

# First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation devoted to loving the whole city and loving the city whole!  
February 15, 2026 - 10:00am - Transfiguration Sunday

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

**Prelude:** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wisse”

Welsh Folk Melody; arr. Michael Burkhardt

**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 FWS #2103:** “We Have Come At Christ’s Own Bidding”

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| 1) We have come at Christ’s own bidding<br>to this high and holy place,<br>Where we wait with hope and longing<br>for some token of God’s grace.<br>Here we pray for new assurance<br>that our faith is not in vain,<br>Searching like those first disciples<br>for a sign both clear and plain. | Eyes and hearts behold with wonder<br>how the Law and Prophets meet:<br>Christ with garments drenched in brightness<br>stands transfigured and complete.  |
| 2) Light breaks thru our clouds & shadows,<br>splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word,<br>Moses and Elijah marvel<br>as the heavenly voice is heard.   | 3) Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,<br>fearful lest our faith decline,<br>We like Peter, find it tempting<br>to remain and build a shrine.<br>But true worship gives us courage<br>to proclaim what we profess,<br>That our daily lives may prove us<br>people of the God we bless. |

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

**\*The Call to Worship**

(adapted Dr. Lisa Hancock, <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org>)

One: On this Transfiguration Sunday, we gather on the mountaintop with Jesus,  
wondering what we will encounter.

**All: We come to encounter God’s glory revealed.**

One: We witness the revelation of Christ’s divinity made plain before us.

**All: We come to witness God’s glory revealed.**

One: We remember that God’s glory is not about show or spectacle. Rather, God’s  
glory is truth – it is Love made real among us.

**All: We come to remember God’s glory revealed.**

One: We follow Jesus down from the mountaintop into the valleys of service and  
hardship, as God’s glory goes before us and behind us.

**All: We come to be empowered by God’s glory revealed, that we may leave this  
place to share that glory is love and service. 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 UMH #349:** “*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*”

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.*

**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:** “*Majesty*”

*by Jack Hayford; arr. Bruce Greer*

**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:** Glorious God, who reveals the light of your presence, we bring these gifts as a testament to your transforming power. Jesus was transfigured before his disciples; transform us to reflect your love and grace. Use these offerings to shine your light in the world, bringing hope and healing. In the name of your beloved Son, we pray. Amen.

**Choral Anthem:** “*Shine, Jesus, Shine*”

*by Graham Kendrick*

**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:

## Matthew 17:1-9

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 17-18

<sup>1</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” <sup>8</sup> And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

## Response to the Word

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## The Sermon

# OVERCOME BY FEAR

*Rev. Amy Terhune*

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

**\*Closing Hymn W&S #3043:** *“You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd”* Tune: Picardy (UMH #626)

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| 1) You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.<br>You, Lord, are both prince and slave.<br>You, peacemaker and sword-bringer<br>Of the way you took and gave.<br>You the everlasting instant;<br>You, whom we both scorn and crave. | 3) You, who walk each day beside us,<br>Sit in power at God’s side.<br>You, who preach the way that’s narrow,<br>Have a love that reaches wide.<br>You, the everlasting instant;<br>You, who are our pilgrim guide. |
| 2) Clothed in light upon the mountain,<br>Stripped of might upon the cross,<br>Shining in eternal glory,<br>Beggared by a soldier’s toss,<br>You, the everlasting instant;<br>You, who are both gift and cost.                 | 4) Worthy is our earthly Jesus!<br>Worthy is our cosmic Christ!<br>Worthy your defeat and victory.<br>Worthy still your peace and strife.<br>You, the everlasting instant;<br>You, who are our death and life.      |

### **\*Benediction:**

**One:** Beloved, inspired by what happens on the mountain, we cannot stay there. Go forth and return to daily life, transformed and renewed, called to reflect Christ’s light and glory to all in need, and rest assured, you do not go forth alone, but God goes with you – Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

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

**\* Postlude:** *“Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies”*

*by J.G. Werner; arr. M.J. Montague*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:** Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Cal Mott / Greeters: Stacy Sharrow / Ushers: Tom Kraynak, Bill Draper, Carla Piazza-Wistehuff, Andy Sharrow / Welcome Desk: Jill Spaulding / Coffee Hour: Jacque Kurtz / 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:** Jane MacQueen (Covenant), Wayne Henney (now at Great Lakes Rehab)

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTER** given in gratitude for Jesus' call to love God and Neighbor.

