

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation devoted to loving the whole city and loving the city whole!
February 1, 2026 - 10:00am - Fifth Sunday in Epiphany

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: “*Beach Spring Reflection*”

by B.F. White; 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 #581: “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”**

- 1) Lord, whose love in humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Offered mercy's perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to your purpose
Every gift that you impart.
- 2) Still your children wander homeless;
Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom;
Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love your Spirit kindles
Still to save and make us whole.
- 3) As we worship, grant us vision,
Till your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving,
Your abundant life to share.
- 4) Called by worship to your service,
Forth in your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged,
Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, good will and comfort,
Counsel, aid and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord, in freedom
May your mercy know and live.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***A Responsive Prayer of Confession and Pardon**

(adapted from <https://thepastorsworkshop.com>)

One: Holy God, you have chosen us for a purpose – that we might bear lasting fruit for
Your Kingdom.

All: You call us do justice and love kindness and walk humbly with you, O God.

One: When we are self-focused and fail to see beyond our needs and our church walls,

All: Lord, have mercy.

One: When our eyes become so fixed on priorities of our own making, that we fail to
look for Jesus in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the sick and the imprisoned,

All: Christ, have mercy.

One: When we praise You with our lips yet fail to reach out to others with acts of loving and caring, justice and mercy,

All: Lord, have mercy. Forgive us, and free us for joyful obedience to your call.

One: Friends, the love of God revealed in Jesus forgives us, heals us, and sets us free from sin. By the grace of God, we are forgiven and empowered to be light in the world.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

***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 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 giving thanks to God for all our blessings.*

Use the QR code to the right or give online here:

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



The Offertory: “Take Up Thy Cross”

by W. Gardiner; arr. Robert A. Hobby

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: Gracious God, accept these gifts we bring—not as bargaining chips, but as signs of our desire to follow you. Use them and us to do justice, show kindness, and walk humbly in your ways, in Christ’s holy name. Amen.

Special Music: “The Prayer”

by Carol Bayer Sager & David Foster

Kathy Jimenez & Bryan Latimer

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:

Micah 6:1-8

Pew Bible O.T. pg. 816

¹ Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ² Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³ “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

⁶ “With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” ⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

Response to the Word

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Mission Reflection:

From our youth and adults who attended Cass U.M.C. Social Service over the MLK weekend on January 17-19, 2026: Ethan Hagerl, Cari Hagerl, Lexi Sharro, Pastor Amy Terhune

* Hymn of Preparation UMH #614: “For the Bread Which You Have Broken” (vs. 1 & 4)

1) For the bread which you have broken, For the wine which you have poured, For the words which you have spoken, Now we give you thanks, O Lord.	4) In your service, Lord, defend us, In our hearts keep watch and ward; In the world where you have sent us, Let your kingdom come, O Lord.
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The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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.

You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

In the fullness of time, you gave your only son Jesus Christ to be our Savior.
At his birth the angles sang glory to you in the highest heaven,
and peace to your people on earth.

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 He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!**

One: Holy are you, and blessed is your son, Jesus Christ,
in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation
You sent Jesus to be light to the nations, and he likewise calls us to reflect his light,
to be like a city on a hill which cannot be hid –
a place of welcome, refuge, and justice for all people.
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 us gathered here.
and on each person within reach of my voice.
Bless our offerings 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.
By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, 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.

*Those who worship with us in person this morning are invited to come forward via the center aisle,
take a piece of bread and a dip it into the chalice and partake. Gluten free wafers are available.
Then return to your seats via the side aisles.*

If you’re unable to come forward, please raise your hand and communion will be brought to you.

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 for Communion: "Here I Am, Lord" by Daniel Schutte; arr. Marianne Kim

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn FWS #2268: "As We Gather At Your Table**

- 1) As we gather at your table,
As we listen to your word,
Help us know, O God, your presence;
Let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
Till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet
How to make love's victory known.
- 2) Turn our worship into witness
In the sacrament of life;
Send us forth to love and serve you,
Bringing peace where there is strife.

Give us, Christ, your great compassion
To forgive as you forgave;
May we still behold your image
In the world you died to save.

- 3) Gracious Spirit, help us summon
Other guests to share that feast,
Where triumphant love will welcome
Those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us ,
Nor will pride our peace destroy,
As we join with saints and angels
To repeat the sounding joy.

