

First United Methodist Church

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

September 12, 2021 - 10:00am

16th Sunday in Pentecost

* Please Stand if you are able

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude:

"All Is Well"

by Michael W. Smith; arr. Marianne Kim

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 TFWS #2171:** *"Make Me A Channel of Your Peace"*

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

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- 1) Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred
let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord
And where there's doubt,
true faith in you.
- 2) Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life,
let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Bridge:

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

- 3) Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving of ourselves that we receive
And in dying that we're born
to eternal life.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***The Call to Worship:**

(adapted from the Mennonite Church USA

on <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/09/call-to-worship-for-september-11-2011.html>)

L: Come, people of God, and allow yourselves to be drawn into God's Sacred Presence.

P: We gather to remember and to pray, to sing and give thanks, to find strength and hope in the community of God and followers.

L: Come with your hearts open to the Holy One, and your arms open to your neighbors.

P: We gather on this day to proclaim our allegiance to God, to follow in the risky way of Jesus Christ.

L: Jesus calls us to take up a cross and follow; to lose our lives in Christ's calling and save our life and the lives around us.

P: Christ alone is worthy of our loyalty, or Christ is the Savior of the world!

L: Praise be to God, whose mercies are new every morning!

P: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases!

Prayer Chorus:

“Be Still and Know”

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:

“It Is Well With My Soul”

by Philip Bliss; arr. Eleanor Whitsett

The Doxology:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

UMH #94

Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving: Lord God, we bring to you today our gifts of time, talent, and treasure. We come as followers committed to serving you with all we have. We trust you to use them to further your work among us this day and into the future, through Christ Jesus our Lord, Amen.

Children’s Message – A special moment just for kids

Special Music:

“Shelter Me”

by Michael Joncas

Bryan Latimer, Terry Moon, Peg Wilken

Chorus: O shelter me, O shelter me:

*The way ahead is dark
and difficult to see.*

O shelter me, O shelter me:

All will be well

if only you will shelter me.

2) Yet now I tread a different way;

*Death dogs my path with stealthy steps
from day to day.*

I cannot find your peaceful place,

but dwell in dreary darkness,

longing for your face...

*1) Shepherd and sheep, my God and I
To fresh, green fields you led my steps
in days gone by.*

*You gave me rest by quiet springs,
And filled my soul with peace
your loving presence brings...*

3) I will look back in days to come,

*And realize your faithfulness
has led me home.*

Within your house, I’ll find my peace,

Trusting that in your mercy,

you have sheltered me...

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn:**

“The Summons”

FWS #2130

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| <p>1) Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown?
Will you let my name be known?
Will you let my life be grown in you
and you in me?</p> <p>2) Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you
and you in me?</p> <p>3) Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?</p> | <p>Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you
and you in me?</p> <p>4) Will you love the “you” you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
Through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?</p> <p>5) Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you
and you in me.</p> |
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***Benediction:**

L: Take up your cross and follow Jesus into the needs of the world, into the truth of our lives, into the pain of our hearts, into the very presence of God. And may the God of all grace lead you into the fullness of life now and life everlasting.

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

*** Postlude:**

“A Shelter In the Time of Storm”

by Ira Sankey; arr. Bill Westin

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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: **saginawfume**

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

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Anne Marks-Gaertner /
Ushers: Mac Thompson, Norm Jones, Keith Courier / Greeters: Jackie Moore and Judy Gerken

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Madge Richmond, Michael Mueller

OUR PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT are with Kathy Curry and family upon the death of Kathy's daughter Michelle Curry Miller from covid complications on Thursday, August 24, 2021. Funeral Services will be held here on Friday, Sept. 24 at 11:00am.

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, Susan Hatch, Dr. Kirk Herrick, Glenn Hinds, Barb Kropp, Walt & Joyce Maltman, Camille Marek, Sheldon Markley, 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 Afghanistan, for Haiti, for our situation with A Place For Grace, for kids/teachers heading back to school, and for a way to peace/equality for humankind.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Monday, 9/13:	6:00pm – Nurture
	7:00pm – Reach, Prepare, Send TOGETHER
Tuesday, 9/14:	7:00pm - Trustees

CHOIR BEGINS this Thursday, Sept. 16 at 7:30pm. Schedule available as a handout on the welcome desk. All are welcome!

The FINAL RUMMAGE SALE will be held 9/30/21-10/1/21. WE ARE NOW COLLECTING RUMMAGE during church office hours. Please bring your donations of clean clothes, jewelry, toys, housewares, functional kitchen appliances, books, and furniture. NO TVS, PRINTERS, COMPUTERS, OR MONITORS! If you need to arrange a drop-off outside of office hours, please contact Suzanne Clark at 792-7637. VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PLEASE 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.

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE will be held on ZOOM TODAY, Sept. 12 at 4:30pm. Join online at: <https://michiganumc.zoom.us/j/86141206427> Meeting ID: 861 4120 6427

FAITH SHARING sponsored by Interfaith Saginaw Second Sundays: TONIGHT!!!

Beginning September 12, 2021, Interfaith Saginaw will host a faith presentation on the second Sunday of each month. These presentations will be streamed via our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/InterfaithSaginaw>. Each month, one faith community will share about its current celebrations, highlighting its beliefs and culture. There will be approximately 30-minutes of presentation and 30-minutes of Q-and-A.

