

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation devoted to loving the whole city and loving the city whole!
November 2, 2025 - 10:00am - All Saints Sunday

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: *Variations on “In the Sweet By and By”*

by Joseph Webster; arr. Matti Pesonen

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 #711:** *“For All the Saints”*

- 1) For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee, by faith,
before the world confessed. Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2) Thou was their rock, their fortress, and their might; Thou, Lord, their captain in the
well-fought fight; Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3) O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4) O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 5) And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6) From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in
the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Unison Prayer of Confession: *(from Rev. Lucus Keppel, <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning>)*

Beloved God of each generation, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. We are stubborn, and turn from you when we should turn toward you. Hold us close, Holy One – comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our sins, and we place our trust in you as you lead us forward into all you yet have planned for your people, thru Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

The Words of Assurance: Friends, receive this good news! Jesus taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us. Thus, we and all who have come before us are rightly known as saints – the holy ones of God! Thanks be to God for God's mercy, grace, and enduring love!

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!*

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



Offertory: “*Shall We Gather At the River*”

by Robert Lowry; arr. Vicki Collinsworth

***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 God, you call forth saints not with perfection, but with purpose. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude, given by those you are shaping for good works in Christ. Use them to build up your church, to bless the world, and to honor those who have taught us to love more deeply. May our generosity today reflect your glory and strengthen us to walk ever more faithfully in your way. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Children's Message – *A special moment with the Pastor 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: Romans 6:1-11

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 146

¹ What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Response to the Word

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Choral Anthem: “*Here Is Love*”

by William Rees / Robert Lowry; arr. Greg Wheatley

A Time of Silent Meditation

Pastoral Prayer lifting Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer Chorus FWS #2267: “*Taste and See*”

*Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Oh taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.*

The Witness of the Saints

*The names of the dearly departed are read in the context and spirit of prayer.
The witness of the lives of our church members who have gone on to eternity is also
the sermon for today. Short Biographies of Church Members will be read
following the reading of their names and the toll of the bell.*

*For Family and Friends, we will only be reading names and dates.
When your loved one’s name is read, please come forward and light a candle before the altar.
If you’re unable to come forward, we have someone who will light it on your behalf.
Do not rush or feel prohibited from coming if we continue to read other names as you
are making your way forward. A bell will be rung after the reading of each name.*

**The Unison Prayer: Almighty God, we give you thanks for all the saints of the church:
for the early followers of Christ, who spread his message; to the martyrs who died
to share the good news with others; to the reformers who taught us to think and
reflect on our faith; to the early members of this congregation who built it and
helped it grow. We pause in this moment to celebrate the lives of members here
who have gone to reside in heaven’s light this year:**

CHURCH MEMBERS

Patrick Dole (04/17/1952 – 11/24/2024)
RuthAnn Hilton (04/30/1940 – 12/11/2024)
Ron Southgate (09/03/1937 – 12/16/2024)
Donal Hammond (06/22/1929 – 12/24/2024)
Judy Dawe (08/07/1941 – 02/04/2025)
Dr. Kirk Herrick (06/10/1934 – 03/27/2025)
Dr. David Barker (06/28/1944 – 04/28/2025)
Sue Johnson (06/01/1942 – 05/15/2025)
Jerry Taylor (03/19/1934 – 07/12/2025)
Joyce Maltman (08/14/1935 – 07/22/2025)

Musical Interlude FWS #2272: “*Holy Ground*”

*We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around;
Let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.*

One: We pause also to remember others who have passed on this year who are dear to us:

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

1. Ralph Brubaker	09/10/2025	<i>Uncle of Tom Brubaker</i>
2. Donald Clark	06/18/2025	<i>Brother of Wayne Clark</i>
3. Diana Feltner	03/07/2025	<i>Sister of Sharon Ketcham</i>
4. Robert D. Hemingway	12/13/2024	<i>Brother of Rita Taylor</i>
5. Dale Henney	08/13/2025	<i>Brother of Wayne Henney</i>
6. Allen Jerome	10/31/2024	<i>Brother of Jackie Matlock</i>
7. Shannon Kaptur	02/05/2025	<i>Niece of Dr. Lou Constan</i>
8. Virginia Knepper	01/10/2025	<i>Mother of Randy Knepper</i>
9. Janice Lowell	07/01/2025	<i>Friend of MaryAnn Badour</i>
10. Martin Miles	05/01/2025	<i>Friend of Mike Curtis</i>
11. John Miller	08/26/2025	<i>Brother of Dr. Robert Miller</i>
12. Elizabeth Parks	12/31/2024	<i>Former Member – SFUMC</i>
13. Janet Stringer	10/10/2025	<i>Former Member – SFUMC</i>
14. Shelley Suddith	03/23/2025	<i>Aunt of Karen Constan</i>
15. Jack Swander	08/04/2025	<i>Brother of Jan Tolley</i>
16. David Vizuri	12/17/2024	<i>Father of Elliott Vizuri</i>
17. Eugene Wagner	05/09/2025	<i>Uncle of Karen Constan</i>
18. Sue Wagner	02/22/2025	<i>Former member – State Street UMC</i>
19. Christine Woodruff	09/06/2025	<i>Mother of Bill Cowdry's DIL Teri</i>
20. Beth Ann Young	07/02/2025	<i>Friend of Bill Cowdry</i>

One: Let us continue in a spirit of prayer...

All: O God, we give thanks for all who have guided us in this life, for those who have taught us about you, and for those who have served you faithfully. We pause in this moment to name them in our hearts.

