

First United Methodist Church

*Welcome! We are a Congregation devoted to loving the whole city and loving the city whole!
October 5, 2025 - 10:00am - World Communion Sunday*

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: *Three Settings of “We Walk By Faith”*

by Hugh Wilson; arr. Donald Rotermund

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 yellow prayer card to share joys/concerns.

** Please stand if you are able.*

***Opening Hymn W&S #3152: “Welcome”** *(see attachment at back of bulletin for music)*

1) Let's walk together for a while
and ask where we begin
To build a world where love can
grow and hope can enter in,
To be the hands of healing
and to plant the seed of peace...

2) Let's talk together of a time
when we will share a feast,
Where pride and power kneel to serve
the lonely and the least,
And joy will set the table, as we
join our hands to pray... [Chorus]

Chorus:
Singing welcome, welcome to this place.
You're invited
to come and know God's grace.
All are welcome the love of God to share
'cause all of us are welcome here;
All are welcome in this place.

3) Let's dream together of the day
when earth and heaven are one,
A city built of love and light,
the new Jerusalem;
Where mourning turns to dancing,
every creature lifts its voice...
[Chorus]

PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

***The Call to Worship:**

(by Thom Shuman, <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>)

One: As we gather to worship this World Communion Sunday, we will not find the
justice our world needs in our apathy;

All: We will not find that elusive wholeness with our quarreling;

One: We will not find our hoped-for unity with our doctrines;

All: We will not find our misplaced love with our hating;

One: We will not find that rest we crave in our overflowing planners;

All: We will not find the peace you offer in our well nursed grudges.

One: But we will find you - in the brokenness of the bread and the breaking of our hearts;

**All: We will find you when we drain the cup, refill it with our gifts, and offer it to
the least of these.**

One: We will find you when we squeeze closer together, making room at the table for all your people.

All: **Help us to find you, Holy God, that we may live as true community blessed in diversity, unified in love.**

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

Prayer Chorus FWS #2260: “Let Us Be Bread”

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, broken and shared, life for the world.

Let us be wine, love freely poured. Let us be one in the Lord.

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

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Enjoy the musical selection as a time to give thanks to God for all with which you have been blessed. Thank you!

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Offertory: “When You Believe” (from *The Prince of Egypt*) by Stephen Schwartz; arr. Rebecca Belliston

***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!

***Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving:** Holy God, take these gifts as seeds of trust, planted in hope and watered with gratitude. Even when our faith feels small, you multiply our offering into acts of healing, welcome, and justice. So, increase not only our faith, Lord, but also our willingness to serve—with humility, joy, and confidence that you are at work through every generous act. In the name of the one who came to serve, we pray. 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: Luke 17:1-10

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 75

¹ Jesus said to his disciples, “Occasions for sin are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come! ² It would be better for you if a millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea than for you to cause one of these little ones to sin. ³ Be on your guard! If a brother or sister sins, you must rebuke the offender, and if there is repentance, you must forgive. ⁴ And if the same person sins against you seven times a day and turns back to you seven times and says, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive.” ⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶ The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. ⁷ “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what is commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

Response to the Word

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

All: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon: *NOW REMEMBER...*

Pastor Amy Terhune

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Chorus W&S #3168: *“Come to the Table of Grace”*

- 1) Come to the table of grace; come to the table of grace.
This is God's table, it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.
- 2) * peace 3) * love

The Sacrament of Holy Communion:

(Musical Setting A – UMH pg. 17)

One: The Lord be with you,

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere,
to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
From one, You have made every nation and people that dwells in the world.
And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!**

One: Holy are you, and blessed is your son, Jesus Christ, who lived among us
to show us your love: caring enough to feed hungry persons,
stopping to touch those in need of healing, reaching out to those not like himself:
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection,
you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
On the night he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said,
“Take; eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”
Likewise, when the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you,
gave it to his disciples, and said, “Drink from this all of you; this is my blood
of the new covenant poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
As often as you drink of this, remember me.
And so, in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Christ Jesus,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

One: Holy God, pour out your Holy Spirit on your church gathered here
And bless our offering of bread and juice,
that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ;
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.
Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world,
and strengthen it in every nation and among every people
to witness faithfully in your name, that united with Christ and one another
by the Spirit, we may be one in ministry throughout the world,
until Christ comes in final victory and we all feast together at his One Table.

Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

*Those who worship with us in person this morning are invited to come forward via the center aisle,
Take a piece of bread and dip it into the chalice and partake. Then return to your seats via the side aisles.
When all who are able to come forward have been served, the communion stewards
will bring the sacrament out to those who are unable to come forward.*

*Those who worship online from home this morning are invited to use what you have in your home
(bread, crackers, juice, etc.) to participate in the sacrament along with the congregation.*

**Music During Communion – “Jesus Loves the Little Children /
He’s Got the Whole World In His Hands”** arr. Lori Line, Spiritual

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn UMH #547: “O Church of God, United”**

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| 1) O church of God, united
To serve one common Lord,
Proclaim to all one message,
With hearts in glad accord.
Christ ever goes before us;
We follow day by day
With strong and eager footsteps
Along the upward way. | 3) Though creeds and tongues may differ,
They speak, O Christ, of thee;
And in thy loving spirit
We shall one people be.
Lord, may our faithful service
And singleness of aim
Proclaim to all the power
Of thy redeeming name. |
| 2) From every land and nation
The ordered ranks appear;
To serve one valiant leader
They come from far and near.
They chant their one confession,
They praise one living Lord,
And place their sure dependence
Upon his saving word. | 4) May thy great prayer be answered
That we may all be one,
Close bound, by love united
In thee, God's blessed Son:
To bring a single witness,
To make the pathway bright,
That souls which grope in darkness
May find the one true light. |

***Benediction:**

(by Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren; www.umcdiscipleship.com)

One: Beloved, imagine what a mustard seed of faith might do this week in your life. Not a quart, nor a gallon, nor a truckload. Just a mustard seed. Imagine. Now go and live out that grace.

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

***Postlude: “Let There Be Peace On Earth”**

by Sy Miller & Jill Jackson; arr. Lani Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Anne Marks-Gaertner / Greeters: Bonnie Dole, Bill Johnson / Ushers: Bill Cowdry, Bill Johnson Jr., Dave O'Dell, Angie Smith / Communion Stewards: Judy Briggs, Carla Piazza-Wistehuff / Welcome Desk: Jill Spaulding / Coffee Hour Host: Bill, Xenny, Keeli Johnson / Sound System: Izzy Terhune / Nursery: Xenny & Keeli Johnson / Counters: Jackie Matlock, Dee Mills

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: Mark Abby, Marilyn Ashmall, Ed Babinski, Barry Brown, Lucas Brown, Tom Brubaker, Bernie Buggia, Myrna Cammin, Sue Cooper, Bonnie Dole, Esther Cavendish Fisher, Wayne & Phyllis Henney, Marion Hoffman, Erlene Kimber, ZoAnn Kraynak, Barb Kropp, Mark Leffler, Bonnie Markley, Kay Mertz, Trinity & Audri Miller, Merlyn Mondol, Jackie Moore, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Madge Richmond, Eugenia Shek, Noreen Southgate, Rita Taylor, & Dorothy Woods. Also, please pray for UMCOR, and for peace in Ukraine/Russia and Israel/Gaza.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR given in gratitude to God for chances to serve.

THE ROSES ON THE ALTAR given in loving memory of Joyce Maltman by her family.

HELP NEEDED – the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan will resume deliveries of food for children's weekend backpacks on Wednesday, October 8. Sign up online to help out with:

- a) People to meet the truck between 10am-11am every other Wednesday, help organize the food, and then pack up the food bags.
- b) People to deliver 22 food bags to Westdale Elementary School and 31 food bags to Arrowwood Elementary school EVERY Thursday morning.
- c) Sign up to help out online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-44603782-backpack>.

6-WEEK FALL BOOK STUDY FOR ADULTS has begun in person at 6:00pm on Tuesdays and online at 7:30pm on Wednesdays. This fall, we're reading "Learning to Walk in the Dark" by Barbara Brown Taylor. Books are \$15 from the main office. *We are committed to ensuring that cost is not a barrier to participation. Books are available for free upon confidential request to the pastor.*

FAMILY FUN DAY – Sunday, October 10, 1:00-3:00pm at Leaman's Orchard. All church families are welcome. The event is free to families (paid for by the church) BUT you must sign up ahead of time in order to attend. Sign-up sheet on the welcome desk OR RSVP to Pastor Amy at 989-274-6363 or pastoralbt@outlook.com, or to the Church Office at 989-799-0131. Thank you!

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, continuing TUESDAY, October 13. On the menu for October: Roast Pork & Cheesy Potatoes! Sign up to donate food at the Welcome Desk.

BIBLE EXCHANGE – We now have a bookshelf in the lobby area with copies of Scripture available for free. If you need a bible, or see a translation you've not studied before, please take it. If you have extra copies of Scripture around your home that aren't being read/used, donate them!

