

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community

July 25, 2021 - 10:00am

9th Sunday in Pentecost

* Please Stand if you are able

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude for Christmas in July: "Let It Snow"

by Jule Styne; Producers Music Pub.

Welcome and Announcements – Please sign in on the attendance pads,
or use your phone and the QR Code to the right to sign in electronically.



***Opening Hymn for Christmas in July UMH #234:** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vs 1-3, 5)

For those who need to see the full music, it is attached at the end of this document

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| 1) O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him,
born the King of angels; | Son of the Father, begotten, not created;
(Refrain) |
| 2) True God of true God,
Light from Light Eternal,
Lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb; | 3) Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
(Refrain) |
| 4) <i>Refrain:</i>
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord. | 5) Child, for us sinners,
poor and in the manger,
We would embrace thee with love & awe.
Who would not love thee,
loving us so dearly? (Refrain) |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Call to Worship:

L: O Loving God, who compassionately fed the crowds and healed the sick...

P: Nourish us with your Spirit and give us a hunger to care for others.

L: O Holy Christ, who went up the mountainside by himself to pray...

P: Lead us to a deep and meaningful relationship with you.

L: O Mighty Lord, who walked upon the waters...

P: Walk with us in the midst of hard choices and human pain.

L: O Prince of Peace, who calmed the winds and bid the waves be still...

P: Calm our anxious hearts and troubled spirits, and instill within us unshakeable joy.

L: O Living Savior, who would pass by to reveal God among us...

P: Forgive us our sins and our fears, and lead us into service by your grace. Amen.

Prayer Chorus:

“Be Still and Know That I Am God”

TFWS #2057

Be still and know that I am God; Be still and know that I am God!

Time of Silent Meditation

Pastoral Prayer lifting Celebrations and Concerns

The Lord’s Prayer – Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Living Our Gratitude

♪ *Please continue to support your church family as we recover from this season of pandemic. Enjoy the musical selection as a time to give thanks to God for all with which you have been blessed.*

Use the QR code to the right or give online here:

<https://www.firstumcsaginaw.org/give/>



The Offertory:

“One Safe Place”

by Phil Galdston and Marc Cohn

Dr. Robert Miller, Guitar/Vocals

Children’s Message – A special moment just for kids

Special Music/Video:

“Against the Wind”

by Bob Seger

Scripture Lesson:

Mark 6:34-52

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 39

³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. ³⁵ When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; ³⁶ send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.” ³⁷ But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?” ³⁸ And he said to them, “How many loaves have you? Go and see.” When they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” ³⁹ Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² And all ate and were filled; ⁴³ and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴ Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men. ⁴⁵ Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ After saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷ When evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸ When he saw that they were straining at the oars against an adverse wind, he came towards them early in the morning, walking on the

sea. He intended to pass them by. ⁴⁹ But when they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost and cried out; ⁵⁰ for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." ⁵¹ Then he got into the boat with them and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵² for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

Response to the Word

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon:

“AGAINST THE WIND”

Pastor Amy Terhune

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn:**

“*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*”

UMH #127

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| <p>1) Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more! (2X)</p> <p>2) Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar</p> | <p>Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield! (2X)</p> <p>3) When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee! (2X)</p> |
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***Benediction:**

L: Should your week lead you into adverse winds, may you hear the voice of Christ above the howling: “Take heart; it’s me; don’t be afraid”; and may you share that courage and faith with those rowing beside you.

P: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord and all God’s people. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*** Postlude:**

Toccata on “Festal Song” (Give to the Wind Thy Fears)

by Gilbert Martin

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA! *Be sure to check in on Facebook! The more of us that do, the more people learn about who we are!*

YouTube: **Saginaw First UMC**

Twitter: **FirstUMCofSaginaw**

Instagram: **saginawfumc**

Facebook: **First United Methodist Church of Saginaw**

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Wayne Henney

OUR PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY are with the family of Shirley Veremis (mother of Tad Veremis), who entered eternal life July 9, 2021

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: Mark Abbe, Connor Ashmall, Marilyn Ashmall, David Barker, John & Myrna Cammin, Jim Cloud, Bill Cowdry, Bonnie & Pat Dole, Esther Cavendish Fisher, Dr. Kirk Herrick, Glenn Hinds, Barb Kropp, Walt & Joyce Maltman, Camille Marek, David & Cheryl Marks, John Mertz, Merlyn Mondol, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Dave & Jean Nelson, Ron Perry, Anne Ruffle, Eugenia Shek, and Mary Whitman (who fell and broke her ankle). Also, please pray for all who are grieving, for UMCOR, for our situation with A Place For Grace, and for a way to peace/equality for all humankind.

