

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation devoted to loving the whole city and loving the city whole!
June 7, 2026 - 10:00am - 3rd Sunday in Pentecost

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Come, Ye Disconsolate"

by S. Webb; arr. Raymond H. Haan

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
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Please fill out yellow prayer card to share joys/concerns.

* Please stand if you are able.

***Opening Hymn FWS #2213: "Healer of Our Every Ill"**

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| Refrain: Healer of our every ill,
Light of each tomorrow,
Give us peace beyond our fear,
And hope beyond our sorrow. | Give us all your vision, God of love.
[Refrain] |
| 1) You who know our fears and sadness,
Grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.
[Refrain] | 3) Give us strength to love each other,
Every sister, every brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.
[Refrain] |
| 2) In the pain and joy beholding
How your grace is still unfolding, | 4) You who know each thought and feeling,
Teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.
[Refrain] |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***The Call to Worship**

(adapted from "An Invitation to All", <https://re-worship.blogspot.com>.)

One: Come and worship, all you who love and serve the Lord!

All: Outsiders and insiders, old-timers and new-comers, the young, old and the in-between. All are welcome!

One: Come as you are. God's table is for all!

All: Come as you are, but look to be made new by the breath of the Spirit

One: For this is God's house—a house of prayer for all people,

All: And God welcomes each one who comes.

One: And this is God's table—a fountain of new life for all people,

All: God nourishes with grace and presence each one who comes! Give thanks to the Lord and bless God's Holy Name!

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

***Prayer Chorus FWS #2064:** *“O Lord, You’re Beautiful”*

*O Lord, you’re beautiful, your face is all I seek;
And when your eyes are on this child, your grace abounds to me.
O Lord, you’re wonderful, your touch is all I need;
And when your hand is on this child, your healing I receive.*

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.**

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The Offertory: *Reflection on “O Christ the Healer”*

Geistliche Lieder, 1543; arr. Phil Lehenbauer

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: **Compassionate God, you call unlikely people and meet us in our most desperate need. Like Matthew, we are invited despite our imperfections; like the woman and the grieving father, we are seen and restored by your mercy. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude. Use them to bring healing, hope, and new life to your people. In the name of the One who makes us whole, we pray. 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.*

Recognizing our Graduates

Please See Attached Back Page

Chorus for Graduates FWS #2281 – *“May You Run and Not Be Weary”*

*May you run and not be weary; may your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary; may your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home!*

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Pew Bible, N.T. pg. 8-9

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. ¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when Jesus heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners" ... ¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly, a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread through all of that district.

Response to the Word

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: FRIENDS IN LOW PLACES

Pastor Amy Terhune

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

U.M. Hymnal pg. 17, Musical Setting A

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.
In the beginning, your Spirit moved over the face of the waters.
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.
Your Spirit came upon prophets and teachers, anointing them to speak your word.
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 the One who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!**

One: Holy are you, and blessed is your son, Jesus Christ,
At his baptism in the Jordan, your Spirit descended upon him
and declared him your beloved Son.
Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,
To proclaim release to the captive and recovering of sight to the blind;
To set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce
that the time had come when you would save your people.
When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,
baptizing us with the Holy Spirit and with fire, as on the Day of Pentecost.
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: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them 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, dip it into the chalice, and partake of the Sacrament. Return to your seats via the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward, servers will bring communion to you after those coming forward have been served.

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 During Communion: "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" by Joseph Parry; arr. Marianne Kim

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn UMH #632: "Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether"**

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| 1) Draw us in the Spirit's tether,
For when humbly in thy name,
Two or three are met together,
Thou art in the midst of them;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Touch we now thy garment's hem. | Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia, alleluia!
So now bind our friendship up. |
| 2) As disciples used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father | 3) All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of thee,
That by caring, helping, giving,
We may true disciples be.
Alleluia, alleluia!
We will serve thee faithfully. |

***Benediction:** *(adapted from Moira Laidlaw; <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/06/benediction-healing-touch.html>.)*

One: Beloved, go forth to serve, confident in the knowledge of God's steadfast love for you, assured of the healing touch of Jesus upon you and emboldened by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit within you.

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

*** Postlude: "Fix Me, Jesus"**

African-American Spiritual; arr. Marianne Kim



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Judy O'Dell / Greeters: Bonnie Dole, Bill Johnson Sr. / Ushers: Bill Cowdry, Bill Johnson Jr., Dave O'Dell, Angie Smith / Welcome Center: Kathy Winkowski / Coffee Hour: Bill, Xenny & Keeli Johnson / Sound Board: Izzy Terhune / Nursery: Karissa Schultz / Counters: Jacque Matlock, Dee Mills

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: Marilyn Ashmall, Bernie Buggia, Jane Burgess, Myrna Cammin, Lisa DeVos, Bonnie Dole, Esther Cavendish Fisher, Wayne & Phyllis Henney (Wayne is now at Wellspring Assisted Living), Marion Hoffman, Erlene Kimber (at Saginaw Rehab), ZoAnn Kraynak, Barb Kropp, Mark Leffler, Jane MacQueen, Bonnie Markley, Kay Mertz, 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.

