 pm

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Intentional Faith Development
Connecting with a faith community for all ages

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

Welcome to First Church
in the heart of the city. Faith is something that moves, grows, changes, and matures. It requires cultivation. First Church strives to connect you through intentional faith development, to find great faith-nourished in community.

Sunday Worship:
9:15 and 11:00 am

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www.GrandRapidsFUMC.org



Passionate Care
Compassionate care and relationships

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

First Church
in the heart of the city. Care is a ministry. Building relationships is a practice on a daily basis.

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Hours and Location
Regular Hours: 9:00 am – noon (Birth – 23 months) Room 107
Summer Hours (Memorial - Labor Weekend): 10:00 am – 11:15 am (Birth – 23 months) Room 107

Staff
First Church nursery is staffed by experienced individuals who are knowledgeable of nursery procedures and emergency plans. They provide consistent, loving care, and delight in getting to know both children and parents of our church. Our Infant Nursery Coordinator is assisted by teen helpers and screened volunteers. Staff and helpers can be easily identified by their royal blue aprons.

Adoption Ministry
Are you passionate about adoption or fostering? Have you adopted a child, been thinking about adoption or providing foster care, or are you adopted yourself? Please join us as we meet to advocate for adoption and foster care, to learn from each other, to share with others the Bible's passion for adoption, and to support each other as we walk this journey together. Contact Marj Timmerman for more information.

Moms' Group
This is a wonderful opportunity for moms of young children to meet and support each other. The group usually meets the first Thursday of the month for food, fellowship, and a short program. They also meet the third week of the month for outings or activities together. Kids and dads are welcome too! Led by Marj Timmerman and Sami Marasigan.

Infant Nursery

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Welcome
We are happy to welcome you and your child to the First Church nursery! Our mission is to provide a safe and loving environment for your child while you participate in adult education classes and worship services. Our Director of Children's Ministry, Audrey Kavel, and Parish Nurse, Marj Timmerman, are available to discuss any questions or input you may have regarding the care of your child.

Nursery Procedures
Nursery procedures include changing table and toy washing routines, and are posted in the infant nursery.

Sign In/Out
As part of the First Church Child Protection Policy, we require that children be signed in at drop off, and signed out at pick-up. Please note feeding, diapering, or special care instructions (especially allergies), as well as alternate pick up arrangements in the space provided. Also, PLEASE label diaper bags and belongings (bottles, sippy cups, pacifiers). First Church diaper bag tags are available in the infant nursery.

Pagers (Peace of Mind)
We have vibrating pagers available in the infant nursery and we do use them. Be assured that if your child is in distress after the common adjustment period following drop-off, or if they need you for any reason, we will page you or call your vibrating cell phone #.

Snacks
Snacks (usually crackers) are often provided to children who eat solid food. Please let the nursery staff know if you do not want your child to have the snack provided, or if you have a special snack for your child.

Health Policy
If a child is running a fever or has a rash, we ask that they stay home to rest and to help keep viruses from cycling through the nursery. Thank you!

Nursing
Rocking chairs and privacy are available in the infant nursery and the Women's Lounge (located NE of the sanctuary). There are also rocking chairs available in the Narthex at the back of the sanctuary.

Child Protection Policy
The FUMC Child Protection Policy is designed to assure the safety of our children. Part of this policy includes parent sign in/out procedures. It also requires that all volunteers, including parents who work with children, complete a short screening form and return it to the church office. A felony check is part of this screening process. A written copy of the policy is available in the nursery or by request from the church office.