The FINAL RUMMAGE SALE will be held 9/30/21-10/1/21. Please, do NOT bring any rummage to the church before Sunday, September 19th. We do not have room to store it and do not want it accumulating in the hallways between now and then. **IF YOU CAN HELP OUT, SIGN UP [HERE](#).**

- Tuesday 9/28 and Wednesday 9/29 we need a team of people to move everything to Gibbs Fellowship Hall. We will also begin sorting.
- Thursday 9/30 & Friday 10/1 Sale and pack-up leftover rummage for pickup on Friday.

If you have any questions, email Mary Whitman at librawhitman@yahoo.com or call at 781-9223.

The Alternative / Drive-thu BACK TO SCHOOL BASH is scheduled for Tuesday, August 17, 2021 from 5pm-7pm. Sign up to help out [HERE](#). All mission giving over the summer goes to fund the B2SB. School supplies are ordered online and cost around \$4K annually, so please give generously. We will back the school bags after worship on Sunday, August 15. Please plan to stay and help.

CHARGE CONFERENCE will be held together with other churches in our D-Zone on September 12, 2021 at Ames UMC at 801 State Street in Saginaw from 2:00-4:30pm. Paperwork from committee chairpersons is due to the main office by Monday, August 30.

NOMINATIONS / LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE will meet Thursday, July 29 at 3:30pm to begin getting ready for Charge Conference.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE will meet Tuesday, August 3 at 7:00pm to begin getting ready for Charge Conference.

**SEE ATTACHED FLYERS ABOUT DISTRICT CONFERENCE
AND VACATION BIBLE CAMP**



CENTRAL BAY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

AUGUST 28, 9:30-2:00pm

District Conference will be Saturday, August 28th from 9:30ish to 2:00ish at Swan Valley United Methodist Church, 9265 Geddes Rd, Saginaw, MI 48609.

We will be trying something very new and different. With being apart for so long, we want to focus on families and building relationships, strengthening our committees and having fun.

The conference will have usual district business to vote on, but we encourage families and youth to come enjoy the petting zoo, pony rides, food trucks, Christian band, carnival games and...Dunk the DS!

Cost is \$5 for adults (kids 18 and under are free) and includes everything except for the optional tickets for the dunk tank. Dunk tank fundraiser tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and will support district mission projects.

REGISTER HERE:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHDXrPqbCHG_3JjVJZCfqKy4fgeJZNfdv2gKrBOR8kfDXBTg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

PAY HERE: https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=YNMZAAG4TEKN4

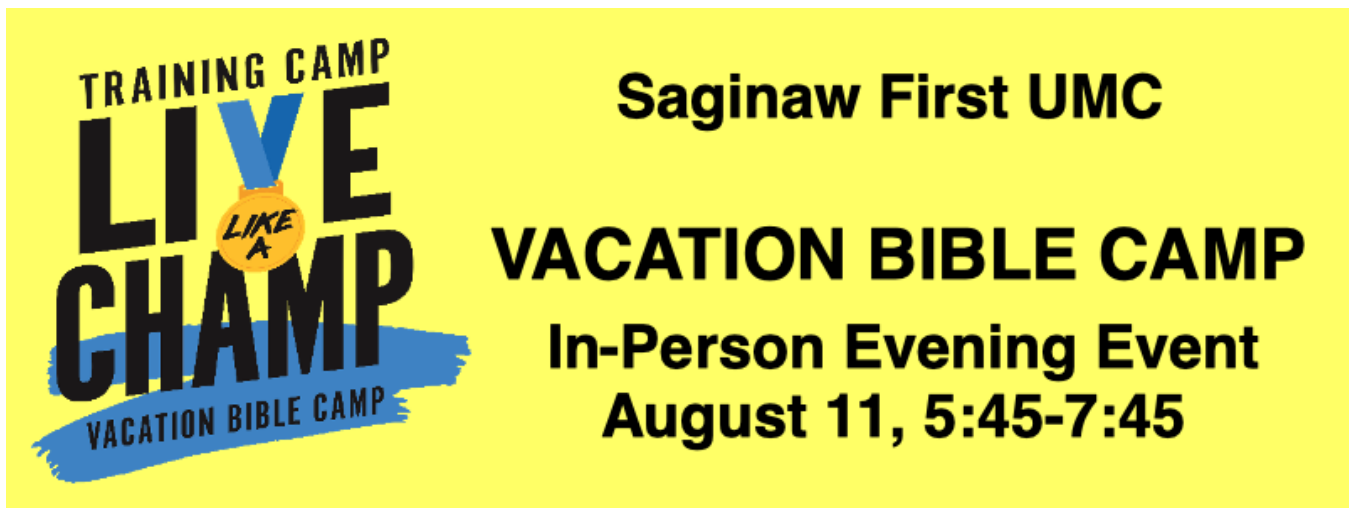
We will also be having a kickball tournament - with the emphasis on the fun and not the athleticism. Each "game" will consist of ONE inning where each side kicks and the winner advances - the final game will be the winner vs the District team. There will be prizes for best costumes, best cheer, best team name and most spirit. If you're interested in playing on an FUMC or Dzone #3 Kickball team, please email Pastor Amy at pastoralbt@outlook.com

