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Rooted and Ready



Our first worship service together this past Sunday was a great blessing. When I went to pray with the choir between services, I thanked them for taking us to the throne of heaven. Thank you also for being present with us to share in such a special time together and to make the worship services so meaningful. People who could not be present with us physically stopped to let me know that they had joined us through our livestream on the website.

Dawn and I continue to appreciate your warm welcome and enjoyed the opportunity to greet so many of you at the reception following the 10:00 a.m. service. Some of you even came over from Shine or from the Berkley First campus to make us feel welcome. Thank you for a beautiful day! Celebrating the baptism of Eleanor Isabel

Flynn made the day all the more sacred for everyone as well.

As we look ahead to the coming weeks, I'm excited to continue our series, *Rooted and Ready*, in the main sanctuary at Birmingham First. Over the next month and a half, I'm looking forward to reviewing your core values as a church and to sharing with you some of the roots that we have in common. We'll also talk about how these strong roots help us to step into the future that God has in store for us together. You may even hear some of these same themes at Shine and Berkley First in the weeks ahead as well.

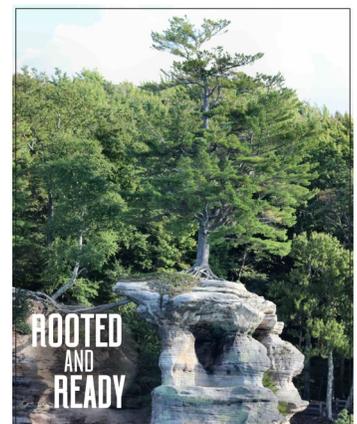
On Sunday, I'm thrilled to share some of my own call story as we discuss what it means for us to be a church that "welcomes all." Speaking of welcoming all, we'll welcome another new member into the family of faith through the sacrament of baptism at one of our services. I hope to see you soon.

Elbert Dulworth
Senior Pastor

Rooted and Ready Summer Sermon Series

Birmingham First Sanctuary — 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

- June 18 Welcome All
- June 25 Put Love Into Action
- July 2 Shawn Lewis-Lakin's First Sunday
- July 9 Honor God Through Excellence
- July 16 Embrace Bold Vision
- July 23 Encourage Lifelong Spiritual Growth (Zack Dunlap)
- July 30 Support One Another



Our Church Family

Our Christian Caring and Concern are shared with the following person, known to be in the hospital on Monday, June 12: Darrell White

Our Prayers for Good Health are shared with the following person, released from the hospital since Monday, May June 5: Bonnie Parks

Our Prayers of Sympathy and Support are shared with Stephen and Susan Greenhalgh and family on the death of his sister, Nancy Heider, on June 11. A memorial service will be held in our Sanctuary on Saturday, June 17 at 10:00 a.m.

Did You Know

....that this week's **Voice of Hope** message is recorded by Anita Barratt, and next week's message is by Lisa Lyon. To listen, call 248-646-6407 and press 2 when your call is answered by our automated system.

....that **Mixed Doubles** will prepare for the arrival of summertime by "Gathering on the Deck" on Saturday, June 17 at 6:00 p.m. for appetizers and fellowship at the home of Glenn and Jeanne Moore. Please let them know by June 16 if you will attend (248-649-3038). Mixed Doubles is a social group for couples and singles in their fifties and sixties. All are welcome!

....that Fair Trade coffee will be available for purchase during the coffee hours on June 18. This is the last sale for the summer. See you again in September!

....that the **6th Annual Birmingham in the Garden Tour** is Saturday, July 15. The self-paced tour is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 the day of the tour. Tickets are available during the coffee hours on June 18, in the church office during the week, and on the church website. Proceeds help to fund church youth mission trip participation.

....that Faith Formation Ministry is hosting a final session for participants to learn and practice the **Lectio Divina** method, an ancient form of Christian prayer that can consciously deepen your relationship with God through scripture. Would you like to learn and practice a new way to read scripture and know that God is speaking to you and with you? June 20 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Martin Room. Please sign up in the church office. Questions? Contact Jill Hockman (jillwh@scbglobal.net).

....that our lending closet of **Durable Medical Equipment** is a blessing for us all, as we never know when we might need that extra help. However, due to the amazing generosity of the congregation and community, *we are at full capacity*. We just do not have the space to store any more donations until further notice. As soon as we start to see a need, we will again accept those donations on a limited basis. If you have any questions or are in need of the equipment, please contact Sue Anderson Dale (sueanderson@fumcbirmingham.org or 248-646-6407 ext. 3160).