Time of Silence

One: May your spirit continue to guide and direct us that we may be good stewards in your name and good witnesses to those yet to be, we pray in the name of Christ, who taught His people to pray together...

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.

Hymn FWS #2255: “In the Singing”

In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open,
In the blessing, in the breaking, in the Presence at this table,
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance,
In the heart’s cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people,
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Musical Setting D, U.M. Hymnal pg. 23-24

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.

God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Miriam and Moses, God of Joshua and Deborah,
God of Ruth and of David, God of the priests and prophets, God of Mary and Joseph,
God of the apostles and martyrs, God of our mothers and fathers,
God of our children to all generations, we give you thanks for life and for life eternal,
And together with all 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 He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!**

One: Holy are you, and blessed is your son, Jesus Christ,
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 in which 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 these, your people.
Bless these elements, that they may be for us the body & blood of Christ;
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.
Renew our communion with all your saints,
and give us faith to trust you and those we love to your never-ending care.
By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other,
one with those precious saints who came before us,
and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast together at his heavenly banquet.
Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

All: Amen.

*All are welcome to the table of Christ, including children. You do not need to be a member of this congregation to receive the grace of the Sacrament. Come forward via the center aisle at the direction of the ushers.
Stop to light a candle in memory of a loved one if you wish. Then proceed to the pair of communion stewards stationed up front on either side. Take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. Gluten free wafers are available.
When you have received the sacrament, return to your seats via the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward, the communion stewards will bring the sacrament to you after others have been served.
Music During Communion: "Abide With Me" by W.H. Monk; arr. Ausra Motuzaite-Pinkeviciene*

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn FWS #2282: "I'll Fly Away"**

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| 1) Some glad morning when this life is o'er
I'll fly away;
to a home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away. | 2) When the shadows of this life have gone
I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown,
I'll fly away. [Chorus] |
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| Chorus: I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.
When I die, hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away. | 3) Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away;
to a land where joys shall never end,
I'll fly away. [Chorus]. |
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***Benediction:**

(adapted from Hebrews 12:1-2)

One: Beloved, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witness, let us lay aside every burden that holds us back, renounce the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before us, looking to Christ Jesus, pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

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

***Postlude: "Land of Rest"**

Traditional Appalachian; arr. Wilbur Held

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Cal Mott / Greeters: Bonnie Dole, Bill Johnson / Ushers: Bill Cowdry, Bill Johnson Jr., Dave O'Dell and Angie Smith / Communion Stewards: Pam Mott, Carla Piazza-Wistehuff / Welcome Desk: Sheryl Clauss / Coffee Hour Host: Xenny, Bill, Keeli Johnson / Sound System: Izzy Terhune / Nursery: Karissa Schultz / Counters: Jackie Matlock, Dee Mills

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.

KIDS CHRISTMAS PAGEANT Rehearsals will begin NEXT SUNDAY, Nov. 9 after worship. All children are welcome to be involved. Christmas Pageant is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 7 during worship.

SECOND ANNUAL PUMPKIN FLING – TODAY 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.

HANGING OF THE GREENS – Stay after worship on Sunday, November 23 and help us “deck the halls” and ready our building for the Holidays.

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**

CALENDAR OF SUNDAY EVENTS

Sunday 11/9 – Worship (10:00am), Kids Club (11:30am-1:00pm), and Youth Unity Night (6:00-9:00pm)

Sunday 11/16 – Church Breakfast (8:30am), Worship (10:00am), PFLAG Svc. of Remembrance (1:00pm), Young Adult Dinner (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)

FROM THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE ON ALL SAINTS DAY

What you see to the right is a picture of First United Methodist Church's Memorial Garden. It is located on the west side of our building, just east of the entrance drive between the sanctuary and vision wings. Church members and family are welcome to spend time in the garden as a quiet place for reflection.



Last year, the Memorial Committee purchased a new identity sign for the Garden, and beautiful benches were donated. This year, with the help of Teton Lawn Service, we completely refurbished all of the bower beds, and it is now a beautiful place to spend time in quiet prayer and meditation. With monies designated for office equipment, we have purchased two new computers for the main office

In the Lobby area, a memorial tree is located on the east wall. Each leaf is given in memory of a loved one. Those with cremains out in the Memorial Garden have a cross on their leaf. Leaves may be bought in memory of loved ones even if their ashes are not interred in the Memorial Garden.

We thank all who have given donations in memory of loved ones – these gifts have enabled us to minister to the congregation when special needs arise and to honor our loved ones in tangible ways in our community.

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UNISONG CHORALE

Sunday, November 2, 2025
TODAY at 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.*

Creating Peace Through Interfaith
Dialogue | Cooperation | Understanding



We're coming together to make a difference. Join us in our efforts to collect for our local community and support those in need.



Interfaith Saginaw

Invites you to our 9th Annual Service of Thanksgiving
On Sunday, November 23rd at 3pm

Sai Samaj Hindu Temple
3617 Mackinaw St, Saginaw MI 48602



Interfaith Youth Unity Night

Youth Ages 11-18 are invited to an evening of fun, fellowship, and faith as we gather youth from local congregations to prepare for our Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on November 23rd

FUN ACTIVITIES - FOOD - FELLOWSHIP

NOVEMBER 9TH, 2025 - 6PM-9PM

LDS CHAPEL - 1415 N CENTER RD, SAGINAW MI

To help us plan for food, please text or call rsvp to (989)780-2213