District Ministry teams will be running the following booths:

- Popcorn machine
- Cotton candy
- 30' Obstacle course inflatable
- Face painting
- Inflatable dart board game
- duck pond game
- Feed the bears game
- Golf game
- Ring toss game

SCHEDULE:

- 9:30 – kickball tourney begins
- 9:30 – 12 – petting farm and pony rides
- 9:30 – 1 - Carnival Games
- 9:30– 1 – popcorn & cotton candy
- 9:30 – 1 – face painting
- 11 – 1pm – food trucks and Kona Ice truck
- 11:30 – 12:45pm – District Mission project
- Dunk Tank fundraiser
- 12:45 – 1pm - Dunk the DS
- Praise band
- 1pm – Closing worship video by VBC kids



Vacation Bible Camp – Live Like a Champ!

The Central Bay District is providing a unique and exciting opportunity for VBC this year, on August 9th – 13th. There will be music! There are stories! We play games! We will worship together. This year's VBC will teach how to WALK, TALK, SERVE and LOVE like a Champ!

Many of the components will be LIVE on Facebook, including the music, story and craft. If you would like to be part of face-to-face VBC, some components such as games will be in person at Mt. Pleasant First UMC in Mt. Pleasant. Anyone is welcome to attend their in-person session, but it isn't necessary for a meaningful experience.

Pastor Amy is also offering an in-person experience for those in town who are participating online on Wednesday evening, August 11 from 5:45-7:45pm for age 4 through 5th grade (nursery will also be available) IF THERE IS INTEREST!!!

Registration is happening NOW! Registration and kit pickup information for the District-wide event is:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdU6iGm2T2hG4pqYSL17gq_GCRuLwWX5N8blrCmb2XMyE6EQ/viewform

Register for the in-person Saginaw First UMC Event:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe4HFCbQ5RzkM1mJfw2CsmErtI3R9eZqnah0bNNwiDQx6kFVg/viewform?usp=sf_link

WHAT THE VARIOUS MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH REALLY DO...

PROGRAM COMMITTEES

REACH Committee is responsible for **worship planning** and member development (*discipleship*). This group is charged with developing meaningful worship experiences and faith-building opportunities. It's a good place for persons with creative worship ideas, out-of-the-box thinking, and commitment to intentionally welcoming diverse populations. Meets monthly on the 2nd Monday at 7:15pm except in July/August.

PREPARE Committee is responsible for the **educational ministry** of the church. This group is charged with developing our Sunday School and overseeing learning experiences for persons of all ages. It's a good place for persons with a deep commitment to children, a love of learning, and creative/innovative ideas for teaching others about the love of God. Meets monthly on the 2nd Monday at 7:15pm except in July/August.

NURTURE Committee is responsible for **member care**. This group is charged with helping members in crisis find meals and other kinds of support, writing notes to people who haven't been around in a while, visiting the elderly/shut-ins, and overseeing our ministry of hospitality. This is a good place for persons who have a deeply compassionate nature, love to meet new people, and treasure time spent in one-on-one interactions. Meets monthly on the 2nd Monday at 6:00pm except in July/August.