....that you can light the **Missions Candle** on the altar with a \$30 donation to the Partners in Mission fund. Available dates include July 16, 23 and 30. Please contact Janet Smylie (office@fumcbirmingham.org or 248-646-6407 ext. 3121) to reserve a date.

....that when the kids were young, we would often sneak money to them so they could get their dad a present on Father's Day. Later they would do it from their own resources. Maybe this is the year for you to consider a gift for your Heavenly Father in the form of a **Planned Gift** to the church.

....that you can sign up to volunteer for South Oakland Shelter in Fellowship Hall during the coffee hours on June 18.



Children, Student and Family Ministries

For information about our First Kids activities (Crib through 5th Grade), check out our website at www.fumcbirmingham.org, Facebook Birmingham First Kids, or contact us at sheilas@fumcbirmingham.org to receive a monthly email newsletter.

Want to get the inside scoop on First Student Ministries?

The Middle School Newsletter has information for middle school students.

“Make Your Mark” is our e-newsletter for high school students.

Get your free subscriptions today! Sign up under “[E-News](#)” on the church website.

45 Christians Local Summer Mission Trip: For What Are You Known?

Who: All current third, fourth and fifth graders are welcome, along with parent volunteers and siblings.

When: Sunday, July 15 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and July 17-20

What: Each morning we will serve God’s children in Detroit, and then in the afternoon will enjoy fellowship in the city.

Where: Meet at Birmingham First; carpool; serve at church and have fun in Detroit!

Why: Community service, fun and fellowship. Bring a friend along!

Registration: Available on the [church website](#) and due by June 23.



Steppin’ Out Summer Dance Camps are kicking off the season June 26-29 from 9:00 a.m. to noon with “Tiaras, Tutus and Tea Parties” for 3-5 year olds and “American Girl Dance Camp” from 1:00-4:00 p.m. for 6-8 year olds. These unique camps are a terrific opportunity for your daughter to “step out” into the wonderful world of dance. They incorporate God-honoring, pro-family values while being creative, educational and a whole lot of fun! Features include dance class, crafts, devotions, games, storytelling, snacks, and final day performance. There will also be camps the weeks of July 17-20 and July 24-27. For more information and a registration form, see the [church website](#) under Children and Family Ministry or call Miss Jen (248-756-1970).



CLC: Parent/Toddler Open Gym

Parents, bring your toddler and join us in the Christian Life Center this summer for open gym! The gym is open from 9:00-11:30 a.m. except on Thursdays, when it is open from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Wednesday-Friday	June 14-16
Monday-Friday	June 26-30
Monday-Friday	July 10-14
Monday-Friday	July 17-21
Monday-Thursday	July 24-27
Monday-Friday	August 21-25
Monday-Friday	August 28-September 1



Taizé Worship

Come worship in a quiet, contemplative and sacred way of communing with God, have a private prayer, or experience Reiki healing touch. Taizé worship is this Thursday, June 15, at 6:45 p.m. in the Runkel Chapel.



Shine: Indeed, It Was Good

What a blessing it was to have some time away to get to know our little one. That being said, it is also a blessing to be back at Birmingham First, surrounded by a community of love. I am thankful for all the support, the cards, the gifts, the notes, and the many family stories I got to hear from all of you! I am also thankful for our excellent guest preachers and Shine team (especially Kristin Snyder and Will Lobb) for leading worship while I was away.

This Sunday we will celebrate a baptism, prepare for VBS, and hear about some adventures. I will reflect on the five things that I have learned about God from being a parent as we contemplate Genesis 1. I am so glad to be in worship with you again, and can't wait to see you all this Sunday. Stay cool out there in the (almost) summer heat!

Pastor Dan Hart



Berkley First: Rachael and Leah



This Sunday at Berkley First, we wrap up our discussion of the Matriarchs with a look at Rachael and Leah in later life. Though Rachael had the edge on her sister Leah in that she was beautiful, wanted, and loved, she had her own struggles as well. Join us as we explore what these strong and genuine women have to teach us today!

Pastor Zack Dunlap

Jonah Summer Study

Can you imagine being sent by God to your worst enemies? Before agreeing, would you, like Jonah, rather decline the mission to the point of even accepting death? What can we learn about Jonah from this mission? What can we learn about God? What does it look like when anger meets mercy? Where is the justice in God's grace? If these questions intrigue you, join our Duke summer intern, Hope Ledbetter, for a four-week study of the book of Jonah.

Class meets on Mondays, June 19 and 26, July 10 and 17, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. The first class will meet in the Wright Parlor (#104), with the subsequent classes meeting the Martin Room (#101). Each week we will look at a different chapter of Jonah as we walk through the book. Through exploring the text along with paintings that depict this familiar story, we will engage with the book of Jonah and learn more about this prophet who famously got swallowed up by a big fish and lived to tell the tale.



