InterFaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit

FAITHS CONNECTED, COMMUNITIES STRENGTHENED, TOGETHER WE THRIVE

2025 October Newsletter

IFLC Membership

Discover. Connect. Belong.

Check out IFLC's *new Membership Program* and enjoy unique benefits, from exclusive learning opportunities to free museum passes and event discounts. Discover the joy of learning together and connecting with others! Sign up today!

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Interfaith Odysseys

Interfaith Odyssey II:
Exploring Armenian Orthodox Christianity

Bring Your Family. Bring a Friend. Experience Something New Together!

Step inside a world of faith, art, and history!
Join us for the second installment of our Interfaith Odyssey series, a captivating exploration of Armenian Orthodox Christianity that promises to inspire, educate, and connect.

What to Expect:

- A fascinating guided tour of the Alex & Marie Manoogian Museum
- An inside look at the temple's sacred art and worship spaces
- A warm, family-friendly atmosphere with time for questions and reflection
- Delicious culturally-connected meal

Ages 10+ | $35 per person | $50 per family (2 or more)

RSVP today and invite someone to share the journey!

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Bridging to Belonging

Watch the Celebration!

The George Washington Presidential Library at Mount Vernon partnered with More Perfect and the Listen First Project to host the 2025 Founding Debates Program, exploring this year's theme:

Bridging Divides, from the Founding to Today.

We are proud to share that the Farmington Bridge Builders, the Interfaith Leadership Council's Bridging to Belonging team, were honored with one of the inaugural George Washington Unity Awards.

If you were unable to watch live, you can still view the full program here: **Program Link**

Event Date: Sept. 24, 2025 — 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. | Ford Orientation Center – Smith Theater

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AT MOUNT VERNON

Why does division feel so easy—and belonging so hard?

In this interactive Bridging to Belonging workshop, explore the science of othering and belonging, uncover why connection can be challenging, and practice key skills to bridge divides. Leave with a practical guidebook to start fostering belonging in your daily life.
Seats are limited. Sign up today and start building stronger connections in your community!

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Journeys: World Religions of Metropolitan Detroit

A NEW SCHOOL YEAR IS HERE!

The first month of Journeys: World Religions in Metropolitan Detroit is successfully complete and already overwhelmingly transformational! With new students, welcoming faith leaders, and dedicated volunteers, countless opportunities to learn and immerse in the rich diversity of Metro Detroit's faith communities await students this school year.

Faith and Works Podcast

Tune in to our newest episode!

Episode 22 of Faith & Works uncovers how faith calls us to care for others. Listen now and see how these ideas can transform the way you engage with the world.

HIT PLAY BELOW AND BE INSPIRED!

Faith & Works Podcast: Connecting Our Common Values Episode 4: The Impact of the Black Churches on American Music Pt. 2

Whether you heard Part 1 or are discovering it for the first time, now's a great moment to revisit a powerful conversation from the Faith & Works Podcast: Connecting Our Common Values archive.

- **Episode 4 – The Impact of Black Churches on American Music: Part 2**

Featuring:

- Bob Bruttell – *InterFaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit; Adjunct Professor of Religious Studies and History, University of Detroit Mercy*
- Robert Jones – *Pastor, Sweet Kingdom Missionary Baptist Church; Musician; and Host of Blues from the Lowlands on WDET*

Revisit this timeless discussion on how Black churches have profoundly shaped the soundscape of American music and culture, an influence that continues to resonate today.

Interfaith Connections

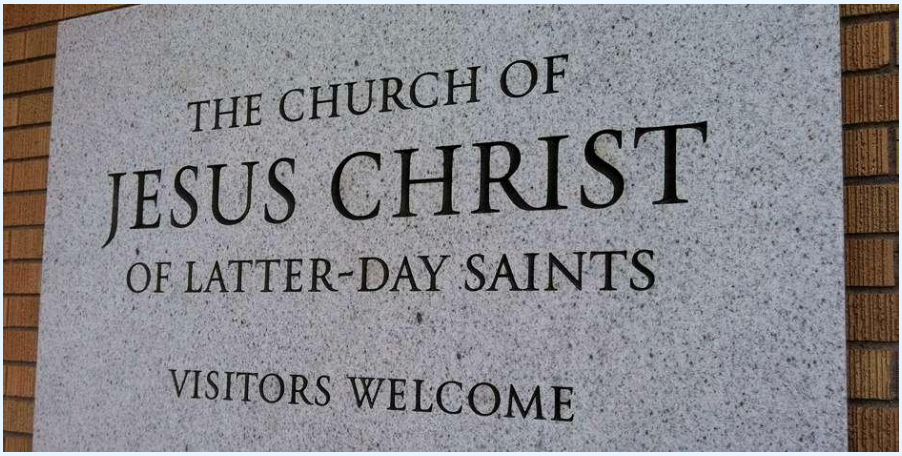
Support the Victims in Grand Blanc

A few weeks have passed since the tragic event that deeply affected members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints community in Grand Blanc, but the road to healing and recovery will take time. Our continued support can make a real difference.

Several verified GoFundMe accounts have been established, along with a general compensation fund through ELGA Credit Union to ensure donations go directly to the victims and their families. If you're considering making a contribution, the ELGA Credit Union fund is a trusted and effective way to help.

Your generosity can help bring comfort, stability, and hope to those working to rebuild their lives.

