First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community

June 9, 2024 - 10:00am - Fourth Sunday in the Season of Pentecost

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: Variations on "St. Peter"

by A.R. Reinagle; arr. James Pethel

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 your yellow prayer cards



*Opening Hymn FWS #2223: "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

1) We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord; We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

- 2) We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand. And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. (Refrain)
- 3) We will work with each other, we will work side by side. We will work with each other, we will work side by side. And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. (Refrain)
- 4) All praise to the Father from whom all things come; And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only son; And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. (Refrain)

PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

*The Call to Worship:

 $[adapted\ from\ by\ Roberta\ Hiday,\ https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/04/prayer-come-spirit.html]$

One: Come, Spirit of Truth, fill our hearts.

All: May that which was of stone be now transformed into life.

One: Come, Spirit of Life, change our hearts.

All: May we who receive your light dwell together in Your love.

One: Come, Spirit of Love, soften our hearts.

All: Pour out your compassion on those who suffer in mind, spirit, and body.

One: Come, Spirit of Hope, heal our hearts.

All: Make us bold to bring light to the dark places

One: Come, Spirit of Faith, strengthen our hearts.

All: Fill our hearts, minds, and souls to overflowing. Move in us, that we may celebrate the mystery of your never-ending love.

Time of Prayer – During the Prayer Chorus and/or silent meditation, ushers will collect your yellow prayer cards and deliver them to the pastor.

Prayer Chorus FWS #2176: "Make Me A Servant"

Make me a servant, humble and meek; Lord, let me lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart always be: make me a servant, make me a servant, Make me a servant today.

Silent Meditation and the Pastoral Prayer lifting Celebrations and Concerns

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

If You can support your church family by giving in person or online.

Enjoy the musical selection as a time to give thanks to God

for all with which you have been blessed. Thank you!

Use the QR code to the right or give online here:

https://www.firstumcsaginaw.org/give/

Offertory: "Give of Your Best to the Master"

by Charles Barnard; arr. Gail Smith

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: Holy God, as we bring our gifts this morning, we are grateful for the many ways you work through us to advance your reign on earth. Give us eyes to see each and every person as a child of yours, and therefore, a part of our family, and use our gifts and our efforts to widen the circle of your love, through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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! The Bible tells me so.

Recognizing Our Volunteers

*Hymn FWS #2225: "Who Is My Mother? Who Is My Brother?"

- 1) Who is my mother, who is my brother? All those who gather round Jesus Christ: Spirit blown people, born from the gospel sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.
- 2) Differently abled, differently labeled widen the circle round Jesus Christ: Crutches and stigmas, cultures' enigmas all come together round Jesus Christ.
- 3) Love will relate us color or status can't segregate us, round Jesus Christ: Family failings, human derailings all are accepted, round Jesus Christ.
- 4) Bound by one vision, met for one mission, we claim each other, round Jesus Christ: Here is my mother, here is my brother, kindred in Spirit through Jesus Christ.

Scripture Lesson: Mark 3:20-35

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 35

²⁰ Then he went home, and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹ When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²² And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³ And he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷ But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. ²⁸ "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness but is guilty of an eternal sin"— 30 for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." ³¹ Then his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside asking for you." ³³ And Jesus replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Response to the Word

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Meditation:	"FAMILY BUSINESS"	Pastor Amy Terhune	

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

*Closing Hymn UMH #261: "Lord of the Dance"

I danced in the morning
when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon
and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven
and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

2) I danced for the scribe & the Pharisee
But they would not dance
and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen,
for James and John;
They came to me
and the dance went on. (Refrain)

- 3) I danced on the sabbath
 when I cured the lame,
 The holy people said it was a shame;
 They whipped and they stripped
 and they hung me high;
 And they left me there on a cross to die.
 (Refrain)
- 4) I danced on a Friday
 and the sky turned black;
 It's hard to dance
 with the devil on your back;
 They buried my body
 and they thought I'd gone,
 But I am the dance and I still go on.
 (Refrain)
- 5) They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that'll never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (Refrain)

*Benediction:

One: Beloved, go out into the world to truly treat all people like family. May others experience in your compassion and kindness a taste of God's love and grace; and may God who created you, Christ Jesus who redeems you, and the ever-present Holy Spirit be your companions through it all.

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

*Postlude: "Ye Servants of God"

by William Croft; arr. Phil Lehenbauer

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Carla Piazza-Wistehuff / Greeters: Judy Gerken and Jackie Moore / Ushers: Keith Courier, Bonnie Arnst, Marc Cesare, Max MondoL / Welcome Desk: Karen Constan / Coffee Hour Host: Jill Spaulding / Sound System: Angie Smith / Nursery: Karissa Schultz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: Marilyn Ashmall, Ed Babinski, David Barker, Barry Brown, Tom Brubaker, Myrna Cammin, Judy Dawe, Bonnie & Pat Dole, Esther Cavendish Fisher, Don Hammond, Wayne Henney, Dr. Kirk Herrick, Marion Hoffman, Sarah Kettlehohn, ZoAnn Kraynak, Barb Kropp, Marilyn Latimer, Mark Leffler, Joyce Maltman, Bonnie Markley, Merlyn Mondol, Ron Moon, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Madge Richmond, Eugenia Shek, Ron & Noreen Southgate, & Dorothy Woods. Also, please pray for UMCOR, and for war to end in Ukraine and in Israel/Gaza.

