

First United Methodist Church

*Welcome! We are a Congregation devoted to loving the whole city and loving the city whole!
May 10, 2026 - 10:00am - Easter VI / Mother's Day*

UMC Mission Statement: The United Methodist Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

UMC Vision Statement: The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: *"Take Up Thy Cross"*

by W. Gardiner; arr. Robert A. Hobby

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 #111:** *"How Can We Name A Love?"*

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| 1) How can we name a Love
That wakens heart and mind,
Indwelling all we know
Or think or do or seek or find?
Within our daily world,
In every human face,
Love's echoes sound & God is found
Hid in the commonplace. | 3) When people share a task,
And strength and skills unite
In projects old or new, to make or do
With shared delight,
Our Friend and Partner's will
Is better understood,
That all should share, create, and care,
And know that life is good. |
| 2) If we awoke to life
Built on a rock of care
That asked no great reward but firm,
Assured, was simply there,
We can, with parents' names,
Describe, and thus adore,
Love unconfined, a father kind,
A mother strong and sure. | 4) So in a hundred names,
Each day we all can meet
A presence, sensed and shown at work,
At home, or in the street.
Yet every name we see,
Shines in a brighter sun:
In Christ alone is Love full grown
And life and hope begun. |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*The Call to Worship

(adapted from Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, January 2026.)

One: Family of God, on our journey of faith, we are not alone—God is with us!

All: Because God is with us, we can love boldly.

One: God is with us, and God joins us with one another as the Body of Christ.

All: Because God draws us together, we can serve joyfully.

One: With God, we work for the flourishing of all creation – community, neighbor, and self.

All: Because God holds us together, we can lead courageously.

One: Family of God, on this journey of faith, we are not alone—God is with us!

All: We come to worship God by boldly loving, joyfully serving, and courageously leading, that we may be disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world. Amen.

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

*Prayer Chorus FWS #2233: “Where Children Belong”

*This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer and song; this is where children belong.*

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

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Enjoy the musical selection giving thanks to God for all our blessings.*

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The Offertory: “He Leadeth Me”

by William B. Bradbury; arr. Marianne Kim

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: Faithful God, you are our strength and our guide in seasons of uncertainty. You promise never to leave us nor forsake us, and in that promise, we find courage. As your church found strength by your Spirit to lead courageously in discerning the way forward, so we bring these gifts, offering not only what is in our hands, but also what is in our hearts. Use them, and us, to build your kingdom with justice and grace, leading courageously in your name. Amen

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 23

Pew Bible O.T. pg. 474-475

¹The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Choral Anthem: *"I Will Follow"*

M – Southern Harmony; W – David N. Davenport; arr. Douglas E. Wagner

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: Acts 15:1-11

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 126

¹Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." ²And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders. ³So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the gentiles and brought great joy to all the brothers and sisters. ⁴When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. ⁵But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, "It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses." ⁶The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter. ⁷After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers. ⁸And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us, ⁹and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us. ¹⁰Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? ¹¹On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will."

Response to the Word

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

All: Thanks be to God!

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

*Opening Hymn FWS #2238: "In the Midst of New Dimensions"

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| 1) In the midst of new dimensions,
In the face of changing ways.
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples
Wandering in their separate ways? | 3) As we stand a world divided
By our own self-seeking schemes,
Grant that we, your global village
Might envision wider dreams. [Refrain] |
| Refrain: God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
Leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey
Now and ever, now and ever,
Now and evermore. | 4) We are men and we are women,
All persuasions, old and young,
Each a gift in your creation,
Each a love song to be sung. [Refrain] |
| 2) Through the flood of starving people,
Warring factions and despair,
Who will lift the olive branches?
Who will light the flame of care? [Refrain] | 5) Should the threats of dire predictions
Cause us to withdraw in pain,
May your blazing phoenix spirit,
Resurrect the church again. [Refrain] |

*Benediction:

(adapted from Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, January 2026.)