KILL THE STIGMA

Are you a caring community member? Do you want to learn how to improve it? Do you want to learn how to help others around you? Join us this September for 2 local town halls around Saginaw, MI. This is welcome to all community members of all ages. There will be food, prizes, and more.

Our workshops help parents with communication, bonding, and setting rules & boundaries. Parents, guardians and/or grandparents are welcome to attend.

WHO WE ARE

We are a community coalition of youth, parents, schools, coaches, librarians, doctors, nurses, police officers, faith based organizations, business owners, civic groups, and community members who want to prevent youth substance use. Visit screventioncoalition.org



COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

SAVE A LIFE

Sept. 19th, 2021
11:00am - 1:30pm
1st United Methodist Church
4790 Gratiot Road

Sept. 26th, 2021
1:00pm - 3:30pm
1st Ward Community Service
1410 N. 12th Street



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR KIDS

KIDS CLUB

We are committed to keeping kids and families safe during Covid-19. Because children cannot yet be vaccinated, we've opted to offer a monthly Kids Club format in place of traditional Sunday School, so that children do not need to be exposed to bigger crowds coming for worship right now.

Kids Club is for kids who are potty-trained through the 5th grade. Kids Club will meet once a month, usually on third Sundays, from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Children will be provided with lunch, have a Bible lesson/story, and participate in crafts, games, and other fun activities!

Kids club will meet in 2021-2022 on:

October 17, 11:30-1:00
November 21, 11:30-1:00
December 19, 11:30-1:00
January 16, 11:30-1:00
February 20, 11:30-1:00
March 20, 11:30-1:00
April 10 (Palm Sunday), 11:30-1:00
May 15, 11:30-1:00

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Christian Education 2021-2022

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The Building Blocks of Discipleship*

**Discipleship - the process by which
one becomes a follower of Jesus
Christ for the transformation of
self and world.*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR TEENS

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group for 6th-12th Graders will meet monthly, usually on 2nd Sundays, Times as posted – get a more detailed schedule from the main office or online at :

<http://www.firstumscaginaw.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Youth-Group-Activities-2021-2022.pdf>

- Oct. 10 – apple picking, corn maze, donuts & cider at Leaman’s in Freeland (4-6pm)
- Nov. 14 – Service Project – Partnership Center (4-6pm)
- Dec. 12 – Christmas shopping (11:30-4:30)
- Dec. 19 – Christmas Cookie Sale after church
- Dec. 29 – Day Ski Trip (Apple Mountain)
- Jan. 9 – Superbowl Painting (4-6pm)
- Feb. 13 – Service Project (time TBA)
- March 13 – Frankenthuth Splash Village (1-5pm)
- April 10 – Craft Night (6-7:30pm)
- May 15 – Kokomos (6-7:30pm)
- June 18-26 – Mission Trip to Puerto Rico

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation class is like a Christianity 101 course offered to all middle school students (and older) on Sundays from 11:30-12:30pm. Course is 12 weeks beginning January 9 with the Orientation. Schedule and topics covered will be distributed on Jan. 9 and are also available from Pastor Amy.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Pastor Amy will be offering a series of short-term Book Studies for Adults throughout the year. Classes will be offered IN PERSON on Tuesday Nights from 6:00-7:00 and ONLINE on Wednesday nights from 7:30-8:30pm. Books may be purchased in the main office or you can order eBooks online from your favorite vendor.

FALL: “Half Truths” by Adam Hamilton

Explore Popular Sayings that Miss the Point. True or false:

1. Everything happens for a reason.
2. God helps those who help themselves.
3. God won’t give you more than you can handle.
4. God said it, I believe it, that settles it.
5. Love the sinner, hate the sin.

The Fall Book Study is 5 weeks.

6:00-7:00pm in person on Tuesdays:
9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26
7:30-8:30pm online on Wednesdays:
9/29, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27

ADVENT: “The Redemption of Scrooge” by Matt Rawle

Ebenezer Scrooge is a man in dire need of a second chance. *The Redemption of Scrooge* shows us how the teachings of Jesus can be found in Dickens’ Christmas classic. From the

ghosts of Christmas past, to the Life of the present, and the resurrection of Christmas future, this Advent study will “bless us every one” and reinvigorate our spiritual journeys as we look at this familiar story through the lens of faith.

The Advent Book Study is 4 weeks.

6:00-7:00pm in person on Tuesdays:
11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21
7:30-8:30pm online on Wednesdays:
12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22

WINTER: “The Difficult Words of Jesus” by Amy-Jill Levine

Sometimes Jesus taught difficult lessons, such as hating family, acting as slaves, selling everything, Jews first, and paths to damnation. In *The Difficult Words of Jesus*, Amy-Jill Levine shows how these difficult teachings would have sounded to the people who first heard them, how have they been understood over time, and how we might interpret them in the context of the Gospel of love and reconciliation.

The Winter Book Study is 6 weeks.

6:00-7:00pm in person on Tuesdays:
1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15
7:30-8:30pm online on Wednesdays:
1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16

LENT: Book TBA

The Lenten Book Study is 5 weeks.

6:00-7:00pm in person on Tuesdays:
3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12
7:30-8:30pm online on Wednesdays:
3/16, 3/23, 3/29, 4/6, 4/13