

First United Methodist Church

*Welcome! We are a Congregation devoted to loving the whole city and loving the city whole!
October 26, 2025 - 10:00am - Commitment Sunday / Reformation Sunday*

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: *“Open My Eyes, That I May See”*

by Clara Scott; arr. Robert J. Powell

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 #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:**

One: Come, people of God, and worship, for all are welcome here!

All: **We want to see Jesus, but so many things crowd our vision and clamor for our attention.**

One: Come, you who are searching for healing and hope:

All: **Jesus is calling us into His very presence.**

One: Come, you who have been sidelined, you who seek belonging:

All: **Jesus has called us God's own precious and beloved children.**

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One: Come, you who have lost your way, you who need a fresh start:

All: Jesus still seeks out and saves the lost!

One: Come, you who have been blessed, you who seek to make a difference:

All: Even now, the Spirit is moving among us! Thanks be to God!

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 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!*

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.

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.*

Stewardship Moment

Anne Marks-Gaertner

Choral Anthem: “Halle, Halle, Halle”

Traditional Caribbean; arr. Hal H. Hopson

Scripture Lesson: Luke 19:1-10

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 77

¹ Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. ² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was very wealthy. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because Jesus was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

Response to the Word

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Living Our Gratitude and Turning in Our 2026 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.

Pledge cards are along the aisle, and available from the ushers. If you've already pledged, write your name and 'DUPLICATE' on a pledge card and bring it forward. If you're not ready/able to pledge yet, write your name and "I SUPPORT FIRST U.M.C." on a pledge card and bring it forward.

Use the QR codes or pledge/give online here:

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



The Offertory: “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”
 (four variations on an African-American Spiritual)

by David Neff

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 demonstrate how you love the whole city, and are working to love the city whole, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn:** “*Zacchaeus Was A Tax Man*” (see attached – tune: *The Church’s One Foundation*)

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| 1) Zacchaeus was a tax man
who one day climbed a tree,
For he was short in stature
and said he could not see.
And yet he had a problem
that mattered even more:
He didn't see the suffering
his greed had caused the poor. | 3) It wasn't just the treetop
that helped Zacchaeus see;
Your love and welcome showed him
how different life could be.
He said that he'd start over
and work to make things fair;
He'd speak the truth, bring justice,
and find new ways to share. |
| 2) O Lord, you saw Zacchaeus –
so wealthy, yet alone.
You said, "Come down, and hurry!
I'm coming to your home."
For you broke bread with sinners
and saw within each one
A person loved and treasured –
God's daughter or God's son. | 4) O Christ, you bid us welcome
and help us all to see!
May we respond by building
a just society.
Then children won't be hungry,
and all will share one goal:
To love your whole creation,
and love creation whole! |

***Benediction:**

One: Beloved, the task is ambitious but worthwhile: go forth from this place in the company of the Holy Spirit, to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, devoted to loving our whole city, and loving our city whole.

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

*** Postlude for Reformation Sunday:** “*O God, Our Help In Ages Past*”

by William Croft; arr. Paul Manz

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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: Jane MacQueen, Kay Mertz

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR given by Betty Jo Cloud in loving memory of Jim Cloud.

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, Nov. 5th. 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>.

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, continuing Tuesday, Nov. 11. On the menu for November: Beef Stew and Biscuits! 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: **saginawfumc**

Bluesky: **FirstUMCSaginaw.bsky.social**

CALENDAR OF SUNDAY EVENTS

Sunday 11/2 – Daylight Savings Time ends (set your clocks back 1 hour), All Saints Worship (10:00am), Pumpkin Fling (11:30-1:00pm), and UniSong Chorale Concert (4:00pm)

Sunday 11/9 – Worship (10:00am), Kids Club (11:30am-1:00pm), and Young Adult Dinner (6:00-7:30pm)

Sunday 11/16 – Church Breakfast (8:30am), Worship (10:00am), PFLAG Svc. of Remembrance (1:00pm), Youth Group (6:00-7:30pm)

Sunday 11/23 – Worship (10am), Hanging of the Greens (11am), Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Sai Samaj of Saginaw, 3617 Mackinaw St, Saginaw, MI 48602 (3:00pm)



LOVING THE WHOLE CITY. LOVING THE CITY WHOLE.

Imagine...

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

In today's politically charged environment, many people hunger for a place to simply *be*. Away from all the media noise. A place where they feel safe and accepted. A place to connect with others.

Saginaw First United is that place!

Fifteen groups or organizations use our building and its resources on a regular basis. From music and voice lessons, watercolor painting, Tai Chi and yoga; to youth choir and community band practices, drug/alcohol addiction support, and meditation; to office and meeting space for our area PFLAG chapter; and even making candy and packaging it for sale to the community during the holidays. Participants in these groups know that within our walls they'll find friendly smiles and conversation. They know that, for an hour or so, they can disconnect from the world, focus on being in the moment, feel safe, and engage with others seeking the same inviting and positive environment.

Our building is our biggest resource for ministry to our community. And it requires exceptional staffing, cleaning, maintenance, supplies, repairs, and constant vigilance to keep it vital and viable for those who share their ministries here.

Our building is one way that we *love the whole city and love the city whole*.

Imagine our building and grounds, our ministries, staff, and all our operational needs being fully funded to help us live out our vision.

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.

TODAY is Commitment Sunday!! Please give prayerful consideration on how you can help be the hands and feet of Christ here, right now with your 2026 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.]

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), 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: _____

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

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21st Season

Classic Legacy Band
of Saginaw

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2005



Conductor David Fitts

2025 Fall Concert



First United
Methodist Church

4790 Gratiot Rd. Saginaw

TODAY AT 3:00pm

Admission: Free Will Offering

For more information about the

Classic Legacy Band of Saginaw, check us out at

www.classiclegacyband.com, Facebook or Instagram



UniSong

CHORALE

Sunday, November 2, 2025

4:00pm

**Saginaw First United Methodist Church
4790 Gratiot Road, Saginaw, MI 48638**

**PERFORMING "INTO THE LIGHT" BY JAKE RUNESTAD,
also including solo performances from Bethany Tomasino, Desmond Sheppard,
and Dr. Quincy Dobbs**

The impetus for the name, "UniSong," came from a vision formed by director, Matthew J. Packer (Mott Community College, Fenton U.M.C.), of a chorale ensemble comprised of singers of multiple ages, cultures, faith traditions and ideologies that would come together in a united passion for creating music. The only label that matters is "human", and, in our united humanity, we create one song, one UniSong. Dr. Packer was approached by Mid-America Productions in 2024 and asked to bring a group to New York City in 2025 to sing at Carnegie Hall. The UniSong Chorale was birthed with that invitation. After the Carnegie Hall performance, most members chose to continue, new members were added, and new opportunities are being sought to share the uniting power and potential of quality choral music. The UniSong Chorale is comprised of members from various parts of Michigan, including Saginaw First's own Evie Kraynak, Josh Keeler, and Bethany Tomasino. The Chorale is accompanied by the multi-talented Dr. Quincy Dobbs, organist, pianist, church musician, accordion player, teacher, composer and friend.

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