Welcome Gatherings for the Dulworths

We invite the congregation to attend one or more of our Welcome Gatherings for Elbert and Dawn Dulworth. Sign-up sheets are available in Fellowship Hall on Sundays and in the church office during the week. If you would like to attend, sign up on one of the sheets or RSVP to Mary Feldmaier (mfeldmaier@fumcbirmingham.org). Events will be held:



Monday, June 19 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Martin Room

Sunday, June 25 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. for lunch in the CLC (after Shine worship)

Thursday, June 29 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Paul and Jackie Keller's home

Tuesday, July 11 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Thomas Parlor

Happening This Week

Wednesday, June 14

- 6:15 a.m. Arbon Dennis
- 8:00 a.m. Strength Training
- 9:30 a.m. Mat Pilates
- 11:00 a.m. Hungry 4 More (Berkley)
- 12:30 p.m. Cards in the Afternoon
- 1:00 p.m. Senior Volleyball
- 1:00 p.m. Welcome Reception for Pastor Elbert and Dawn
- 6:00 p.m. Endowment Committee
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troup #1032
- 8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Thursday, June 15

- 9:00 a.m. Chair Yoga (Berkley)
- 9:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Study (Berkley)
- 11:00 a.m. Stretch 4 Life
- 1:00 p.m. Caregiver's Support Group
- 1:00 p.m. Purl Girls
- 1:30 p.m. Tai Chi
- 6:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. Karate
- 6:45 p.m. Taize Worship
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Karate

Friday, June 16

- 8:00 a.m. Strength Training
- 9:30 a.m. Mat Pilates

Saturday, June 17

- 10:00 a.m. Nancy Heider Memorial Service
- 10:00 a.m. Beginning/Advanced Karate

Sunday, June 18

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Worship (Berkley)
- 11:00 a.m. Potluck Brunch (Berkley)
- 4:00 p.m. England Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group (Berkley)

Monday, June 19

- 9:00 a.m. Chair Yoga (Berkley)
- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 11:30 a.m. Grief with Grace
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Karate
- 7:00 p.m. The Book of Jonah
- 7:00 p.m. Welcome Reception for Pastor Elbert & Dawn

Tuesday, June 20

- 6:00 a.m. Tuesday Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 1:00 p.m. England Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Church & Society Ministry
- 7:00 p.m. Lectio Divina Class
- 7:00 p.m. Tuesday Study (Berkley)

Wednesday, June 21

- 6:15 a.m. Arbon Dennis (Barratt)
- 8:00 a.m. New Neighbor Coffee (Berkley)
- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 10:00 a.m. Jeremie Haiti
- 12:00 p.m. MS Mini Golf
- 1:00 p.m. Rummage Committee
- 2:30 p.m. Ruth Ellis Dinner Prep
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #1032
- 7:00 p.m. Trustees
- 8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Thursday, June 22

- 9:00 a.m. Chair Yoga (Berkley)
- 9:00 a.m. Thursday Morning (Berkley)
- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 1:00 p.m. England Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. Karate
- 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Gathering (Berkley)
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Karate

Friday, June 23

- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 18, 2017



Traditional Worship

8:30 and 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Acts 8:26-40

Rooted and Ready:

“Welcome All”

Rev. Elbert Dulworth

Hymns

“O Spirit of the Living God”

“All Are Welcome”

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

Anthems

“Lord, Lead Us Now”

“Pues si vivimos”

Shine Contemporary Worship

10:00 a.m. in the Christian Life Center

Genesis 1:27-31

“5 Things I Have Learned About God
from Being a New Parent”

Rev. Dan Hart



Weekly Worship

10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Genesis 29:31-30:2

Matriarchs:

“Rachael and Leah (Part 11)”

Rev. Zack Dunlap



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Our Purpose:

To gather, nurture and equip disciples of Christ for
ministry and mission in the world.

Our Core Values:

- Welcome All
- Put Love Into Action
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The Liturgists are Rev. Lindsey Hall at 8:30, Rev. Lindsey Hall and Hope Ledbetter at 10:00, and Rev. Suzanne Walls at Shine.

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Karl and Bill Klipfel by Shirley, Rebecca, Katie, Dave and Doug.

The Rosebud on the altar announces the birth of Charles Daniel Cragnolin, born May 30 to Matt and Katie Cragnolin. Proud grandparents are Dan and Debbie Cragnolin.

The Missions Candle is lit in celebration of Jim and Linda Wilson’s 45th wedding anniversary.

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Notices should be in writing and submitted to Janet Smylie in the church office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday.