

First United Methodist Church

Loving the Whole City, Loving the City Whole!

July 21, 2024 - 10:00am - Tenth Sunday in Pentecost

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

by Martin Luther; arr. Paul Manz

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 UMH #116:** “The God of Abraham Praise”

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| 1) The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of Everlasting Days,
and God of love;
Jehovah, great I AM!
by earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name
forever blest. | 3) The heavenly land I see,
with peace and plenty blest;
A land of sacred liberty,
and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow,
and oil and wine abound,
And trees of life forever grow
with mercy crowned. |
| 2) The great I AM has sworn;
I on this oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne,
to heaven ascend.
I shall behold God's face;
I shall God's power adore,
And sing the wonders of God's grace
forevermore. | 4) The God who reigns on high
the great archangels sing,
And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry,
"Almighty King!
Who was, and is, the same,
and evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Lord, the great I AM,
we worship thee!" |

** Please stand if you are able*

PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

*The Call to Worship:

One: We come together in this holy place to worship, to pray, to give, to grow and learn.

All: And yet, we are ever-mindful that the church is not a building. The church is us! We are God's people

One: We are grateful for this building, where hearts are touched, lives are changed, minds are opened, and spirits are fed by the grace of Christ Jesus.

All: Jesus is our cornerstone, the foundation of lives we build. It is the living of our faith Monday thru Saturday that brings about God's reign on earth.

One: We are grateful for tools that enable us to gather and from which we are empowered to go out in service to our community and our world.

All: Lord, build us into your holy people, faithful in devotion and service. Amen.

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 #2058: “Shepherd Me, O God”

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

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

♪ *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: “The Church's One Foundation”

by Samuel S. Wesley; 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: Holy God, in this moment of offering, we acknowledge your timeless presence and boundless love. As we bring forth our gifts, may we be reminded of your unwavering faithfulness and steadfast guidance in our lives. Grant us the wisdom to heed your call to worship and live out our faith with humility and grace, through Christ our Lord. 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.

Scripture Lesson: II Samuel 7:1-14a

Pew Bible O.T. pg. 268-269

¹ Now when the king was settled in his house and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ² the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” ³ Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind, for the Lord is with you.” ⁴ But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, ⁵ “Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶ I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷ Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, ‘Why have you not built me a house of cedar?’ ⁸ Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel, ⁹ and I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰ And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place and be disturbed no more, and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹ from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel, and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. ¹² When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

Response to the Word

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

“In Christ Alone”

w/m by Shawn Craig & Don Koch

Kathleen Jimenez, soloist

Meditation:

“A HOUSE OF CEDAR”

Pastor Amy Terhune

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn UMH #529:** *“How Firm A Foundation”* (vs. 1-3, 5)

1) How firm a foundation,
ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith
in his excellent word!
What more can he say
than to you he hath said,
To you who for refuge
to Jesus have fled?

2) "Fear not, I am with thee,
O be not dismayed, for
I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee,
and cause thee to stand
Upheld by my righteous,
omnipotent hand.

3) "When through the deep waters
I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe
shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee,
thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee
thy deepest distress.

5) "The soul that on Jesus
still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not
desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell
should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

***Benediction:**

One: Beloved, listen! God calls us to worship in our gathering *and* in our scattering.
May the Triune God bless you as you go from this place to answer God's call on
your life in thought, word, and deed, that you may be a blessing of love, hope, and
peace to all you meet. Amen.

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

***Postlude:** *Fanfare on "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"*

by Phil Lehenbauer

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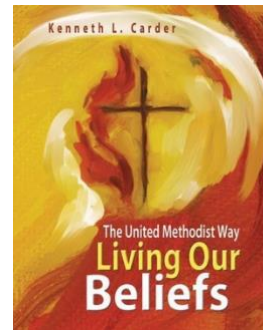
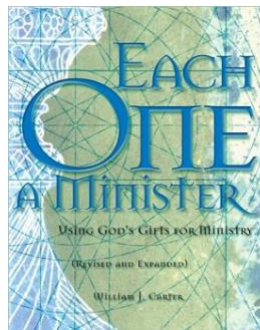
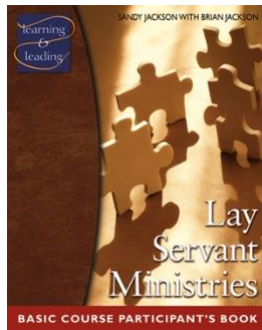
FALL LAY SERVANT CLASSES

September 7 & 14, 2024

CLASS	LEADER	REQUIRED TEXT
Lay Servant Basic Class	Rev. Amy Terhune	<i>Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course</i> by Sandy Jackson w/ Brian Jackson
Discovering Spiritual Gifts	Rev. Carmen Cook	<i>Each One A Minister</i> by William J. Carter
Methodist Heritage	Janice Buckley	<i>Living Our Beliefs</i> by Kenneth L. Carder

Preregistration REQUIRED by August 31, 2024

By emailing Janic Buckley at buckley7878@charter.net



CLASSES HELD AT AUBURN U.M.C.

