

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
October 30, 2022 - 10:00am - Commitment Sunday / Reformation Sunday

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude:

"I Surrender All"

by W.S. Weeden; arr. Michael Shea

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
or use this link: <https://form.jotform.com/211785166356159>



The Stewardship Moment:

Mr. Ed Cunningham

***Opening Hymn UMH #87:** *"What Gift Can We Bring"*

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| 1) What gift can we bring,
what present, what token?
What words can convey it,
the joy of this day?
When grateful we come,
remembering, rejoicing,
What song can we offer
in honor and praise? | 3) Give thanks for tomorrow,
full of surprises,
For knowing whatever
tomorrow may bring,
The Word is our promise
always, forever;
We rest in God's keeping
and live in God's love. |
| 2) Give thanks for the past,
for those who had vision,
Who planted and watered
so dreams could come true.
Give thanks for the now,
for study, for worship,
For mission that bids us
turn prayer into deed. | 4) This gift we now bring,
this present, this token,
These words can convey it,
the joy of this day!
When grateful we come,
remembering, rejoicing,
This song we now offer
in honor and praise! |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***The Call to Worship:**

L: Come, people of God. Worship the Lord your God, and no others.

P: We come with grateful hearts to give thanks to God who has created this beautiful earth and all that lives upon it.

L: Come, people of God, and put away the idols of wealth, security, and human power, for sooner or later, these will fail you. Instead, trust in God alone.

P: We come to celebrate God's gift of breath to live and spirits to sing our gratitude!

L: Come, people of God, and lay down before God your burdens and your treasures.

P: We come to be part of God's work among us. May God give us strength for this day and bright hope for tomorrow, that we may share God's blessings with all. Thanks be to God for God's indescribable gifts!

Prayer Chorus FWS #2065: *“More Precious Than Silver”*

*Lord, you are more precious than silver. Lord, you are more costly than gold
Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds, and nothing I desire compares with you.*

Time of Prayer – *During the Prayer Chorus and/or silent meditation, ushers will collect your yellow prayer cards and deliver them to the pastor.*

Silent Meditation

Lifting our Celebrations and Concerns In Prayer

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.

Children’s Message – *A special moment just for kids*

Special Music:

*“Seed to Sow”
Bryan Latimer, Vocals/Piano*

by Michael W. Smith

Scripture Lesson:

Luke 20:20-26; 21:1-4

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 79-80

²⁰ The scribes and the chief priests watched Jesus and sent spies who pretended to be honest, in order to trap him by what he said and then to hand him over to the jurisdiction and authority of the governor. ²¹ So they asked him, “Teacher, we know that you are right in what you say and teach, and you show deference to no one but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. ²² So is it lawful for us to pay tribute to Caesar or not?” ²³ But Jesus perceived their craftiness and said to them, ²⁴ “Show me a denarius. Whose head and whose title does it bear?” They said, “Caesar’s.” ²⁵ He said to them, “Then give to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²⁶ And they were not able in the presence of the people to trap him by what he said, and being amazed by his answer they became silent... ^{21:1} Then Jesus looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; ² he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. ³ He said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them, ⁴ for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.”

Response to the Word

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

P: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon: COMMITMENT SUNDAY: BRIGHT HOPE FOR TOMORROW

Rev. Amy Terhune

PLEDGE



Living Our Gratitude and Turning in Our 2023 Pledge Cards

♪ Please choose to support your church family in this exciting and challenging time of mission/ministry. Enjoy the musical selection as a time to give thanks to God for all with which you have been blessed.

Use the QR codes or pledge/give online here:

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

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

GIVE



The Offertory: “Give of Your Best to the Master”

by Mrs. Charles Barnard; arr. Gail Smith

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: Generous God, as we give our tithes and offerings, we thank you for your many blessings. You are a giving God. We can never outgive you. As we bring our pledges, we thank you for the ways you empower us to partner with you in doing good and spreading faith. And as we give ourselves, we trust that you will use and multiply all we are and all we have to bring to the church and the world both strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, through Jesus Christ, your greatest gift. Amen.

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn UMH #140:** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

1) Great is thy faithfulness,
O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

2) Summer & winter & springtime & harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness,
mercy, and love. [Refrain]

3) Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand has provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

***Benediction:**

L: Go in courage to serve God. Be not afraid to ask, to act, and to live your hope. And the grace of God, the love of Jesus, and the power of the Holy Spirit be with you.