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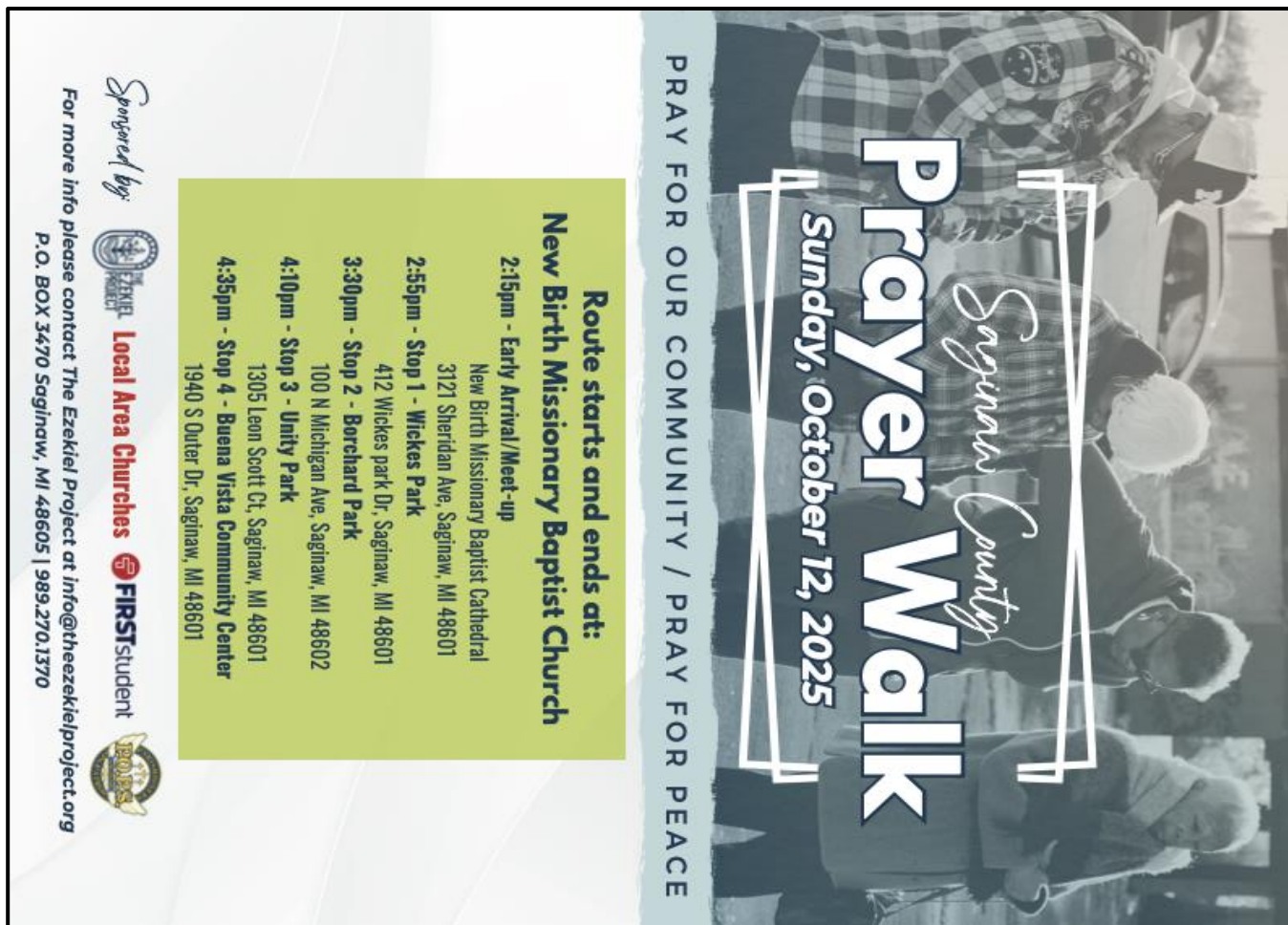
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Saginaw County

Prayer Walk

Sunday, October 12, 2025

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY / PRAY FOR PEACE

Route starts and ends at:
New Birth Missionary Baptist Church

2:15pm - Early Arrival/Meet-up
 New Birth Missionary Baptist Cathedral
 3121 Sheridan Ave, Saginaw, MI 48601




2:55pm - Stop 1 - Wickes Park
 412 Wickes park Dr, Saginaw, MI 48601

3:30pm - Stop 2 - Borchard Park
 100 N Michigan Ave, Saginaw, MI 48602

4:10pm - Stop 3 - Unity Park
 1305 Leon Scott Ct, Saginaw, MI 48601

4:35pm - Stop 4 - Buena Vista Community Center
 1940 S Outer Dr, Saginaw, MI 48601

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Come to the Table of Grace

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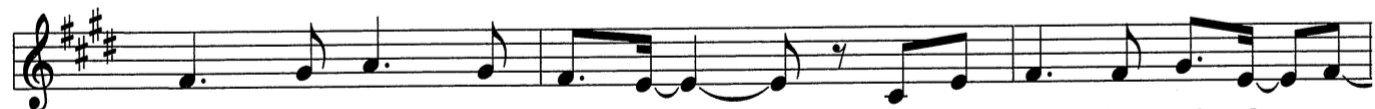
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come and know God's grace. All are wel-come the love of God to share — — 'cause



all of us are wel-come here; — — all are wel-come in this place. — —

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