For more information contact:
Marj Timmerman RN, Parish Nurse
marjtimmm@aol.com
616.451.2879 x115
Audrey Kavel,
Director of Children's Ministry
audreyk@grandrapidsfumc.org
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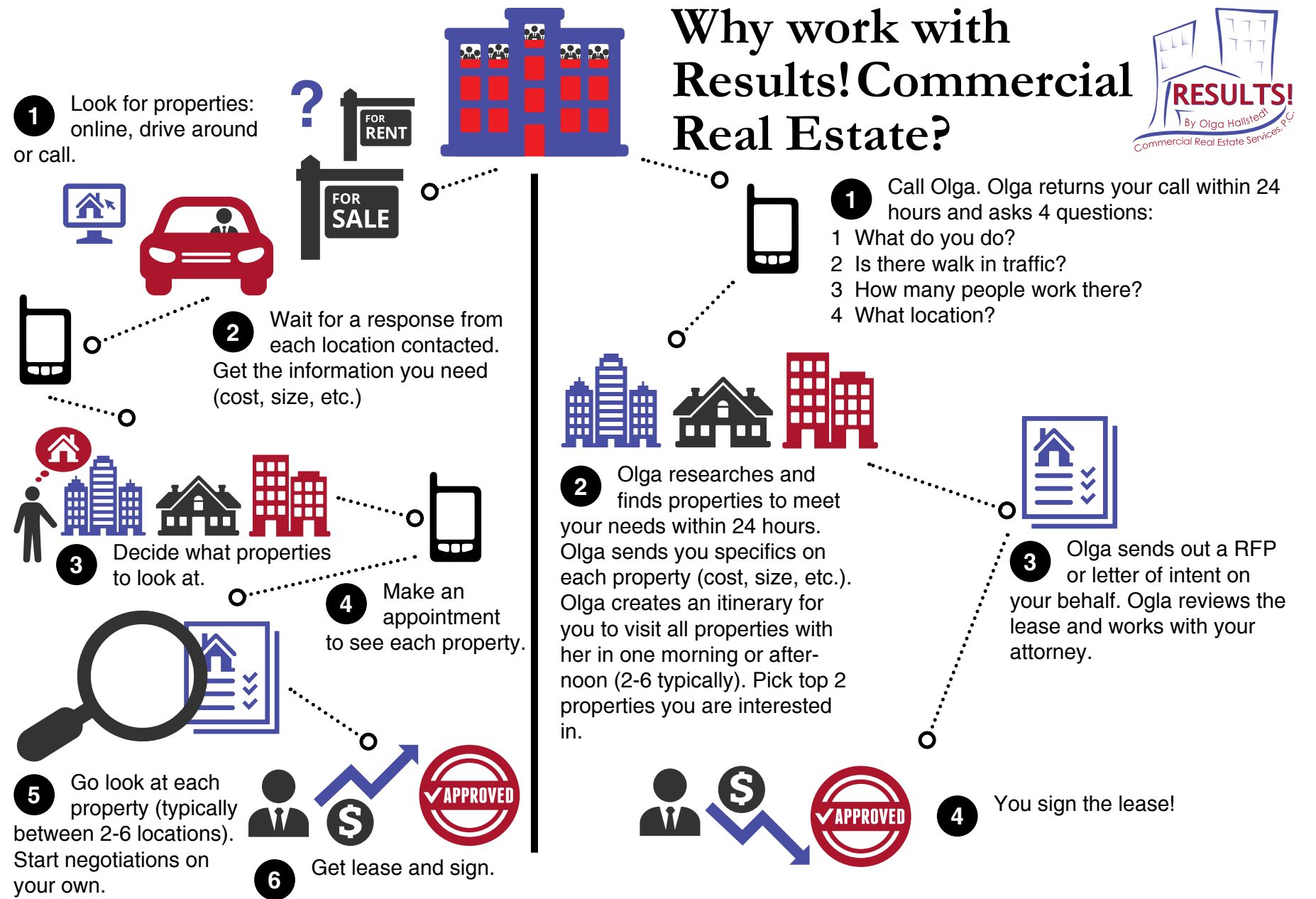
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(10:00 am Worship only: December 21 and 28)

Jazz Lessons and Carols — Saturday, December 20
featuring MacNaughton Blvd at 6:00 pm

Christmas Eve Services — Wednesday, December 24
"The Christmas Story" — A Family Service at 5:00 pm
Candlelight Communion Service at 7:00 and 9:00 pm

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November 30 — "Let the Preparations Begin"
December 7 — "Christmas Expectations"
December 14 — "Christmas Fairy Tales"
December 21 — "Christmas Calls Us Home" — 10:00 am
December 28 — "Savoring Christmas" — 10:00 am

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