

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation devoted to loving the whole city and loving the city whole!
June 21, 2026 - 10:00am - 5th Sunday in Pentecost / Father's Day

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Children of the Heavenly Father"

Swedish Melody; arr. Jeffrey Honoré

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 #144:** "This Is My Father's World"

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| 1) This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought. | This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere. |
| 2) This is my Father's world,
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise. | 3) This is my Father's world.
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems
Oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king; let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let the earth be glad! |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***The Call to Worship**

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

One: God, as you met Abraham in an ordinary moment of hospitality, meet us today in the ordinary moments of our lives.

All: Open our minds to recognize your presence among us;

One: Open our hearts to receive your promises;

All: Open our arms to embrace your miraculous works with joy, wonder, and laughter.

One: As we gather to worship, help us find the courage to hope and the wisdom to trust.

All: Grant us faith to see that nothing is impossible for you, O God!

One: Be present in our worship, our prayers, our song, and our reflections together,

All: That our testimony may be of your transforming and life-giving grace to all. Amen.

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

***Prayer Chorus FWS #2038:** “Father, I Adore You” (May be sung as a round)

*Father, I adore you; lay my life before you; how I love you!
Jesus, I adore you; lay my life before you; how I love you!
Spirit, I adore you; lay my life before you; how I love you!*

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: “Faith of Our Fathers”

by Henri F. Hemy; arr. Michael Burkhardt

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: Loving God, you meet us in the ordinariness of welcome, and you plant seeds of laughter that bloom into life. As Abraham and Sarah offered hospitality and received the promise of new life, so we offer our gifts in trust and gratitude. Bless these gifts, O God, that they may bear witness to your goodness and extend joy, hope, and welcome to the world you so love, in the name of the one who brings life out of impossibility, Amen.

Special Music: “Word of God, Speak”

by Bart Millard and Pete Kipley (MercyMe)

Evelyn Kraynak, soloist

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.

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

*Closing Hymn FWS #2246: "Deep In the Shadows of the Past"

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| 1) Deep in the shadows of the past,
Far out from settled lands,
Some nomads traveled with our God
Across the desert sands.
The dawning hope of humankind
By them was sensed and shown;
A promise calling them ahead,
A future yet unknown. | 3) From Exodus to Pentecost
The promise changed and grew,
While some, remembering the past,
Recorded what they knew,
Or with their letters and laments,
Their prophecy and praise
Recovered, kindled and expressed
New hope for changing days. |
| 2) While others bowed to changeless gods
They met a mystery,
Invisible, without a name:
"I AM WHAT I WILL BE";
And by their tents, around their fires,
In story, song and law,
They praised, remembered, handed on
A past that promised more. | 4) For all the writings that survived,
For leaders, long ago,
Who sifted, copied and preserved
The Bible that we know,
Give thanks, and find its story yet
Our promise, strength and call,
The model of emerging faith,
Alive with hope for all. |

*Benediction:

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One: Beloved, go now in the blessing of God who meets us where we are and surprises us with new life where none seemed possible. May we be a people who embody God's miracle called laughter as we work for the flourishing of all, in the name of God, Father, Son 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: "God of Our Fathers"

by George Warren; arr. James Mansfield

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Our church. Our story.

History Article 2003-2014

In 2003 it was time to “Share the Vision,” the theme of a new building project. The vision would address real needs that were becoming obvious to us. Our narthex was really not much more than the end of a long hallway, certainly not a place to gather before and after church for coffee and conversation. The nursery and toddler rooms were definitely not very near the sanctuary. Our front entrance was a long walk for older folks, especially in bad weather. And, our church offices were not at all visible to visitors. It was commitment time, again, for a major rebuild. The completed work was dedicated on November 4th, 2004 at a total cost of \$919,793.00.



When completed, we had a whole new look and better functioning. A new, larger narthex with an attached kitchenette. A new and more convenient nursery. Greatly expanded office space. A new front parking area with a covered entry. And, finally, it put our front door right where it probably always should have been – in the front!