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

*** Postlude:**

“Trumpet Tune”

by Calvin Hampton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS / STAFF: Thank you for your service!!

Liturgist: Roger Spann / Greeters: Jim & Linda Doane and Jane MacQueen / Ushers: Bob Bula, Dr. Lou Constan, Joe Kozumplik / Coffee Hour Hosts: Randy Knepper and Katie Knepper / Nursery: Katie Moon / Sound Board: Izzy Terhune

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: Mark Abbe, Ed Babinski, David Barker, John & Myrna Cammin, Bonnie & Pat Dole, Esther Cavendish Fisher, Wayne Henney, Dr. Kirk Herrick, Glenn Hinds, Barb Kropp, Joyce Maltman, Camille Marek, Sheldon & Bonnie Markley, John Mertz, Merlyn Mondol, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Wendy Southgate Murphy, Ron Perry, Al & Teddy Reichard, Anne Ruffle, Eugenia Shek, and all who are grieving. Also, please pray for UMCOR, for all suffering from Covid-19, for the war in Ukraine, for an end to division in our nation, and for a way to peace/equality for humankind.

OUR SYMPATHY to Kevin and Cathy Malotka upon the death of Kevin's brother Kent last Sunday.

FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT TODAY in memory of Jim Clauss from Sheryl Clauss.

HALLOWEEN SUPPER – On Monday, Oct. 31, we will hand out free hot dogs, chips, water, and candy to families out Trick or Treating. **PLEASE DONATE HALLOWEEN CANDY TO HAND OUT.** There's a collection bin in the Lobby Area. We also need volunteers on Halloween Night. Sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-halloween> to help out or call the church office at (989) 799-0131 to volunteer. Thank you!

TODAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY. Please turn in your 2023 pledge card today.

NEW MEMBER CLASS – Saturday, November 12, 9:30-11:00am. RSVP with Pastor Amy at (989) 274-6363 or pastoralbt@outlook.com or with the church office. Fill out the information form online: <https://form.jotform.com/210435188031144>

SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM to help families struggling with food insecurity has begun. Stay after worship TODAY to help pack bags. Sign up to pack bags or deliver bags to schools on Mondays here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-food>

COFFEE HOUR hosts needed. Sign up at the welcome desk or sign up and view instructions online here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-coffee>. You may also call the church office at (989) 799-0131 to sign up. Thank you!

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!

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

Instagram: **saginawfumc**

YouTube: **Saginaw First UMC**

Twitter: **FirstUMCofSaginaw**

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Bell Choir Director	Catherine McMichael
Nursery Supervisors.....	Diane Maturen and Katie Moon
Audio Visual Technicians.....	Nic Courier, Andy Sharrow, Angie Smith, Izzy Terhune

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2023
Saginaw First United Methodist Church

As I write this, I feel a sense of excitement. First United Methodist Church is growing in so many ways:

- Our membership numbers are climbing
- Our Giving remains solid and steady
- Worship attendance has been strong, both in person and online
- Our leadership is being intentional about spending less time in meetings, and more time in ministry.
- Souls are being fed and disciples are being shaped.
- Plans are being made for strategic visioning and continued growth as we look ahead.



At this time, we are preparing for A Place For Grace to move out on their own to further their unique ministry, and we are making plans to refurbish that space and brainstorming about what new ministries we might undertake in the next two years.

Now is the time to invest in the mission and ministry of First UMC. We need your time, your talents, your gifts, and your prayers. We celebrate our strong past, our many blessings, our potential, AND we celebrate what God is doing in our spirits, our families, and our church. These are challenging times, but there is so much for which to be thankful. If you share God's passion for a brighter, kinder, and gentler world, please support the church's mission and growth. Prayerfully consider your blessings and your response, including your financial commitment to the church. Commitment Sunday, when we've traditionally turned in our pledge cards, is TODAY, October 30, 2022. If you're not ready to pledge today, that's okay. You may send in or drop off your pledge cards any time before December 2, 2022 to help us in our budgeting for 2023.

Thank you for all the ways you have sacrificed, given, prayed, and worked to ensure we have strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow.

Use the form on the back of this sheet to set up automatic withdrawals. Support your church even when away for the winter or out of town on vacation. Cancel anytime.

