

# First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation devoted to loving the whole city and loving the city whole!  
March 8, 2026 - 10:00am - Third Sunday in Lent

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

**Prelude:** “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

by J.S. Bach

**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 #340:** “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

1) Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you,  
Full of pity, love, and power.

And true repentance, every grace  
That brings you nigh. [Refrain]

3) Come ye weary, heavy laden,  
Lost and ruined by the fall;  
If you tarry till you’re better,  
You will never come at all. [Refrain]

Refrain: I will arise and go to Jesus;  
He will embrace me with his arms;  
In the arms of my dear Savior,  
O, there are ten thousand charms.

2) Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,  
God’s free bounty glorify; true belief

4) Let not conscience make you linger,  
Nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness he requireth  
Is to feel your need of him. [Refrain]

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

**The Unison Prayer of Confession:**

**Lord of All, we confess that like pavement on a sweltering day, we get heated by everything that beats upon us – pressures, needs, fears, worries, expectations, and guilt. We lash out. We draw inward. We double down. We give up. We thirst for what we cannot supply for ourselves by dripping sweat or flowing tears. We are dry. Forgive us our stubborn refusal to admit our need for you. Give your living water to the deepest, driest wells of our souls, that like streams that cause the desert to bloom, we may be refreshed and renewed by your grace, through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**The Words of Assurance**

**One:** Beloved, hear the good news: In love for us, God forgives our sins and cleanses us of all that corrupts, and it is God who welcomes all of us to come partake of the living water that revives our souls and gushes up within to eternal life.

**All:** Thanks be to God for the cleansing, refreshing, life-giving water of grace!

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

**Prayer Chorus TFWS #2132: “You Who Are Thirsty”** *(Ignore repeats in the music)*

*You who are thirsty, come to the well and drink from waters flowing;*

*You who are hungry, come to the bread and eat of his holiness;*

*You who are tired find rest, you who are weak find strength*

*You who are thirsty come to the well and drink.*

*He will freely feed all of them who are weak.*

*He will quench the righteous thirst of all who humbly seek.*

**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.*

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



**The Offertory:** *“As the Deer Panteth for the Water”*

*by Martin Nyström; arr. Larry Dalton*

**\*The Doxology**

**Praise God throughout these forty days;  
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise;  
And praise the Spirit who imparts  
God’s grace and love to human hearts. Amen.**

*Tune: UMH #95  
(old 100<sup>th</sup>)*

**\*The Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving:** **God, our provider, in Christ you give us a spring of pure water that overflows to eternal life. Your love and hope fill our hearts, so we want to worship you in Spirit and truth. Open our eyes to see the places in this neighborhood where our church’s ministries could reach new people. Direct our gifts and offerings for your purposes, that all may know your living water. Amen.**

**Choral Anthem:** *“Hem of Your Robe”*

*w/m by Pepper Choplin*

**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:**

John 4:5-29

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 89

<sup>5</sup> Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” <sup>8</sup> For his disciples had gone to the city to buy food. <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans. <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring gushing up to eternal life.” <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’ <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. So what you say is true!” <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming”. “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” <sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” <sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup> “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! Could he possibly be the Messiah?”

**Response to the Word**

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**The Sermon**

INTO THE HEAT

*Rev. Amy Terhune*

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

**\*Closing Hymn W&S #3093:** *“Fill My Cup, Lord” (for music, see attached last page)*

1) Like the woman at the well,  
I was seeking  
For things that could not satisfy.  
And then I heard my Savior speaking:  
“Draw from my well  
that never shall run dry.”

2) There are millions in this world  
who are craving  
The pleasures earthly things afford.  
But none can match  
the wondrous treasure  
That I find in Jesus Christ my Lord.

Refrain: Fill my cup, Lord; I lift it up Lord;  
Come and quench this thirsting  
of my soul.  
Bread of Heaven,  
feed me till I want no more.  
Fill my cup, fill it up  
and make me whole.

