

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation devoted to loving the whole city and loving the city whole!
January 25, 2026 - 10:00am - Called to Ministry Sunday

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: *Variations on "He Leadeth Me"*

by William B. Bradbury; arr. Matthew H. Corl

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 #344: "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"**

1) Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
Looking neither for wealthy
nor wise ones
You only asked me to follow humbly.

2) You know so well my possessions
My boat carries no gold and no weapons
You will find there my nets and labor.
Refrain

*Refrain: O Lord, with your eyes
you have searched me
And while smiling
have spoken my name
Now my boat's left
on the shoreline behind me
By your side
I will seek other seas.*

3) You need my hands full of caring
Through my labors to give others rest
And constant love that keeps on loving.
Refrain

4) You, who have fished other oceans,
Ever longed for by souls who are waiting
My loving friend, as thus you call me.
Refrain

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***The Call to Worship**

(adapted from Joanna Harader and posted on <https://spaciousfaith.com/>)

One: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to receive and respond, to song and silence.

All: **Jesus calls us to worship.**

One: Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to compassion and care, to service and solidarity.

All: **Jesus calls us to love.**

One: Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision; to work and witness.

All: **Jesus calls us to justice.**

One: Jesus calls us to leave behind what's comfortable and embrace the challenge of discipleship.

All: **Jesus calls us to follow His lead.**

One: Let us heed the call of Christ.

All: **Let us worship together, grateful for Christ's call, and faithful to it.**

Time of Prayer – *During the prayer chorus, ushers will collect your yellow prayer cards to deliver to the pastor.*

Prayer Chorus FWS #2129: “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

*I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus; No turning back, no turning back!*

*Though none go with me, still I will follow; Though none go with me, still I will follow;
Though none go with me, still I will follow; No turning back, no turning back.*

Silent Meditation and Lifting our Celebrations and Concerns In Prayer

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/>



The Offertory: “Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling” by Will L. Thompson; arr. Ryamond H. Haan

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: O God, we recognize that we have been blessed with great abundance. In offering these gifts, may we be strengthened to follow you faithfully wherever you may lead us. Use these gifts to build your Kingdom and to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. 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.

Receiving New Members AND The Sacrament of Baptism for Children

Pastor: Beloved in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Pastor: Through the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the covenant made at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy church. This morning, it is our joy to present Isaac Andrew Marcus Kuch for baptism, and to welcome Kaitlyn Kuch into membership

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? *I do.*

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? *I do.*

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? *I do.*

According to the grace given to you, will you remain a faithful member of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representative in the world? *I will.*

Will you nurture this child in Christ's holy church that by your teaching and example, he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life? *I will.*

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this family with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Let us pray: Eternal Father, when nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light.

In the days of Noah, you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.

When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of God's mercy each day!

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare Christ's works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and he who receives it, to wash away his sin and clothe him in righteousness throughout his life, that, dying and being raised with Christ, he may share in Christ's final victory.

All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS / PRAYER

Isaac, I baptize you in the name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Pastor will offer prayer at this time, then:

Now it is our joy to welcome our new sibling in Christ:

Through baptism, you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

As a member of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries? *I will.*

As a member of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service? *I will.*

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you, and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

And now, may the God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace. **Amen.**

Family is presented with certificates and a small gift at this time.

Please join in welcoming the Kuch Family to the Saginaw First UMC Church Family!

Choral Anthem: "I Will Follow"

words by David N. Davenport; arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Scripture Lessons: Matthew 4:12-25

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 3-4

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles – ¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death, light has dawned.” ¹⁷ From that time, Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee ,and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and Jesus called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. ²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, people possessed by demons or having epilepsy or afflicted with paralysis, and he cured them. ²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and even from beyond the Jordan.

Response to the Word

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

All: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

LEAVING OUR NETS IN ORDER TO BECOME NETS

Rev. Amy Terhune

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

*Closing Hymn FWS #2130: "The Summons" (vs. 1-2, 4-5)

- 1) Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown?
Will you let my name be known?
Will you let my life be grown in you
and you in me?
- 2) Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you
and you in me?
- 4) Will you love the "you" you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
Through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?
- 5) Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you
and you in me.

