

First United Methodist Church

Loving the Whole City, Loving the City Whole!

September 15, 2024 - 10:00am - Eighteenth Sunday in Pentecost

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Bell Prelude: “Celebration”
“How Beautiful”

by Fred Gremann

by Twila Paris; arr. Lloyd Larson

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 FWS #2004:** “Praise the Source of Faith and Learning”

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| 1) Praise the source of faith and learning
That has sparked and stoked the mind
With a passion for discerning
How the world has been designed.
Let the sense of wonder flowing
From the wonders we survey
Keep our faith forever growing
And renew our need to pray. | 3) May our faith redeem the blunder
Of believing that our thought
Has displaced the grounds for wonder
Which the ancient prophets taught.
May our learning curb the error
Which unthinking faith can breed,
Lest we justify some terror
With an antiquated creed. |
| 2) God of wisdom we acknowledge
That our science and our art
And the breadth of human knowledge
Only partial truth impart.
Far beyond our calculation
Lies a depth we cannot sound
Where your purpose for creation
And the pulse of life are found. | 4) As two currents in a river
Fight each other's undertow,
Till converging they deliver
One coherent steady flow,
Blend, O God, our faith and learning
Till they carve a single course,
Till they join as one, returning
Praise and thanks to you, their Source. |

PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

***The Call to Worship:**

(adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual 2012)

One: We can trust God.

All: **God is like the mountain: rock solid.**

One: God loves all the people:

All: **The poor, the disabled, the outcast, the stranger.**

One: We can depend on God.

All: **God feeds the hungry, heals the sick, and restores relationships.**

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** Please stand if you are able*

One: We can serve God.

All: **God calls us to put our faith into action. Praise be to Jesus Christ, who showed us how to live our faith in loving work.**

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 W&S #3117 – “Rule of Life”

*Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can, in all the places you can,
at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.*

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: “*They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*”

by Peter Scholtes; arr. Charity Book Putnam

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: Divine Source of Wisdom, we bring these offerings with hearts attuned to your call. Use these offerings to nurture understanding, compassion, and justice in our world. Guide us to listen and act with insight, spreading your love and grace. Transform our giving into actions that make a difference, that we may impact the community for Christ Jesus. Amen.

Bell Anthem

“*All Things Bright and Beautiful*”

arr. Katherine Jordahl Larson

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: James 2:14-26

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 216

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Surely that faith cannot save, can it? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do nothing to supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. ¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from works, and I by my works will show you faith. ¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. ²⁰ Do you want proof that faith apart from works is worthless? ²¹ Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that faith was active along with his works, and by works faith was brought to completion. ²³ Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” and he was called the friend of God. ²⁴ You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵ Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? ²⁶ For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

Response to the Word

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

P: Thanks be to God!

*** Hymn FWS #2237:** *“As A Fire Is Meant For Burning”*

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| 1) As a fire is meant for burning
With a bright and warming flame,
So the church is meant for mission,
Giving glory to God’s name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs,
But to build a bridge of care,
We join hands across the nations,
Finding neighbors everywhere. | By our gentle, loving actions,
We would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit,
We would live to God’s delight. |
| 2) We are learners; we are teachers;
We are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
We are vessels made of clay. | 3) As a green bud in the springtime
Is the sign of life renewed,
So may we be signs of oneness
‘Mid earth’s peoples, many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens
When a storm is past and gone,
May our lives reflect the radiance
Of God’s new and glorious dawn |

The Impact of Ministry: SHARING FROM THE YOUTH MISSION TEAM

Madeline Curtiss, Alexa Sharrow, Amy Terhune

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn UMH #593: “Here I Am, Lord”**

1) I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Chorus: Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2) I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them,
Whom shall I send? [Chorus]

3) I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? [Chorus]

***Benediction:**

(adapted from Rev. Daniel B. Randall, <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/>)

One: Beloved, as you have been fed, go to feed the hungry. As you have been set free,
go forth to set free the oppressed. As you have received – give. As you have
heard – proclaim. As you have been forgiven – forgive. Put your faith into action.
And the blessing which you have received from the Creator, Christ, and Holy
Spirit be always with you as you share and live your faith.

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

***Postlude: “When the Church of Jesus Shuts Its Outer Door”**

by Ralph Vaughan Williams: arr. Vidas Pinkevicius

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FALL 2024

@ First United Methodist Church of Saginaw, Michigan



DIVING DEEP IN FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP*

FULL BROCHURE AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY DISPLAY

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

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR KIDS

KID'S CLUB:

Knowing that families are busy and pulled in many directions, we've opted to offer a monthly Kids Club format in place of traditional Sunday School.