And, all the while, we packed 125 lunches (3 separate times) for the City Rescue Mission, hosted the community blood drive (25 pints given), and, throughout the year, provided meeting space for Head Start, Boy Scouts, Recovery Inc., the Garden Club, Kindermuzik, Al-anon, and a quilters group.

Rev. Kathy describes our next significant event. *“We began 2006 with a tremendous endeavor as our Director of Music, Rod Bieber, gathered talent from near and far to delight us all with a presentation of ‘Amahl and the Night Visitors.’ There were so many blessings to this performance, not the least of which was the intergenerational participation.”* Nathan Bieber, son of Rod and wife, Catherine McMichael, played the character of Amahl in both productions. And, several men of the church built a platform stage that rested on the steps to provide additional performance space. Rod remembers that he had to convince some cast members that they could do the whole performance without songbooks. Apparently, he was successful because they did it all again in 2008.



For many years, first under the leadership of Rev. Kathy, and now with Pastor Amy, we have sponsored youth mission trips to give young people the opportunity to travel somewhere for a work project to help people in need. In 2009 Rev. Kathy shared, *“If you have ever been on a youth mission trip, you know that kids mature in their faith when they are away from home working for others and are challenged to live outside*



of their otherwise comfortable lives.” But the trips always allow for some ‘not working’ time, too.

A Denver trip even included a day hiking in Rocky Mountain National Park. When FUMC member, Madeline Curtis, had a chance to become one of the chaperones, she did not hesitate. *“In the early 2000s, with overflowing excitement, I quickly accepted the invitation to chaperone the youth on a mission to the east coast of North Carolina. Let the fun begin!! That elated ‘Yes’ has endured for more than 25 years with me and has been some of the biggest memories and highlights of my life, serving God. It has allowed me to foster confidence and growth in many of our church youth and community youth, too.”*

We reached a milestone in 2012 when, for the 16th year straight we paid 100% of apportionments. And, each year, we achieved the status of “Spotlight” congregation, which recognized our significant outreach, community involvement and active evangelism.

Sometimes that outreach was really ‘far out.’ Also, in 2012 we raised about \$12,000 to help fund the completion of a pre-school and playground in Swaziland (now Eswatini), which is 8,292 miles from Saginaw. As Rev. Kathy said at the time, *“...we cannot possibly know the number of children who will enter the doors of that school and leave with a brighter future.”*



The year 2013 had us once, again, looking at our building. It was great in many ways, but the great parts of the building highlighted one part that wasn't so great...ironically, the sanctuary. The basic layout had not changed in 55 years. We needed to bring our sanctuary into the 21st century, and many changes made that happen.

The communion rail, planter boxes and the first row of pews were removed. The chancel area was expanded with a new curved front, and a side ramp for easier access. The new, bigger space allowed the choir to perform as single group, facing the congregation. The entire chancel was brightened by a new window behind the cross on the west wall. All the pews were refinished and some were shortened to provide new space for wheelchairs.



A new sound and video system brought it all together. And, blessing upon blessing, the sanctuary was air conditioned. Member, Anne Marks-Gaertner, shared a special memory: *“Before the new chancel flooring was laid, the contractor gave members the opportunity to write messages on the subfloor...a kind of time capsule. I remember adding my parents’ names and the name of long-time choir member, the late Clarence Krieger.*

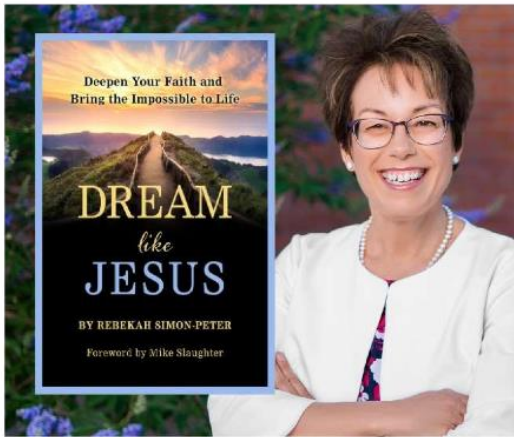
Other members shared lines of poetry or special thoughts. After 55 years of history, it was thoughtful of the contractor to give us all the chance to say ‘thank you’ to that special, sacred space.”