*Benediction:

(adapted from <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/02/benediction-God-is-our-light.html>)

One: Beloved, God is our light, our hope, our all in all; Christ is our home, our life, our joy; The Spirit is our inspiration, our guide, our companion; Our worship concludes but our service continues.

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

* Postlude: "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

by Henry P. Smith; arr. James Pethel

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Cal Mott / Greeters: Judy Briggs, Belinda Hatch / Ushers: Bob Bula, Chuck Priem, Bonnie Dole, John Nestell / Welcome Desk: Jan Tolley / Coffee Hour: Nurture Committee / Nursery: Karissa Schultz / Sound System: Angie Smith

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: Marilyn Ashmall, Ed Babinski, Tom Brubaker, Bernie Buggia, Myrna Cammin, Sue Cooper, Bonnie Dole, Esther Cavendish Fisher, Wayne & Phyllis Henney, Marion Hoffman, Bill Johnson, Erlene Kimber, ZoAnn Kraynak, Barb Kropp, Mark Leffler, Jane MacQueen, Bonnie Markley, Anne Marks-Gertner, Kay Mertz, Trinity & Audri Miller, Merlyn Mondol, 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: Wayne Henney, Vicki Dixon

HELP NEEDED – the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan will deliver our next pallets of food for children's weekend backpacks on Wednesday, Jan. 28th 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 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>.

ALL CHURCH WORKDAY – Saturday, January 31, from 9:00am-12:00pm, we'll be working in the Vision Wing Hallway to toss the construction trash and ready the hallway for painting. Jobs include scraping, removing staples, trash disposal, installing corkboard, and some light demolition/cleaning.

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, continuing Tues. Feb. 10. February's Menu: Ham & Cheesy Potatoes. Sign up to donate food and help with clean-up at the Welcome Desk

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT - leave the kids with youth/adults here and have some adult time on Saturday, February 14 from 5:30-10:30pm. Cost is \$10 per kids, no more than \$20 per family. Proceeds benefit the Youth Mission Trip. Register kids online at: https://form.jotform.com/pastoralbt/parents_night_out or use this QR code to the right or on the attached form.



TALENT SHOW – Broadway lights are coming to First UMC!! The Annual Talent Show is Sunday, February 15, 2026. If you'd like to participate, sign up by Feb. 1 at the Welcome Desk or contact Kathy Winkowski. Thank you!

OUTHOUSE RACE - First United Methodist Church is delighted to announce that we'll have our very first entry in the 12th Annual Saginaw Outhouse Race! The race will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14 at Hoyt Park in downtown Saginaw, starting at 1:00 PM. Event is free. Food trucks on sight. We're still in need of some folks to help push, and we're hoping to have a group there to cheer on our team!

MLK PRAYER BREAKFAST – Saturday, February 28 at 9:00am at Horizons Banquet Center, sponsored by the Ezekiel Project. This year's speaker is Rev. Rigel Dawson, who is a published author and senior pastor of Flint Bristol Road Church of Christ. Ticket price for SFUMC Members is \$15 per person. RSVP with Pastor Amy.

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](#)

Bluesky: [FirstUMCSaginaw.bsky.social](#)

Facebook: [@firstumcofsaginaw](#)

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THE EZEKIEL PROJECT

29TH ANNUAL REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Prayer Breakfast

