

# First United Methodist Church

*Loving the Whole City, Loving the City Whole!*

*July 28, 2024 - 10:00am - Eleventh Sunday in Pentecost*

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

**Prelude:** *“The Snow Lay On the Ground” and “In the Bleak Midwinter”*

*arr. Wilber Held*

**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>*

*Please fill out your yellow prayer cards*



**\*Opening Hymn UMH #240 (for Christmas In July):** *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!”*

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| 1) Hark! The herald angels sing,<br>"Glory to the new-born King;<br>Peace on earth, and mercy mild,<br>God and sinners reconciled!"<br>Joyful, all ye nations, rise,<br>Join the triumph of the skies;<br>With th'angelic host proclaim,<br>"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"<br>Hark! The herald angels sing,<br>"Glory to the newborn King!" | Hail th' incarnate Deity,<br>Pleased with us in flesh to dwell,<br>Jesus, our Emmanuel.<br>Hark! The herald angels sing,<br>"Glory to the newborn King!"  |
| 2) Christ, by highest heaven adored;<br>Christ, the everlasting Lord;<br>Late in time behold him come,<br>Offspring of a virgin's womb.<br>Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;   | 3) Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!<br>Hail the Sun of Righteousness!<br>Light and life to all he brings,<br>Risen with healing in his wings.<br>Mild he lays his glory by,<br>Born that we no more may die,<br>Born to raise us from the earth,<br>Born to give us second birth.<br>Hark! The herald angels sing,<br>"Glory to the newborn King!" |

## PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

**\*The Call to Worship:**

*(from <https://re-worship.blogspot.com>)*

One: Perhaps we come to worship today empty, and longing to be filled;

**All: Perhaps we come hungry, and longing to be fed;**

One: Perhaps we are broken, and longing to be healed or redeemed.

**All: Perhaps we are lost, and are longing to be found.**

One: Come, then – for you are beloved of God, who picks up the pieces of our lives, just as Jesus gathered up the fragments of the five loaves and two fish that remained after feeding the five thousand.

**All: God calls us anew to eat our fill; to find our true nourishment in Jesus, the bread of heaven and the savior of all. Amen.**

*\* Please stand if you are able*

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

**Prayer Chorus UMH #599:** “*Break Thou the Bread of Life*”

*Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;  
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord; my spirit pants for thee, O Living Word!  
Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me, as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;  
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall; and I shall find my peace, my all in all.*

**Silent Meditation and the 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**

♪ *You can support your church family by giving in person or online.  
Enjoy the musical selection as a time to give thanks to God  
for all with which you have been blessed. Thank you!  
Use the QR code to the right or give online here:  
<https://www.firstumcsaginaw.org/give/>*



**Offertory:** “*Be Still, My Soul*”

*by Jean Sibelius; arr. Jeff Bjorck*

**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:** God of abundant love, in you, nothing is lost.  
Gather our offerings, as Jesus gathered up the baskets of leftover food. Gather our efforts, as Jesus gathered the hopes of the people looking to him for saving grace. Gather our service, as Jesus gathered people to God’s heavenly banquet; and multiply our gifts to further your reign on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

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

**Chorus UMH #191:** “*Jesus Loves Me*”

*Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

**Scripture Lesson:** John 6:1-21

*Pew Bible N.T. pg. 91-92*

<sup>1</sup> After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup> Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup> When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” <sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup> “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup> Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup> When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.” <sup>15</sup> When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. <sup>16</sup> When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup> got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup> The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup> When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup> But he said to them, “It’s me; do not be afraid.” <sup>21</sup> Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

**Response to the Word**

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

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**Special Music**

*“Bread of Life”*

*w/m by Bernadette Farrell*

*Jane MacQueen, Terry Moon, Peg Wilken, Kathy Winkowski*

**Meditation:**

“ON WHAT IS POSSIBLE”

*Pastor Amy Terhune*

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***WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD***

**\*Closing Hymn FWS #2191:** *“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”*

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| 1) Eternal Father, strong to save,<br>Whose arm has bound the restless wave,<br>Who bid the mighty ocean deep<br>Its own appointed limits keep:<br>O hear us when we cry to thee<br>For those in peril on the sea.    | 3) O Holy Spirit, who did brood<br>Upon the waters dark and rude,<br>And bid their angry tumult cease,<br>And gave, for fierce confusion, peace:<br>O hear us when we cry to thee<br>For those in peril on the sea.                  |
| 2) O Savior, whose almighty word<br>The wind and waves submissive heard,<br>Who walked upon the foaming deep,<br>And calm amid its rage did sleep:<br>O hear us when we cry to thee<br>For those in peril on the sea. | 4) O Trinity of love and power,<br>All travelers guard in danger's hour;<br>From rock and tempest, fire and foe,<br>Protect them wheresoever they go:<br>Thus, evermore shall rise to thee<br>Glad praise from air and land and sea. |

**\*Benediction:**

One: Beloved, filled to the brim with the goodness of God; the nourishment of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, and the power of the Holy Spirit, go now to serve God in all that you think, do, and say; and God's peace will be with you. Amen.