3) So, my neighbor, if the things  
this world gave you  
Leave hungers that won't pass away,  
My blessed Lord will come and save you,  
If you kneel to him and humbly pray:

**\*Benediction:** *(by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Director of Worship Arts, <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/>)*

**One:** Beloved, as you leave today, may you be blessed with thirst that produces compassion, with living waters that restore your soul, and with a heart flowing with the healing waters that our parched world desperately needs.

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

**\* Postlude:** *“There Is a Fountain”*

*Early American Melody; arr. Raymond H. Haan*



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# Our church. Our story.

## *Celebrating 175 Years in Ministry.*

### **History Article #3: 1946-1958**

After the war years, everyone just wanted life to get back to normal. In 1946, our new minister, Don Morris, helped us make that turn. Our attendance grew. Sunday school increased by a third. Each year we held a mother-daughter banquet. At Christmas, carolers serenaded at the county hospital. And in 1948 we acquired a new parsonage on Cass St.

There was more to come. Big upgrades were made to the building including a new roof, new chimes in the tower, new interior lighting, a new choir room, and a new Baldwin electronic organ, all in anticipation of our Centennial Celebration in 1951.

That Celebration was a grand affair, with events each day from Oct. 7th to the 14th. A 32-page Centennial booklet listed 9 people who had been members for 50 or more years, including Mary McBratnie who had been a member for 69 years. [Seven years later she took part in the groundbreaking for the new church. In 1963 she was listed as an “at home” member]. Also, Cliff Spicer, who joined our church in 1935, had become a Trustee. (You may recall from our first member interview, that Cliff was the father of our oldest and longest member, Edna Spicer Blaisdell). Cliff would appear many more times in the future as a moving force in our congregation.

The booklet ended with this message: “As we watch the growth of Saginaw with all our new schools, pure water supply from Lake Huron and the many more improvements, industries, etc., we realize that as Saginaw grows, God will use First Methodist Church to bring many souls to Christ and further the works of his Kingdom”. The church seemed thoroughly settled in. But it only seemed that way.

From time-to-time questions had been raised about moving to a new location. In 1954 Knute Savareid became our new minister. In his memoirs, he said this about his arrival in Saginaw: “They had just celebrated the Centennial and spent \$42,000 renovating the sanctuary. It was no pleasure to come there and tell the congregation that they had only oiled up the machinery for more of the same stewardship giving: for they needed to relocate and build a new church if they were to keep their identity and properly serve the present age”.

After years of discussion, it was decision time. The building was outdated for a growing congregation, with high maintenance costs and inadequate parking. Young families were moving out of the city. Finally, zoning laws would have required 15 new parking spaces for any addition to the building – an impossibility since no land was available for that. At a special meeting on Nov. 25, 1956, members voted 182-22 to sell the church property to Saginaw County and build a new church on a 10-acre site far out in the country on Gratiot Road. Members continued to meet in the old church while the new church was being constructed. The decommissioning service on October 26, 1958, closed 104 years of Methodist presence on South Michigan Avenue.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!!** Liturgist: Stacy Sharrow / Greeters: Jackie Moore, Judy Gerken / Ushers: Keith Courier, Bonnie Arnst, Marc Cesere, Kathy Winkowski / Welcome Desk: Jill Spaulding / Coffee Hour: ??? / Sound System: Angie Smith / Counters: Bonnie Arnst, Marc Cesere / Nursery: Karissa Schultz

**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, 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, Israel/Gaza, and Iran.

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:** Tom Myers, Wayne Henney (now at Great Lakes Rehab)

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

**THE ALL CHURCH BREAKFAST** meets next Sunday, March 15 at 8:30am. All are Welcome. Suggested donation is \$5 per person.

**KIDS CLUB** will meet next Sunday, March 15 from 11:30am-1:00pm for all kids age 3 and up!

**NURTURE & PROGRAM COMMITTEE** meetings Monday, March 16 at 6pm and 7pm respectively. **FINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting Tuesday, March 17 at 7:15pm following Lenten Book Study.