CAMPAIGN STRATEGY TEAM will meet Monday, June 10 at 7:00pm **FINANCE COMMITTEE** will meet Tuesday, June 11 at 7:15pm **ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD** will meet Monday, June 17 at 7:00pm

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY - Today, we celebrate all those who volunteer here within our church family and in our community. We could not be Christ's ambassadors in the world without the devoted work of all who support us with prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - TODAY, 11:30am-12:30pm.

2024 SPRING/SUMMER 6-WEEK BOOK STUDY - "The Bible and Borders" by M. Daniel Carroll lends insight from a leading Latino-American biblical scholar on what the Bible says about immigration, offering accessible, nuanced, and sympathetic guidance for the Church. Books available FREE from the main office. Schedule is:

6:00-7:00pm in person on Tuesdays: 6/4, 6/11, 6/18
7:30-8:30pm online on Wednesdays: 6/5, 6/12, 6/19

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, continuing Tuesday, June 11, 2024 from 5:30-6:30pm for Sloppy Joes. Sign up to donate food at the Welcome Desk or Volunteer to work here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-community

PFLAG CHOCOLATE PARTY FUNDRAISER – This Thursday, June 13 from 6-9pm. See attached flyer for more information.

PICTURES FOR THE ONLINE DIRECTORY – We are now trying to ensure that we have pictures for everyone in the online directory. This makes it easier for newer and longtime members to recognize one another and get to know each other. You can send Pastor Amy your favorite family photo, or stay after church later this month and we'll take a picture for you! Thank you!

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 Facebook: @firstumcofsaginaw Instagram: saginawfumc

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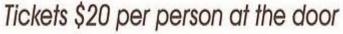


Thursday June 13, 2024 at 6 - 9 p.m.

Home of Terry Zajac

1609 Fifth Street, Bay City 48708

Enjoy decadent chocolate desserts and Hors d'oeurves while supporting the programs of PFLAG GREAT LAKES BAY REGION







Please take time to update your member information with the office, and fill out the interest survey for your household on the back of this form.

You may also complete this online using the QR code to the right.

Thank you for your help and feedback!



MEMBER INFORMATION

Name:	Birth Date:			
What name to you like to be called	Maiden Name:			
Spouse's Name:	Birth Date:			
Address:				
Winter Address (if different):				
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:			
e-mail:	Spouse's e-mail:			
Marital Status: single n	arried separated divorced widowed			
Wedding Anniversary or Date of so	paration/Divorce/Death of Spouse:			
Occupation(s):				
Place of Employment:				
Spouse's Occupation:				
Spouse's Place of Employment:				
Can you receive calls at work:	yes no If yes: work phone:			
Can you receive text messages:	yes no If yes: cell phone:			
When is the best time to reach you'	mornings afternoons evenings weekends other			
Have you been baptized: yes no It	yes, when and where:			
Children:	Birthdate: Cell Phone and location:			
	Saginaw First UMC?			
Is there anything we could do to be	more welcoming/friendly?			
Is there anything else we should kn	ow about you or your family?			

INTEREST SURVEY

Times available to help: Would you need transpor	•	evenings weekends	varies other		
I, or someone in my housvisit elderly/shut-insreach out to newcomerswith publicitywith social mediaplay in praise bandwith mailingsat the welcome deskwith transportation	ehold, might be interested _as an usher _as a greeter _with skits in worship _as a reader in worship _in the kitchen _with coffee time _with sewing/crafts _with funeral lunches	in helping: pack kids food bags deliver kids food bags with building repairs &/or maintenance with A/V or computer upkeep &/or operation decorate for holidays and special seasons	with yard care *With education:nursery / preschool elementary (K-5 th gr.) youth (6 th -12 th grade) young adults/college adultsshort term classes		
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I have skills/training in:planning/organizingeducationfund-raisingvisioning for futurechild developmentfinancial planningOther	working w/ detailsnursing/medicinebusiness managementinteracting w/ peoplelaw/legal mattershuman resources	public speakingdrama/theaterconflict resolutioncomputer maintenancemusic (vocal)music (instrument)	community organizingcarpentry / buildingplumbingelectricalpublicity/social mediaweb design		
Worship / Reach Finance/Stewardship	Education / Prepare Trustees	Staff/Parish Relations Missions/Outreach/Send	·		
Here's an innovative thought or idea I have for our church and its future:					