One: Beloved, may God bless you with the wisdom to notice the needs of your neighbors, the inspiration to know how to act, and the courage to lead the way in working for justice and flourishing for all God's creation.

All: **We go in peace to love and serve the Lord and all God's creation, making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

* Postlude: "The Voice of God is Calling"

by William Lloyd; arr. Gilbert Martin

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Ethan Hagerl / Greeters: Judy Gerkin and Jackie Moore / Ushers: Keith Courier, Bonnie Arnst, Marc Cesere and Nic Courier / Welcome Center: Karen Constan / Coffee Hour: NEEDED / Sound Board: Angie Smith / Nursery: Karissa Schultz / Counters: Bonnie Arnst and Marc Cesere

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: Marilyn Ashmall, Bernie Buggia, Jane Burgess, Myrna Cammin, Sue Cooper, Lisa DeVos, Bonnie Dole, Esther Cavendish Fisher, Wayne & Phyllis Henney (Wayne is now at Wellspring Assisted Living), Marion Hoffman, Bill Johnson, Erlene Kimber, ZoAnn Kraynak, Barb Kropp, Mark Leffler, Jane MacQueen, Bonnie Markley, Kay Mertz, Trinity & Audri Miller, Merlyn Mondol, Bob Mueller, Madge Richmond, Eugenia Shek, Noreen Southgate, Rita Taylor, Dave Tolley, and Dorothy Woods. Also, please pray for UMCOR, and for peace in Ukraine/Russia, Israel/Gaza, and Iran.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Merlyn Mondol (now back at Wellspring Assisted Living on hospice)

FLOWERS ON THE PULPIT today given to the glory of God in honor of the church's mission & ministry.

CHILDRENS CHOIR meets NEXT Sunday, May 17 from 11:15-noon and May 31 from 11:15-noon.

KID'S CLUB meets NEXT Sunday after Children's Choir until 1pm.

YOUTH OUTING – this Friday Night, May 15 – swimming at Bavarian Inn Water Park. Meet at the Lodge at 4pm. Younger siblings can stay until 7:30pm.

2026 SPRING SOCIAL ISSUE BOOK STUDY - "The Cross and the Lynching Tree" by James H. Cone has become a landmark in the conversation about race and religion in America. The Spring Social Issue Book Study is FIVE weeks. Books available at the Welcome Desk or in the office for \$15. Class meets in person on Tuesdays from 6:00-7:00pm: 4/28, 5/5, 5/12, 5/19, 5/26
Class meets online on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30pm: 4/29, 5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 5/27

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, continuing Tues. May 12. On the Menu in May: pulled pork and baked beans! Sign up to donate food and help clean-up at the Welcome Desk.

ALL CHURCH BREAKFAST next Sunday, May 17 at 8:30am. Speaker is Cherie Long from Heart of the City, who will be locating in the vision wing in September. Suggested donation \$5 per person.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – continues to meet monthly on the 2nd Monday at 2:00pm in the parlor to share, bless, and pray over prayer shawls, blankets, and other ministry gifts, much of which is done at home. We have good teachers willing to teach anyone interested in the craft of knitting or crochet. New members are always welcome to join our group of devoted sewers.

HELP NEEDED – the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan will deliver pallets of food for children's weekend backpacks for the last time this school-year in mid-May. 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.
- c) Sign up online to help out: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-44603782-backpack>.

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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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Parents, Families, and Friends
of LGBTQ+ People

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Annual Chocolate Party

Sponsored by:  Delta College

Wednesday, June 17, 2026
6:00 - 8:00 PM

Andersen Enrichment Center
120 Ezra Rust Drive, Saginaw

Come enjoy delectable baked goods, appetizers, and drinks.

Tickets are \$25 per person and are available on our website at pflagglb.com or by scanning the QR code below. You can also purchase tickets directly from Pastor Amy or other board members. Tickets will also be available at the door.



Since the 1990s, this annual event has raised vital funds to support our chapter's programs and services.