***Benediction:**

One: Beloved, go from this place carrying the blessing of the light, to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God. And may the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit be yours.

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

*** Postlude: Fanfare on "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"**

by Aaron Williams; arr. Phil Lehenbauer



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Judy O'Dell / Greeters: Bonnie Dole, Bill Johnson / Ushers: Bill Cowdry, Bill Johnson Jr, Dave O'Dell, Angie Smith / Welcome Desk: Robin Schwellenbach / Coffee Hour: Xenny, Bill, Keeli Johnson / Sound System: Izzy Terhune

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>.

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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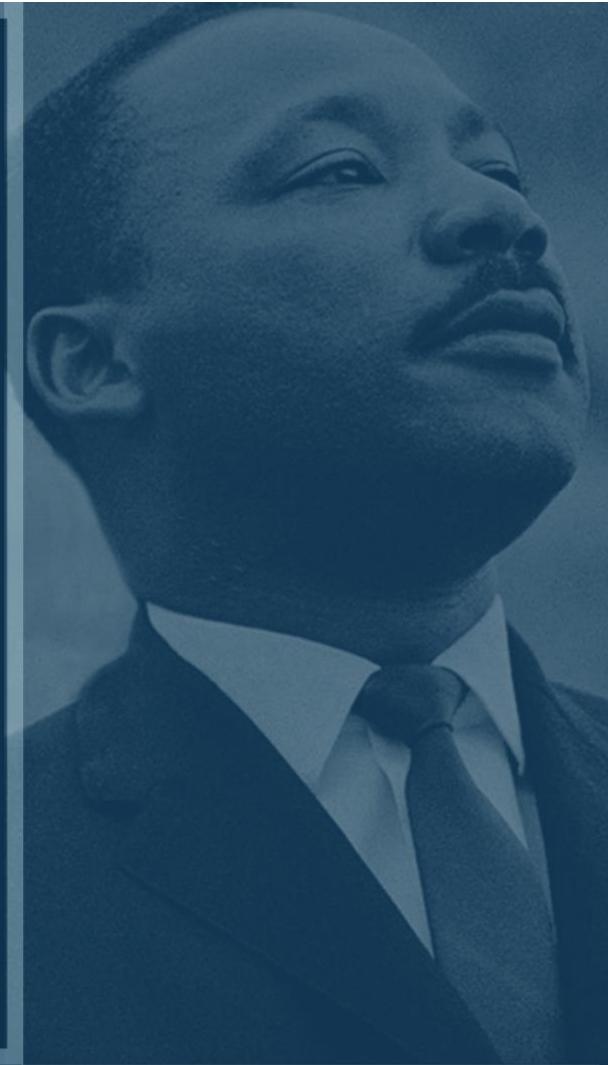
**THE POWER OF LOVE:
WHAT JUSTICE DEMANDS**

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



New 2026 Lenten Schedule

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR SCHEDULE FOR SPECIAL LENTEN SERVICES IS CHANGING THIS YEAR AS WE FORGE NEW PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHER UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES IN THE AREA.

For EACH SERVICE, a choir made up of members from all three churches will gather to rehearse beforehand at the designated location at 6:00pm.

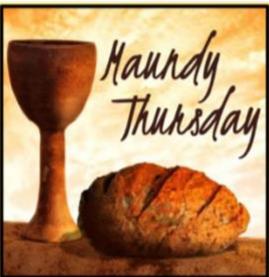
ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

at Freeland U.M.C. – 205 E Washington Rd, Freeland 48623

7:00pm – Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Rev. Kenny Walkup, Preaching

Note: There will be drive-thru ashes available here at First UMC from 11:30am-1:00pm



MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

at Four Points U.M.C. – 9265 Geddes Rd, Saginaw 48609

7:00pm – Thursday, April 2, 2026

Rev. Amy Terhune, Preaching

Note: This service will include foot (or hand) washing and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

at Saginaw First U.M.C. – 4790 Gratiot Rd. Saginaw 48638

7:00pm – Friday, April 3, 2026

Rev. Ernesto Mariona, Preaching

Note: We will NOT be doing a noon service or providing lunches this year.





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: _____