Our kitchen, too, needed attention. To meet code requirements and remain a licensed kitchen and replace outdated equipment, we installed a new exhaust hood and fire suppression system, new gas range and double convection ovens, and a new high temperature commercial dishwasher.

The total cost of all the changes, at \$858,657, were again met by a willing and generous congregation. A congregation which was also continuing to change.

Jim Doane,
Church Historian



DARE TO *Dream* LIKE JESUS

Workshop for Clergy and Lay Leadership

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

9:30am - 3:30pm

Check-In Begins at 9:00am

Use the QR Code or Register Online at:
<https://forms.gle/9SceQmBVax2TBxfR9>



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OVERVIEW

Jesus' central vision was bold and transformative: "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Throughout history, that dream has inspired the faithful to act. Yet many congregations today struggle not because they lack faith or dedication, but because they lack a clear and compelling vision for the future. They are not dreaming like Jesus.

DARE to Dream Like Jesus® is designed to equip clergy and lay leaders with practical tools to lead their congregations to live into a bold vision for positively impacting their communities. Learn more about the workshop and about Rebekah Simon-Peter online at <https://rebekahsimonpeter.com>.

DETAILS

The workshop is being sponsored by the Central Bay and East Winds Districts and is being offered at a reduced rate of \$25 per person. It is open to clergy and lay leadership in the Michigan Conference. You may choose to attend in person (lunch and take-home resources included) or via live stream (link to video and printable resources included).

Pre-registration is required for each participant (in person and via live stream).

Contact Melanie at mzalewski@michiganumc.org or 989-793-8838 if you have any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all the men out there who father us well in a myriad of ways!

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Jude Mertz / Greeters: Stacy Sharrow and Jane MacQueen / Ushers: Tom Kraynak, Brian Hatch, Carla Piazza-Wistehuff, Andy Sharrow / Welcome Center: Jill Spaulding / Coffee Hour: Jacque Kurtz / Sound Board: Izzy Terhune / Nursery: Karissa Schultz / Counters: Brian Hatch, Dina Draper

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 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.

OUR SYMPATHY to Dee Mills and family on the passing of her nephew Thomas Huell on Tuesday.

THANK YOU to PFLAG of the Great Lakes Bay Region for the Balloons are the altar this morning.

THIRD SUNDAY MISSION OFFERING TODAY goes towards our Annual Youth Mission Trip. Our youth are leaving today to spend one week in Detroit at United Methodist Motown Missions with the North Central Jurisdiction's Youth Volunteers-In-Mission Team. This trip was relatively inexpensive and was chosen by our youth purposefully so that they could begin saving money now to attend the Quadrennial United Methodist Youth Convocation in Dallas, TX next July 11-14, 2027. Your gifts today will help support both endeavors.

VBS PLANNING MEETING – Sunday, July 12 following worship

KIDS CHOIR – will meet over the summer on the following dates. Please mark your calendars:

June 14	July 12	August 16	September 13
June 28	July 26	August 30	September 20

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – the 175th Anniversary Celebration for Saginaw First U.M.C. will take place **Sunday, September 27, 2026**, featuring Bishop David Bard as our preacher, followed by a light luncheon and program. Former pastors and members will join us for the celebration. Invitations and an opportunity to RSVP will be made available later this summer.

WHAT'S NEXT WORKSHOP – In preparation for our 175th, we are thrilled to welcome **Rev. Rebekah Simon-Peter**, Director and Originator of the *Creating a Culture of Renewal* Program, who will preach during morning worship on **Sunday, July 19** and offer a 90-minute workshop following worship on planning for "WHAT'S NEXT" for Saginaw First U.M.C. The program is free and will include lunch!!! EVERYONE is encouraged to stay after worship from 11:30am-1:00pm for lunch and the program.

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, continuing Tues. July 14. On the Menu in July: Summer Salads! Sign up to donate food and help 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!

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