Donate Here

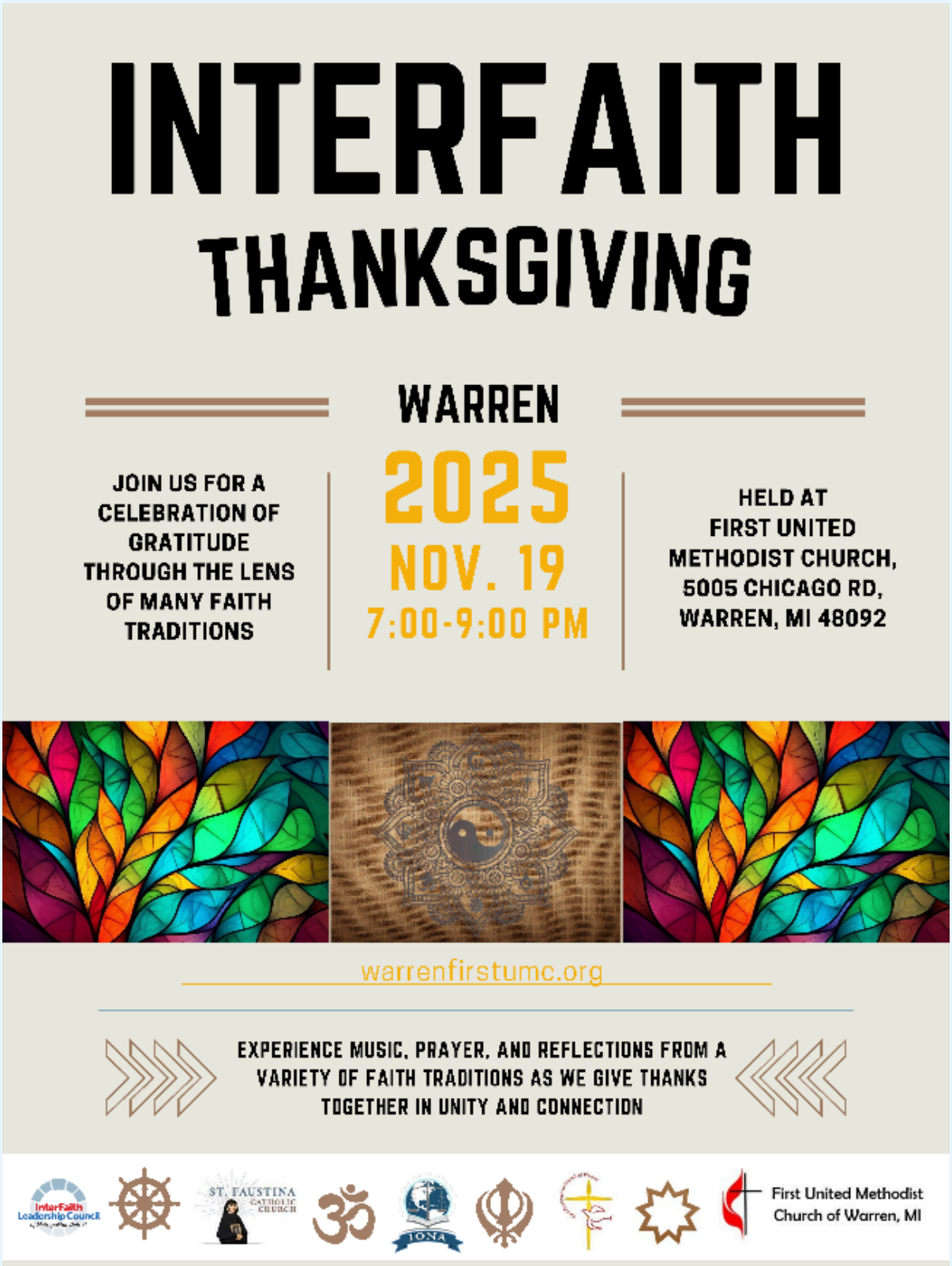


Join Us for an Evening of Interfaith Celebration in Warren

Experience the beauty and power of interfaith connection! In a world often divided, coming together across faiths is a profound act of hope and a reminder of our shared humanity.

Join us in Warren for an evening of music, prayer, reflection, and community, as we celebrate the diverse traditions that uplift gratitude, peace, and belonging.

Join us as we celebrate together.
Your presence brings light and connection to our shared community.



An Interfaith Celebration of Faith, Music, and Unity

Guardian of Faith and Freedom - Honoring the 350th Martyrdom Anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji

Experience an afternoon of inspiration, music, and prayer with the Sikh Community of Metro Detroit. Enjoy prayers from local faith leaders, a serene Sikh service, and vegetarian refreshments. Open to all.

🗓 Sunday, Nov. 16 | 3:30–5:30 PM
📍 Sikh Society of Michigan

Celebrate faith, freedom, and unity across communities!

Tune In to Detroit Faith City!

Discover the stories behind Detroit's athletes, entertainers, and public figures as they share how faith has shaped their journeys. Hosted by Mark Falkner, this Detroit News podcast, brings together local spiritual leaders and prominent voices in sports, entertainment, news, and politics for honest, inspiring conversations about faith in everyday life.

Listen now and be inspired by the power of faith in action!

Listen Here

Interfaith Health Equity Partnership

Don't miss our FREE Maternal & Infant Health Advancement Resource Library

Your one-stop guide for prenatal and postnatal care! Empower your journey with trusted tools, expert tips, and practical guidance every step of the way!

Our Maternal Infant Health Advancement initiative, "Bridging the Gaps Where We Belong," is supported by grant funding from the Southeast Michigan Perinatal Quality Improvement Coalition, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, and United Way for Southeastern Michigan. We aim to empower Detroit and surrounding communities with the knowledge and tools for better health and well-being.
Access to reliable health information remains a challenge, especially in maternal health and chronic conditions like hypertension, which impact BIPOC and underserved communities.

The Prenatal and Postnatal Care Resource Library is now live, providing expectant mothers and health advocates with essential information for healthier pregnancy outcomes, empowering individuals through their journey to parenthood.

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