**REBECCA FELLOWSHIP** meets next Tuesday, March 17 at 11:00am.

**SING WITH THE CHOIR THIS EASTER** – even if you can't commit all the time. Join rehearsals on Thursday evenings in March at 7:15pm.

**HELP NEEDED** – the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan will deliver our next pallets of food for children's weekend backpacks on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Call the office 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

**CONSIDERING MATTHEW SHEPARD** – On Thursday, March 12, 7:00 pm, in the sanctuary of John's Episcopal Church, Saginaw Choral Society will present Craig Hella Johnson's profoundly moving work, *Considering Matthew Shepard*.

Please join us beforehand for a hospitality gathering at 6pm in the Gissendanner Hall, followed by the concert at 7pm in the sanctuary. "Light over death, love over hate, light over darkness."

Tickets are \$25 at [www.saginawchoralsociety.ludus.com](http://www.saginawchoralsociety.ludus.com) or (989) 753-1812.

**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!*

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# Saginaw Choral Society

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Even in our darkest moments,  
light can shine through.

Craig Hella Johnson's

# Considering Matthew Shepard

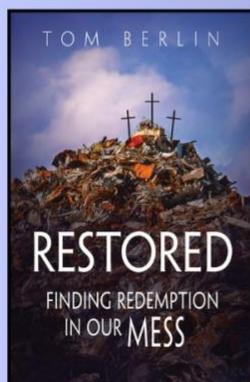
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# Saginaw First United Methodist Church 2026 Lenten Schedule

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.



## 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

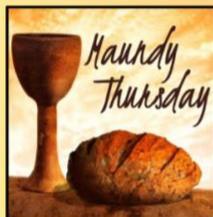
ONLINE on Wednesdays from 5:45-6:45pm on 2/25 & 3/25

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



## PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP

Here at First United Methodist Church  
10:00am – Sunday, March 29, 2026  
Rev. Amy Terhune, Preaching  
Communion and Procession of the Palms



## 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: Worship 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.

## *Lenten Sermon Series: Deep Into Jesus*

2/22 – Into the Wilderness  
(Matthew 4:1-11)

3/1 – Into the Night  
(John 3:1-17)

3/8 – Into the Heat  
(John 4:1-30, 39-42)

3/15 – Into the Light  
(John 9:1-41)

3/22 – Into the Open  
(John 11:1-44)

3/29 – Into the Mêlée  
(John 12:12-19)

GF 4/3 – Into the Tomb  
(John 19:16-22, 28-42)

4/5 – Into A New Dawn  
(EASTER – John 20:1-19)

# Fill My Cup, Lord

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Ab Ab Eb7 Eb7

1. Like the wom-an at the well I was seek-ing for things that could not sat-is-  
 2. There are mil-lions in this world who are crav-ing the pleas-ure earth-ly things af-  
 3. So, my neigh-bor, if the things this world gave you leave hun-gers that won't pass a-

4 Ab Ab Ab7 Db

fy; and then I heard my Sav-ior speak-ing: "Draw from my  
 ford; but none can match the won-drous treas-ure that I  
 way, my bless-ed Lord will come and save you, if you

7 Eb7 Ab Refrain Ab

well that nev-er shall run dry."  
 find in Je-sus Christ my Lord. Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it  
 kneel to him and hum-bly pray:

10 Eb7/Bb Eb7 Eb7 Ab

up, Lord! Come and quench this thirst-ing of my soul; bread of

13 Ab Ab7 Bbm7 Eb7 Ab

heav-en, feed me 'til I want no more — fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!

## Congregation: Parts

\*The refrain in the key of Bb may be found in The United Methodist Hymnal, 641.

WORDS: Richard Blanchard  
 MUSIC: Richard Blanchard

FILL MY CUP  
 Irr. with Refrain