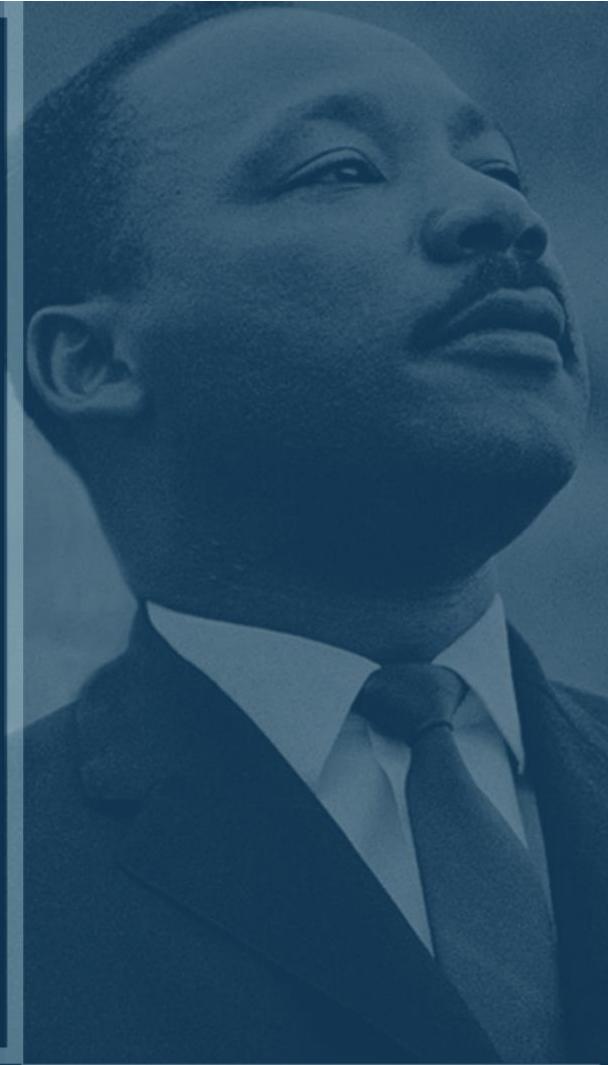
THE POWER OF LOVE: WHAT JUSTICE DEMANDS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026 | 9:00 A.M.

HORIZONS EVENT CENTER

The MLK Prayer Breakfast convenes neighbors, leaders, and congregations to pray together, learn together, and commit to justice in everyday life.

Your presence helps shape the kind of community we are called to build.



**See Pastor Amy
for Tickets.**

**Ticket Price for
SFUMC Members
and Friends
is \$15 per person.**

**Regular Price tickets
are \$50pp.**

info@theezekielproject.org | 989.270.1370 | P.O. Box 3470 Saginaw, MI 48604



Parents Night Out – Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser

Valentine's Day – Saturday, February 14, 5:30-10:30pm

Cost: \$10 per child, but no more than \$20 per family

REGISTRATION FORM – use this form or the QR Code→



Child #1's Name: _____

Grade: _____ Birthdate: _____ / _____ / _____ School: _____

Any allergies medical conditions or special needs we should know about? _____

Child #2's Name: _____

Grade: _____ Birthdate: _____ / _____ / _____ School: _____

Any allergies medical conditions or special needs we should know about? _____

Child #3's Name: _____

Grade: _____ Birthdate: _____ / _____ / _____ School: _____

Any allergies medical conditions or special needs we should know about? _____

Parents/Guardians Names: _____

Address: _____

Email of Parent/Guardian #1: _____

Email of Parent/Guardian #1: _____

Phone where Parents/Guardians can be reached during Event:

Parent/Guardian #1: _____

Parent/Guardian #2: _____



Our church. Our story.

It's our church's 175th Anniversary year!

Celebrating 86 years of membership.

Edna Spicer Blaisdell holds two distinct honors in our 175th Anniversary year: she is our longest standing member with 86 years of membership; and she is also our oldest member: Edna will celebrate 100 years on April 28! In April 1940, at age 14, Edna became a member at the former church location at the corner of Adams and Michigan Avenue (adjacent to current County Court House) – the church where her parents were already actively involved. As a young woman she remembers that the building was very large and grand. And she has memories of her mother and other church women decorating large tables for church dinners. Edna was married in the 'Old Church,' too. Later, in our current location, her three sons were involved in Christian Education and youth group, and her youngest son went on youth mission trips.



But, there's yet another interesting connection between Edna's time at the former Michigan Avenue church and our current location. Spicer Engineering, a well-respected Saginaw company that remains a vibrant entity today, was the engineering company used when First United looked to make a move to Saginaw Township. And, Edna's dad, Clifford Spicer*, the company founder, was the engineer who 'walked the property' of our current location to determine its viability for building a new church and his company saw the project through to completion. Saginaw First is blessed to have Edna's special memories as part of our 175th Anniversary.

**You'll learn more about Clifford Spicer soon!*