SEND Committee is responsible for **outreach, and connecting to our community**. This group is charged with overseeing our mission program, both locally and globally, and empowering individuals to grow in grace through community service and action. This is a good place for persons committed to taking the church outside of our building, and for those who enjoy hands-on opportunities to do good. Meets monthly on the 2nd Monday at 7:15pm except in July/August.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

Trustees Committee is responsible for building and grounds maintenance. This group is charged with ensuring that building remains a safe and healthy place to carry out worship and ministry. This is a good place for persons who enjoy hands-on work, and for "detail" people who are good at organization/administrative work. One does not have to be an expert in carpentry / building / plumbing / etc. Trustees meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at 7:00pm except in July/August.

Finance Committee is responsible for overseeing the financial health of the congregation. This group is charged with proposing a budget for each fiscal year and overseeing the funding of that budget once approved by the Administrative Board. This is a good place for those with skills and interest in finances, investing, and fund-raising. The Finance Committee meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 7:00pm except in July/August.

Staff/Parish Relations Committee is responsible for hiring and overseeing our staff. This group functions as the personnel committee. This is a good place for those with skills in working with people, handling confidential information with sensitivity, and evaluating changing needs of the church to help guide and empower the staff. Paperwork required by the conference must be completed every autumn. Staff/Parish Relations Committee meets quarterly (4 times a year) at the discretion of the pastor and chairperson.

Administrative Board is responsible for administering the overall program and finances of the church. They are charged with coordinating the calendar, making legal decisions, visioning for the congregation's future, and approving the budget and all significant expenditures during the course of the

year. This is a good place for those committed to shaping the overall direction of ministry in the church. They meet quarterly, usually on the third Monday in September, December, March, and June.

Memorials Committee is responsible for receiving and dispersing memorial gifts made to the church in memory of loved ones. This group is charged with keeping records of gifts received, sending thanks, communicating with families, dispersing those gifts to worthwhile projects, and administering the memorial garden and memorial tree on the wall in the Narthex. This is a good place for those who enjoy detail work, and for those who value opportunities to honor those who've died and relate to their families. They meet when needed on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 9:00am except in July/August

Nominations / Lay Leadership is responsible for organizing the laity of the congregation and empowering individuals to find good avenues for service to the church that utilize and compliment their own natural gifts and abilities. They are charged with setting our slate of officers and committee members each year. This is a good place for those who enjoy working with people and who have a talent for helping others see and develop their leadership abilities. They meet in August and September to organize, make phone calls, and prepare the slate of officers and committee members for Charge Conference.

Charge Conference is a meeting held once a year. It is called and overseen by the District Superintendent for the purpose of celebrating accomplishments, planning for the future, and ensuring the health of the church's ministry. ANYONE is welcome to attend Charge Conference. This year, it will be held at Ames UMC at 2:00pm on September 12, 2021.

AS WE PREPARE TO RETURN TO "NORMAL" THIS FALL, ADDITIONAL HELP IS NEEDED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS. You can SIGN UP ONLINE to serve [HERE](#):

Greeters are stationed at the front or back entrance of the church building on Sunday morning to welcome people coming to worship, introduce newcomers to the pastor and others, and help them find bathrooms, nursery, etc. Greeters are asked to serve 4-6 times a year.

Ushers are stationed at the sanctuary entrances to hand out bulletins, collect the offering, collect attendance sheets when worship is over, and keep an eye out on the parking lot and the rest of the building during worship to keep the congregation safe. Ushers serve the same week each month.

Liturgists assist the pastor in leading morning worship, generally by leading the Call to Worship or Opening Prayer, reading scripture, assisting in serving communion, and other duties as needed. Liturgists serve 6 times a year.

Communion Stewards help with set up and serving Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Communion stewards serve 4 times a year.

Counters meet in a secure location and count the money that comes in during the offering and take it to the bank following worship. Counters must be bonded and approved by the Finance Committee in accordance with Michigan Conference UMC policy on money management. Counters serve the same week each month.

Coffee Hour Hosts pick up donate holes from the Tim Hortons on State Street (they are already paid for by church account) before worship and arrive early to make coffee and set up for fellowship time following worship. Clean-up following fellowship time is also a part of the responsibility. Instructions for making coffee are printed out, laminated, and put in the top right-most drawer in the kitchenette.

Check out this link to sign up to help with some of the above:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-putyour>