**THIRD SUNDAY MISSION OFFERING TODAY** goes to United Methodist Global Ministries which supports programs in over 80 countries and enables God's mission around the world as needed.

**KIDS CLUB TODAY** from 11:30am-1:00pm for youngsters who are potty trained through elementary school. Activities today include lunch, cooking project, games, crafts, and \*\*\*NEW\*\*\* music!!

**YOUTH MISSION TRIP MEETING TODAY** following worship in the parlor for 20 minutes for all teens/adults interested in going on the Youth Mission Trip. Must be age 12 by June 1 to participate.

**PFLAG** (parents/friends of lesbians/gays) meets here today at 2:00pm.

**TALENT SHOW TONIGHT!!** – Broadway lights are coming to First UMC!! The Annual Talent Show is TONIGHT at 6:00pm. Come on out and join the fun! Sing-a-long included. Thank you!

**REBECCA CIRCLE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** meeting Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 11:00am. Speaker is Christina Licht, president of Sleep in Heavenly Peace, which exists to ensure no child sleeps on the floor by providing beds and accessories here in Saginaw. There are over 400 children on the waiting list. The group is collecting twin-size mattress protectors, pillows and twin-size sheets. If you can help, please drop these off at the church by 11am on 2/17. Volunteer opportunities will be highlighted at the meeting.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** meetings Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 7:15pm via Zoom.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING** – Sunday, March 1 following worship. All Adults willing to help, please plan to stay 30-45 minutes to begin to make some plans.

**HELP NEEDED** – the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan will deliver our next pallets of food for children's weekend backpacks on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Sign up online to help out with:

- a) People to meet the truck between 10am-11am, help organize the food, and 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, continuing Tues. March 10. On the Menu in March: Chili Night! Sign up to donate food and help with clean-up at the Welcome Desk

**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**

Instagram: **saginawfume**



## Our church. Our story.



**Rita Taylor**  
**Joined First U.M.C. in February 1960**  
**Celebrating 66 years of membership.**

**Rita Taylor** was raised in the Auburn United Methodist Church. She and her late husband, Jerry, were married at her parents' home. At the time, Rita had a good office job at the former Seitner's Department Store in downtown Saginaw. But duty called, Jerry entered the Army and off they went to Columbus, GA. While there, they often worshipped at the Methodist Church across the street from their apartment. As Jerry's time of service was winding down, Rita received a telegram from the folks at Seitner's wondering when she was coming back. So, after leaving Georgia they returned to Saginaw, and soon after decided it was time to settle down and start a family. They also started 'church shopping.' In 1960 they visited First Methodist Church, liked it and stayed. Rita recalls the many activities and social groups that were available at that time, as well as lots of people their age. Current member, Edna Blaisdell, and former First United members, Marilyn and Rudy Neuendorf (now in Florida), became long-time friends. Both Rita and Jerry were on the church bowling team for many years. Jerry served as an usher for more than 60 years and participated in the Men's Club. Rita became involved with United Methodist Women that has evolved into Rebecca Fellowship. Both of them were very active with the church rummage sales, the Harvest dinners, and helping with the annual pasty sale. Rita served as a Sunday school teacher and was a regular volunteer with the former Food Pantry at St. Peter & Paul Church. And for years she assembled holiday food baskets for First U.M.C. members in need. Jerry passed away in 2025. When she reflects on her 66 years of membership, Rita is most grateful for all the friends who have shared the journey. As she put it, 'I have some alive and a lot of them have moved; and some are waiting up in heaven. The church has been good to me.'



