

# *First United Methodist Church*

*Welcome! We are a Congregation devoted to loving the whole city and loving the city whole!*  
**October 12, 2025 - 10:00am - 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

## **GATHERING AND PRAISE**

**Prelude:** *Reflection on “O Christ, the Healer”*

*arr. Phil Lehenbauer*

**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 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 will be.

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

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

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]

## **PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION**

**\*The Call to Worship:**

*(adapted from Lamentations 3)*

One: Give thanks to the Lord, and praise God’s Holy Name,

**All: For the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;**

One: God’s mercies never end – they are new every morning!

**All: Great is God’s faithfulness to his beloved people.**

One: Therefore, live in hope, for God is what we most need.

**All: The Lord is good and compassionate!**

One: Wait for the Lord, who hears your cry; who redeems your life.

**All: Give thanks to the Lord, and praise God’s Holy Name. Worship the Lord  
with thanksgiving and trust in God’s presence each day.**

**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 #2036: “Give Thanks”**

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ his son. [repeat]*

*And now, let the weak say, “I am strong”;*

*Let the poor say, “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.” [repeat]*

**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: “Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart”**

*by Henry Smith; arr. Fred Bock*

**\*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:**

*(adapted from <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/>)*

Gracious healer, you give gifts we never earn and mercies we often forget to name. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude and expressions of our faith. Let them be more than ritual—let them become praise, rising from lives made whole in your grace. Make us a generous people, healed and healing, blessing others as you have blessed us. In the name of Jesus, who loves us into wholeness. Amen.

**Choral Anthem: “For the Beauty of the Earth”**

*by John Rutter*

**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 17:11-19

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 75

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” <sup>14</sup> When Jesus saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup> Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

## Response to the Word

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## The Sermon: “*STEWARDSHIP I: GRATEFUL*”

*Pastor Amy Terhune*

This image shows a blank sheet of white paper with horizontal blue or grey ruling lines, typical of notebook paper. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

**Reflecting on Our Blessings** – Please take this time to reflect on how God has used you to bless others and imagine how God uses your volunteering to impact our community! Where have/do you volunteer your time and gifts? Please list your volunteer work in the church and community and share the number of hours you give volunteering if you can. When you're ready, bring your gratitude card forward to pin it on one of the posters upfront, and together, we'll create a tapestry of impact in our community.

## Bringing Forward our Gratitude Cards

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

**\*Closing Hymn FWS #2213: “Healer of Our Every Ill”**

Refrain: Healer of our every ill,                      Give us all your vision, God of love.  
Light of each tomorrow,                      [Refrain]

Give us peace beyond our fear,  
And hope beyond our sorrow.

3) Give us strength to love each other,  
Every sister, every brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.  
[Refrain]

1) You who know our fears & sadness,  
Grace us with your peace & gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.  
[Refrain]

2) In the pain and joy beholding  
How your grace is still unfolding,

4) You who know each thought and feeling,  
Teach us all your way of healing;  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.  
[Refrain]

**\*Benediction:**

(adapted from Rebecca Gaudino, Ministry Matters, <https://www.ministrymatters.com>).

One: Beloved, As Jesus once said to the leper, “Get up and go on your way. Your faith has made you well,” so let us all claim Jesus’ healing and liberation in our lives. May we never settle for being merely clean, when you call us to wellness, to joy, to thanksgiving. Having returned to kneel in God’s presence, now get up and go on your way! In Jesus’ name, your faith has made you whole.

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

**\*Postlude:** *“Now Thank We All Our God”*

arr. Phil Lehenbauer

**TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!!** Liturgist: Ethan Hagerl / Greeters:

Judy Gerken, Jackie Moore / Ushers: Keith Courier, Bonnie Arnst, Kathy Winkowski / Welcome Desk: Betty Jo Cloud / Coffee Hour Host: Carla Piazza-Wistehuff / Sound System: Angie Smith / Nursery: Xenny & Keeli Johnson / Counters: Office

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 Director of Music & Chancel Choir ..... Rod Bieber  
 Bell Choir Director ..... Catherine McMichael

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Mark Abby, Marilyn Ashmall, Ed Babinski, Barry 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.

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:** Kay Mertz

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** given in gratitude to God for our many volunteers and coworkers in Christ.

**FAMILY FUN DAY – TODAY, 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 please let Pastor Amy know you're coming!

**YOUNG ADULT DINNER** – Next Sunday, October 19 at 6:00pm. Anyone between the ages of 18 and 40ish are welcome and encouraged to join us!

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** – Saturday, October 25 at 9:30am – for anyone interested in learning more and/or becoming an official member. RSVP to the office at (989) 799-0131 or [firstumcsaginaw@gmail.com](mailto:firstumcsaginaw@gmail.com).

**KIDS CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** Rehearsals will begin Sunday, Nov. 9 after worship and will meet for 1 hour each week thereafter. All children are welcome to be involved. If your child wants a speaking part (more lines go to older kids, while shorter/easier lines go to younger ones), please let Pastor Amy know by October 26. Christmas Pageant is scheduled for Sunday, December 7 during worship.