OUR SYMPATHY to Stacy Sharrow and Family on the passing of her grandmother Sue Cooper, who passed on May 26. A Celebration of Life will be held here on Tuesday, June 9 at 1:00pm, with visitation beforehand from 11:00am-1:00pm.

OUR SYMPATHY to the loved ones of Merlyn Mondol, who passed on to eternity May 14, 2026 at the age of 97. A Celebration of Life will be held here on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 1:30pm.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given in memory of Barry Brown by his family.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP MEETING TONIGHT – at 6:00pm.

PFLAG of the Great Lakes Bay Region is meeting today at 2:00pm at *Midland's Stranded Yarn And Coffee*, located at 3114 Jefferson Ave Suite C, Midland, MI 48640 for *Sharing Our Stories With Pride*.

NURTURE COMMITTEE meets tomorrow, Monday, June 8 at 6:00pm

PROGRAM COMMITTEES (Reach/Prepare/Send) meet tomorrow, Monday, June 8 at 7:00pm

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, continuing Tues. June 9. On the Menu in June: Nachos! Sign up to donate food and help clean-up at the Welcome Desk.

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Annual Chocolate Party

Sponsored by:  Delta College

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

Andersen Enrichment Center
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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.



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OUR HISTORY IN SPORTS!

Did you know that Saginaw First United has a rich sports history? Our winter bowling league challenged area teams and earned their share of championship plaques.

And, softball? There was a time, not so many years ago, when area church and community co-ed, slo-pitch softball leagues regularly played on our ballfield beyond the covered pavilion. The backstop behind home plate is still in place, along with a painted set of bleachers that former member, Nathan Miller, built as part of his Eagle Scout project efforts. A lot of memories linger out there, too.

At the time, church leagues were common and included all denominations. Some of those churches had their home field at Hoyt Park. Our ball diamond saw a lot of action during the summer months.



Weekly competition was keen for trophies awarded at the end of the season. At one time, our church fielded *two* co-ed teams. Through the years, First U.M.C. earned its share of hardware from Friends of Hoyt Park, the YMCA Church League and other area leagues that are on display in a cabinet in our Library and Church History Room. According to former team member, Chuck Priem, we won the YMCA trophy three years in a row!

I attended my share of Tuesday evening softball games starting in 2005. Our Men's Group sold grilled hot dogs, chips and soft drinks. Members brought lawn chairs and lined up against the third base line. A lot of socializing happened as members greeted each other and joined in cheering on our team made up of members and friends. I can recall seeing our choir director, Rod Bieber, on the mound and daughter, Meredith, in the outfield. Chuck Priem, Robin Schwellenbach, Pastor Hal Ferris and Rev. Kathy Snedeker, and Stacy Maturen Sharrow and her dad, the late Gary Maturen, played, too, among others. And, the current Chair of Trustees, Bill Cowdry, took on the responsibility of regularly grooming the infield.

With the resurgence and restoration of Hoyt Park, its well-maintained diamonds and the dissolution of church league play, our field goes unused. Though the grass gets mowed and the small bleacher stand and player benches are in place, the empty diamond speaks to another time in our church's vibrant history.

But, on a warm, early summer evening, if you stand very still facing the ballfield, close your eyes and listen...you just might hear the thwack! of a bat hitting a ball and the cheers of the fans on the sidelines.

Our Church. Our Story. 175 years and counting!

Anne Marks-Gaertner

Chair, 175th Anniversary Celebration

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATES IN THE CLASS OF 2026



BECKETT GOLDENSOPH – Graduating from Swan Valley High School
Summa Cum Laude. Beckett is the son of Todd & Jenn Goldensoph. He will be attending Delta College this fall with an emphasis in Science/Pre-Dental.

JOSEPH KOTRCH – Graduating from Cadillac High School
Joseph is the grandson of Mike & Madeline Curtiss. He will be attending the Theater program at Lake Michigan College this fall.



REGGIE MERRILL – Graduating from Schwartz Creek High School
Reggie is graduation with his high school diploma, fulfilling a dream he's held for several decades.

BRODY PETERS – Graduating from Bay City Western High School
Brody is also graduating from the Bay Arenac Skill Center, and is heading on to Delta College to study auto mechanics this fall. Brody is the grandson of Dave & Judy O'Dell.



PORTER ROJAS – Graduating from Hume Fogg High School
Porter is the grandson of Dr. Louis & Karen Constan. He resides in Nashville and is graduating with honors, heading to the University of Illinois to study Bioengineering in the fall.

TATYANA SPAULDING – Graduating from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary with her Master of Divinity degree.
She received The Field Education Award which honors the graduate who has shown outstanding accomplishment in their field education placements.