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

*Prayer Breakfast*

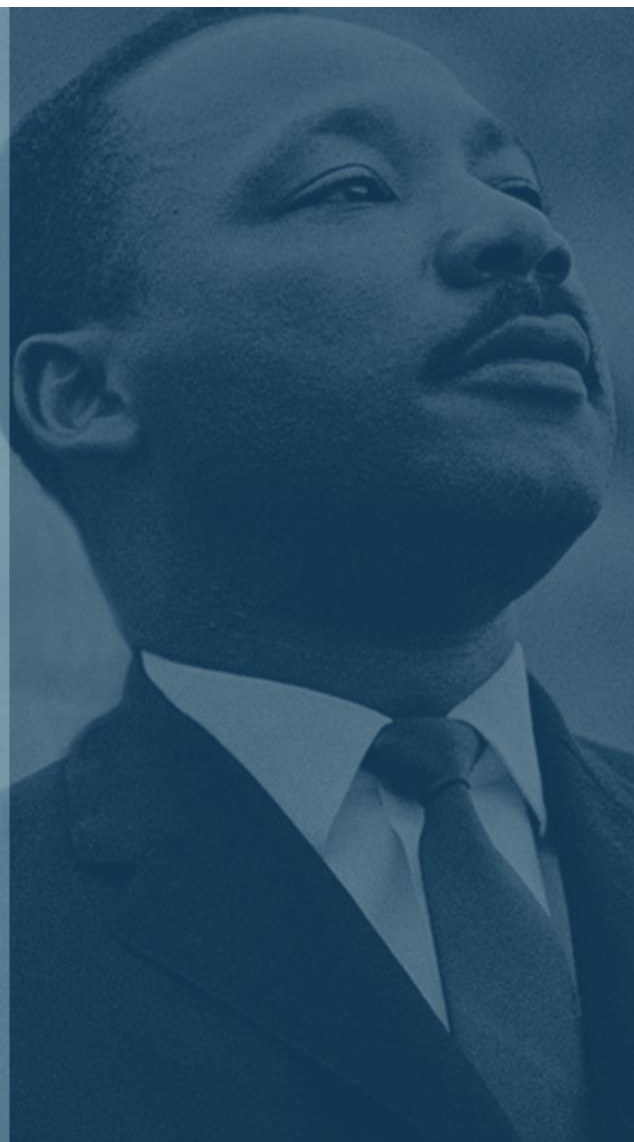
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**THE POWER OF LOVE:  
WHAT JUSTICE DEMANDS**

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

**HORIZONS EVENT CENTER**

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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.**

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# Saginaw First United Methodist Church 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 Road, Freeland 48623

7:00pm – Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Rev. Kenny Walkup, Preaching

Note: There will be drive-thru ashes available under the portico here at First UMC from 12:00-1:00pm

## SIX WEEK LENTEN BOOK STUDY

**"Restored" by Tom Berlin**

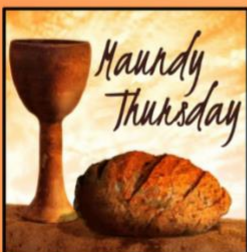
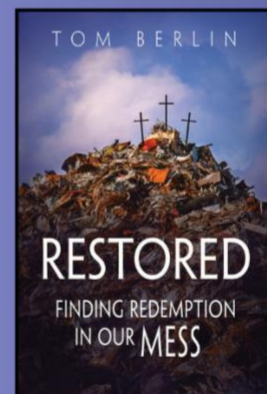
*Restored* helps us see our mess through the eyes of Christ. Using Scripture, and the writings of Ignatius of Loyola, John of the Cross, St. Augustine, John Wesley, Evelyn Underhill, and others, Berlin encourages reflection and meditation through our own brokenness. Only then can we focus on the cross as the place where we truly surrender control, leave our mess, and find redemption.

IN-PERSON on Tuesdays from 6:00-7:00pm:

2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, & 3/31

ONLINE on Wednesdays from 5:45-6:45pm on 2/25 & 3/25

and from 7:30-8:30pm on 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, & 4/1



## MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

at Four Points U.M.C. – 9265 Geddes Road, 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 Road, 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.