**SECOND ANNUAL PUMPKIN FLING** – Sunday, Nov. 2 following worship – bring your mushy old pumpkins left over from Halloween and gather by the back pavilion. Mark and Neil Schultz and some of the Boy Scouts will launch the pumpkins into the back property with Mark's Eagle Scout project Trebuchet (giant catapult). Hot Dog lunch and Cider provided. Event is free!

**HELP NEEDED** – the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan will deliver our next pallets of food for children's weekend backpacks on Wednesday, October 22. 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 office, or are available for free upon confidential request to the pastor.

**FREE COMMUNITY MEALS** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, continuing THIS TUESDAY, Oct. 14. 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!

**FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!**

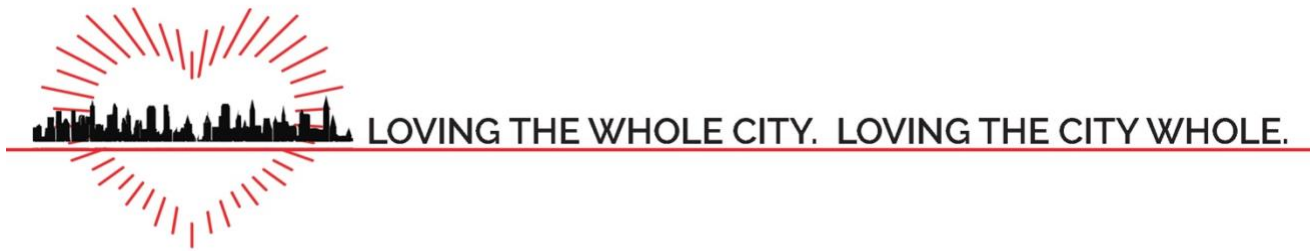
*Be sure to check in on Facebook! The more of us that do, the more people learn about who we are!*

YouTube: **Saginaw First UMC**

Facebook: **@firstumcofsaginaw**

Instagram: **saginawfume**

Bluesky: **FirstUMCSaginaw.bsky.social**



### *Imagine...*

***Imagine*** our community celebrating and embracing our differences, creating a tapestry of service, compassion and faith that fuels our service to one another.

***Imagine*** our community with enough food resources to provide every man, woman and child with good nutritious food and a full tummy.

***Imagine*** having a safe space for creating community connections in a polarizing social media world.

***Imagine*** our church, its ministries, staff, and operations being fully funded to help us live out our vision of Loving the whole city. Loving the city whole.

***That's what our 2026 annual Stewardship campaign is all about:***

fully funding church operations so that new ministries can be created, current ministries expanded and staff equipped and supported to help us do great things for God!

**Loving the whole city. Loving the city whole.** It's our vision. It's what we strive to do every day. And each of us has a part to play.

**Commitment Sunday is October 26**, so now is the time for us to begin prayerful consideration on how we can more fully be the hands and feet of Christ here, right now with our annual Stewardship pledge.

***Imagine*** how much more we can accomplish together with a fully funded budget!



[If you are 70½ years or older with an IRA, consider a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to make an annual gift in any amount (up to \$100,000). And, if you are 73 years or older with an IRA, any amount given directly to charity can satisfy your required minimum distributions (RMDs). Consult your financial advisor or other financial professional to determine the options that best fit your personal financial and tax situation.]



21<sup>st</sup> Season

*Classic Legacy Band*  
of Saginaw

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Conductor David Fitts

*2025 Fall Concert*

 First United  
Methodist Church

4790 Gratiot Rd. Saginaw

Sunday October 26th 3:00pm

Admission: Free Will Offering

For more information about the

Classic Legacy Band of Saginaw, check us out at

[www.classiclegacyband.com](http://www.classiclegacyband.com), Facebook or Instagram



*UNIT SONG*  
CHORALE

Sunday, November 2, 2025

4:00pm

Saginaw First United Methodist

Church

4790 Gratiot Road, Saginaw, MI 48638

Director Matthew Packer (Mott Community College, Fenton UMC) directs this choral ensemble of singers of various ages, cultures, and faith traditions from all over Michigan, including our own Evie Kraynak and Bethany Tomasino. On June 29, 2025, the group performed a concert in NYC at Carnegie Hall.

*Concert is free, but free-will donations  
to support their ongoing work are appreciated.*



# TODAY

## *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

Pastor Amy will be praying at  
Borchard Park at 3:30 following  
the Family Fun Day at Leaman's.

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# *All Saints Remembrance - November 2, 2025*

Each November, we remember those members of our congregation who have passed on to eternity since November 1 of last year. Families of church members 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.'

If there are members of Ames U.M.C. or State Street U.M.C. that have passed in the last year, please help us catch those we might otherwise miss by filling in the information below along with your phone number so that we can get pertinent information.

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, but who are near and dear to our hearts. If you have lost a close family member or friend since November 1, 2024, you are invited to submit a photo and the following information to Pastor Amy via email ([pastoralbt@outlook.com](mailto:pastoralbt@outlook.com)), dropping it in the offering plate, bring it into the office, or calling in the information to the church office (989) 799-0131.

Full name of Loved One: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Membership (*circle one*):    Saginaw First U.M.C.        State Street U.M.C.        Ames U.M.C.        Other

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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