Kids club will meet 11:30am-1:00pm in 2024 on:

October 13

November 10

December 8

January 12*

*Field Trip to Painterly Pottery

Kids Club is for kids who are potty-trained through the 5th grade. Kids Club will meet once a month, usually on Second 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!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP:

Youth Group for 6th-12th Graders meets based on the schedule of participating kids. These events are set. Other events may be added through the year. Check the church website firstumcsaginaw.org for updates:

- Sept. 22, 6:00pm – Youth Mission Trip Organizational Meeting, Game Night, and Pizza Supper
- Oct. 13 – apple picking, corn maze, donuts & cider at Leaman's in Freeland (4-6pm)
- Nov. 10 – Superbowl Painting (3-5pm)
- Dec. 22 – Christmas Cookie Sale after worship – fundraiser
- Jan 17-20 – Mini-Mission Trip to Cass UMC in Detroit with summer VIM friends.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ADULTS

FALL 2024 BOOK STUDY:

"This Is Going to Hurt" by Bekah McNeel analyzes the narratives of suffering surrounding 6 hot-button issues. For readers seeking a nuanced and authentically Christian mode of political engagement, McNeel offers alternative perspectives, based on a sensitive reading of the gospel. Amid culture wars that goad us to take up arms, McNeel reminds us that Christ calls us to take up our cross. Books available for \$15 at welcome desk. Free books available for those who need them.

The Fall Book Study is 8 weeks.

6:00-7:00pm in person on Tuesdays: 9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5

7:30-8:30pm online on Wednesdays: 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6



YOU can make a difference!

Across the City of Saginaw and Saginaw Township, hundreds of families struggle with food insecurity. Children who come to school hungry can't learn as well.

We make sure that 72 children and teens have food on the weekend when they're not at school to get meals there. You can help in three ways:

- 1) It costs \$150 to feed a child or teenager each weekend of the school year. Consider sponsoring (or partially sponsoring) a child in 2024-2025. You can give today during the third Sunday Mission Offering, or give online. →



- 2) Food is delivered twice a month in bulk. It must be sorted and packed into bags for each kid. Beginning in October, stay after worship on Packing Sundays and help us get the bags filled, sorted, and ready to go.
- 3) Food must be delivered to 5 areas schools EVERY week. They are Westdale Elementary School, Arrowwood Elementary School, White Pine Middle School, Heritage High School, and Mackinaw High School. Beginning in October, you can volunteer to deliver bags on Mondays or Tuesdays to the schools. Stay tuned for more information about how to sign up. Thank-you!



22nd Annual Quilt Show & Silent Auction

Featuring a *Buy-it-Now!* Booth

Friday, October 11 - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Saturday, October 12 - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Sunday, October 13 - 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Admission is FREE

Quilts will be displayed throughout the whole Church
building and Fellowship Hall again this year.

Join us at
Our Saviour Lutheran Church
2525 Hemmeter Rd.

Corner of Hemmeter Rd. and Weiss St.
Saginaw, Michigan

***Masks are not required,
but will be made available for your use.***

**All Quilt Show & Auction proceeds benefit
Saginaw-Shiawassee Habitat for Humanity**
Support by Thrivent Financial



ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Carla Piazza-Wistehuff / Greeters: Jane MacQueen & Stacy Sharrow / Ushers: Tom Kraynak, Bill Draper, Pam Mott, Austin Tomlinson / Welcome Desk: Kathy Winkowski / Coffee Hour Host: NEEDED / Sound System: Izzy Terhune / 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, RuthAnn Hilton, Marion Hoffman, Sue Johnson, 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, Kathy Winkowski, and Dorothy Woods. Also, please pray for UMCOR, and for war to end in Ukraine and in Israel/Gaza.

THE ANNUAL FALL MINISTRY FAIR is **TODAY**, September 15 following worship. Stop and check out what groups/activities, our ministry partners, and those who use are building are doing and find ways to get involved and make a difference in our community!

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Nurture Committee – Monday, 9/16 at 6:00pm
Campaign Prayer Callers – Monday, 9/16 at 6:30pm
Reach/Prepare/Send – Monday, 9/16 at 7:15pm
Finance Committee on Zoom – Tuesday, 9/17 at 7:15pm
Administrative Board – Monday, 9/23 at 7:00pm
Trustees Committee – Tuesday, 9/24 at 7:15pm

REBECCA FELLOWSHIP invites all women to attend the September 17th meeting at 11:00am. Amy Bartels-Roe from the Mustard Seed Women's Shelter will present our program. We will be collecting shampoo, conditioner and body wash for women for them. Please call or email Betty Jo Cloud if you plan to attend at 989-799-8125 or bjcloud@yahoo.com

MEN'S BREAKFAST meetings next Sunday, September 22 at 8:30am. All men and their significant others are welcome. Suggested donation of \$5 per person.

THE FALL 2024 ADULT BOOK STUDY begins Tuesday, Sept. 17 (in person) at 6:00pm or Wednesday, Sept. 18 (online) at 7:30. We're studying "This Is Going To Hurt" by Bekah McNeel. Books in the main office for \$15.

SENIOR GAME DAY this Wednesday, September 18 from 3-5pm.

YOUTH GROUP for 6th-12th graders begins next Sunday, September 22 from 6:00-7:30pm for Planning, Pizza, and Games.

A TOWN HALL MEETING will be held after worship on Sunday, 9/29 to present First U.M.C.'s vision and ways that you can be involved. You will receive a brochure in the mail this coming week that lays out our plan and our needs. Please read it carefully and plan to stay after worship on Sept. 29 to learn more, ask questions, and discover new ways that God is moving among us!!

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!*