**All: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord and all God's creation. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Postlude:** *“Give to the Wind Thy Fears”*

*by William H. Walter; arr. Gibert M. Martin*

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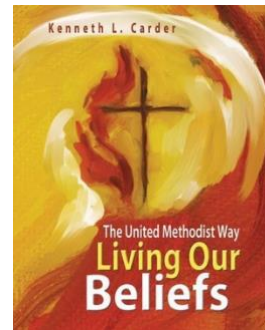
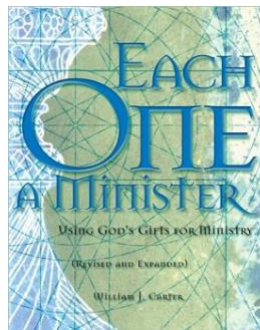
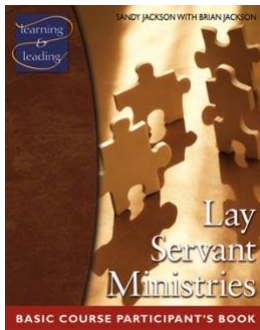
# FALL LAY SERVANT CLASSES

## September 7 & 14, 2024

CLASS	LEADER	REQUIRED TEXT
Lay Servant Basic Class	Rev. Amy Terhune	<i>Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course</i> by Sandy Jackson w/ Brian Jackson
Discovering Spiritual Gifts	Rev. Carmen Cook	<i>Each One A Minister</i> by William J. Carter
Methodist Heritage	Janice Buckley	<i>Living Our Beliefs</i> by Kenneth L. Carder

**Preregistration REQUIRED by August 31, 2024**

By emailing Janic Buckley at [buckley7878@charter.net](mailto:buckley7878@charter.net)



**CLASSES HELD AT AUBURN U.M.C.**  
**207 S. Auburn Street, Auburn, MI 48611**  
**9:00am – 3:00pm**

1. Learn more online at <https://michiganumc.org/laity/lay-servant/>.
2. Download the registration form from the Central Bay District website, or at <https://michiganumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Form-1-MIUMC-Certified-Lay-Servant-Application.pdf> OR <https://michiganumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Form-2-MIUMC-Certified-Lay-Speaker-Application.pdf> and have it signed by the appropriate people.
3. Bring your signed registration request form with you to the first class session on Sept. 7, 2024. **The deadline for Fall Registration is August 31, 2024.**
4. Please bring your own SACK LUNCH, the required textbook, a bible, pencil/paper for notes, and an open mind.
5. It is your responsibility to order the participants book for \$12 here: <https://store.upperroom.org/product/lay-servant-ministries-basic-course-participant-s-book>



**FREE for all kids who are potty trained through 5<sup>th</sup> grade**  
Evening includes dinner, storytime, songs, crafts, games and MESSY TIME!  
**NOTE: DON'T WEAR YOUR BEST CLOTHES!          YOUTH HELPERS NEEDED**

Name of Child/Youth #1 attending/helping with VBS: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Circle whether child or youth and whether attending or helping*

Grade: \_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Any allergies medical conditions or special needs we should know about? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Child/Youth #2 attending/helping with VBS: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Circle whether child or youth and whether attending or helping*

Grade: \_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Any allergies medical conditions or special needs we should know about? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name of Child/Youth #3 attending/helping with VBS: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Circle whether child or youth and whether attending or helping*

Grade: \_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Any allergies medical conditions or special needs we should know about? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name of Child/Youth #4 attending/helping with VBS: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Circle whether child or youth and whether attending or helping*

Grade: \_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Any allergies medical conditions or special needs we should know about? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Parent Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Texts? Y N Email: \_\_\_\_\_





**Great Lakes Bay Region**



**PFLAG Summer Picnic**

**TODAY at 1:00pm**

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**

**2525 Hemmeter Road, Saginaw Township, MI**

**Chicken and Ice Cream**

**Please bring a dish to pass. Bring a lawn chair.**

**In case of rain, we will gather at First United Methodist Church,  
4790 Gratiot Road, Saginaw, MI 48638**

**Everyone is welcome... except the ants!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!!** Liturgist: Roger Spann / Greeters: Sue Arceo and Belinda Hatch / Ushers: Bob Bula, Bill Cowdry, Chuck Priem, Andy Sharrow, Carla Piazza-Wistehuff / Welcome Desk: Robin Schwellenbach / Coffee Hour Host: Carla Piazza-Wistehuff / Sound System: Angie Smith / Nursery: Karissa Schultz

**PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Marilyn Ashmall, Ed Babinski, David Barker, Barry Brown, Tom Brubaker, Myrna Cammin, Judy Dawe, Bonnie & Pat Dole, Esther Cavendish Fisher, Don Hammond, Wayne Henney, Dr. Kirk Herrick, Marion Hoffman, Sharon Ketcham, ZoAnn Kraynak, Barb Kropp, Marilyn Latimer, Mark Leffler, Joyce Maltman, Bonnie Markley, Merlyn Mondol, Ron Moon, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Madge Richmond, Eugenia Shek, Ron & Noreen Southgate, & Dorothy Woods. Also, please pray for UMCOR, and for war to end in Ukraine and in Israel/Gaza.

**CAMPAIGN STRATEGY TEAM MEETING** – Monday, July 29, 7:00pm

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** for preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will take place here at Saginaw First U.M.C. on Sunday 8/11, Monday 8/12, and Tuesday 8/13 from 6-8pm. Registration form attached.

**FREE COMMUNITY MEALS** are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, continuing Tuesday, August 13, 2024 from 5:30-6:30pm for summer salads. **Sign up to donate Salads at the Welcome Desk** or volunteer to work here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-community>

**PICTURES FOR THE ONLINE DIRECTORY** – We are now trying to ensure that we have pictures for everyone in the online directory. This makes it easier for newer and longtime members to recognize one another and get to know each other. You can send Pastor Amy your favorite family photo, or stay after church later this month and we'll take a picture for you! 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!*  
YouTube: **Saginaw First UMC** Facebook: **@firstumcofsaginaw** Instagram: **saginawfumc**

*Please take time to fill out the interest survey for your household.  
Complete it online using the QR code to the right  
or pick up a paper copy from the welcome desk. Thank you!*



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