Collect a Pledge Card from the ushers or find one in the pew holders around you.

Are You Interested In Making Your Life Just A Bit Easier?

Then why not consider having your Pledge Contribution automatically withdrawn from your Checking or Savings Account?

It is easy, convenient and helps your church stabilize its budget. There are no checks to write or stamps to buy but best of all, it is FREE! Additionally, some banks and credit unions offer specials for signing up for automatic services...check with yours!

Once you authorize the amount of your contribution, it is electronically transferred from your specified account to the church's account on the date you choose. If the date you choose falls on a weekend or holiday, then the money is transferred on the next business day.

Should you sign up for the electronic contribution and find you don't like it for any reason, you may withdraw from the program at any time, in writing.

NOTE: You MUST sign a new authorization each year whether or not your contribution amount changes. This means you must sign a new authorization even if you were enrolled the previous year. Thank you!

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SAGINAW—ANNUAL ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTION AUTHORIZATION

Total Annual Giving 2023 Saginaw First UMC General Fund \$ _____	Envelope # _____ No Envelopes Please Date To Begin _____ Amount of ACH Withdrawal for the General Fund—please check one: \$ _____ <input type="radio"/> Monthly on the 15 th \$ _____ <input type="radio"/> Monthly on the 30 th \$ _____ <input type="radio"/> Semi-Monthly on the 15 th AND the 30 th
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Name on Account—Please Print

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Please deduct my contribution from _____ Checking Account **(Please Attach A Voided Check)**
_____ Savings Account

Routing # (*the numbers on the bottom of your check on the left side*) _____

Account # _____

Signature _____

*I authorize First United Methodist Church to process debit entries from my account.
This authority will remain in effect until I give reasonable notification to terminate this authorization in writing.*

Sat. Nov. 19

Winter Wonderland CRAFT BAZAAR

This fall, Pastor Amy and the team that went on the 2022 Mission Trip to Puerto Rico gave a presentation regarding the need in places they go. The devastation left behind by natural disasters is sometimes incomprehensible. They go with God to do God's work and help out as needed.

Would you like to help raise money for the Youth Mission Trip in 2023, but aren't sure how? We have a suggestion!!

We are looking for crafty people to participate in a Winter Wonderland Bazaar on November 19, 2022 here at First UMC. The Bazaar will run from 9:00am – 3:00pm. We need BOTH vendors and customers!!

If you'd like to be a vendor, contact Kathy Winkowski at (989) 245-1036, or sign up online on the church website at <http://www.firstumcsaginaw.org/winter-wonderland-bazaar/>. You can both register AND pay the registration fee online at the church website or use the QR Codes at the bottom of this page. Or you can mail your fee into Kathy or the church office. In addition to the basic table fee, vendors will be asked to donate one item to a raffle. Paper registration forms are located at the Welcome Desk.

If you're not "crafty", come and look at the many vendors. There will be great Christmas Gift ideas and lunch from the Men's Group. If you can't come Saturday, a few donated items will also be available after church on Sunday, November 20, and you can pick something up then.



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here

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All Saints Remembrance - November 6, 2022

Each November, we remember those members of our congregation who have passed on to eternity since November 1 of last year. Families of those persons will receive a letter regarding our celebration of remembrance, inviting them to submit the information below along with a photo and a brief biography or tribute to be read during the service.'

Of course, we would also like to remember those loved ones who have passed on since November 1 who may not have been members here church member, but who are near and dear to our hearts. If you have lost a close family member since November 1, 2021, you are invited to submit a photo and the following information to Pastor Amy via email (pastoralbt@outlook.com), dropping it off, or calling in the information to the church office (989) 799-0131. If you have lost a more distant family member or friend, you may still submit the information, although we anticipate that there will be too many names submitted to read biographies, but all submitted names will be printed in the bulletin on November 6, and you will have the opportunity to light a candle in their memory on the altar if you'll be here in person.

Full name of Loved One: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Member of this church? Yes No Member at State Street UMC? Yes No

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death _____

Submitted by: _____

Will you be here in person to light a candle? Yes No

If you have mobility issues or can't be here and wish for a worship leader to light the candle, check this box

Full name of Loved One: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Member of this church? Yes No Member at State Street UMC? Yes No

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death _____

Submitted by: _____

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