207 S. Auburn Street, Auburn, MI 48611

9:00am – 3:00pm

1. Learn more online at <https://michiganumc.org/laity/lay-servant/>.
2. Download the registration form from the Central Bay District website, or at <https://michiganumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Form-1-MIUMC-Certified-Lay-Servant-Application.pdf> OR <https://michiganumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Form-2-MIUMC-Certified-Lay-Speaker-Application.pdf> and have it signed by the appropriate people.
3. Bring your signed registration request form with you to the first class session on Sept. 7, 2024. **The deadline for Fall Registration is August 31, 2024.**
4. Please bring your own SACK LUNCH, the required textbook, a bible, pencil/paper for notes, and an open mind.
5. It is your responsibility to order the participants book for \$12 here: <https://store.upperroom.org/product/lay-servant-ministries-basic-course-participant-s-book>



THIRD SUNDAY MISSION OFFERINGS

On the Third Sunday of every month, we collect a special offering for various mission projects around our community, state, nation, and world. In July and August, our third Sunday Mission collection goes to fund the weekend backpack program.

We have approximately \$2000.00 towards the \$10,800.00 we will need to feed 72 children every weekend throughout the school year. As we look towards the beginning of another school year, please consider adopting a child for the year. It costs \$150 to feed one child for the year. If that is too much, we understand! Please give whatever you can, and together, we'll get there. Our goal is to ensure no child endures a weekend without food.

You can put your gift in the globes that will be passed with the offering baskets on July 21 and August 18, OR you can give anytime by designating your gift on an offering envelope for the Backpack Program. We also have greeting cards for sale in the narthex, and all proceeds go to this program as well. Please search your heart and do what you can.

When school begins again, we can also use volunteers to help pack up the bags every 2 weeks and to deliver them to the schools weekly. If you have any questions, please see Karen Constan or Jill Spaulding, or contact the main office at (989) 799-0131. Thank you in advance for your help. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of local kids!



PFLAG Summer Picnic

Sunday, July 28th, 2024 at 1pm

Our Savior Lutheran Church

2525 Hemmeter Road, Saginaw Township, MI

Chicken and ice cream.

Please bring a dish to pass. Bring a lawn chair.

In case of rain, we will gather

First United Methodist Church, 4790 Gratiot Rd., Saginaw MI 48638

Everyone is welcome... except the ants! 😊



FREE for all kids who are potty trained through 5th grade
Evening includes dinner, storytime, songs, crafts, games and MESSY TIME!!!!!!!
NOTE: DON'T WEAR YOUR BEST CLOTHES! YOUTH HELPERS NEEDED

Name of Child/Youth #1 attending/helping with VBS: _____
Circle whether child or youth and whether attending or helping

Grade: ____ Birthdate: ____ / ____ / ____ School: _____

Any allergies medical conditions or special needs we should know about? _____

Name of Child/Youth #2 attending/helping with VBS: _____
Circle whether child or youth and whether attending or helping

Grade: ____ Birthdate: ____ / ____ / ____ School: _____

Any allergies medical conditions or special needs we should know about? _____

Name of Child/Youth #3 attending/helping with VBS: _____
Circle whether child or youth and whether attending or helping

Grade: ____ Birthdate: ____ / ____ / ____ School: _____

Any allergies medical conditions or special needs we should know about? _____

Name of Child/Youth #4 attending/helping with VBS: _____
Circle whether child or youth and whether attending or helping

Grade: ____ Birthdate: ____ / ____ / ____ School: _____

Any allergies medical conditions or special needs we should know about? _____

Parent Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Phone: (____) _____ Texts? Y N Email: _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Cal Mott / Greeters: Stacy Sharrow and Jane MacQueen / Ushers: Tom Kraynak, Bill Draper, Austin Tomlinson, Carla Piazza-Wistehuff / Welcome Desk: Karen Constan / Coffee Hour Host: Carla Piazza-Wistehuff / Sound System: Izzy Terhune / Nursery: Karissa Schultz

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.

SPECIAL CALLED TRUSTEE/FINANCE/CAMPAIGN MEETING TONIGHT – 7:00pm

CAMPAIGN STRATEGY TEAM MEETING – Monday, July 29, 7:00pm

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL for preschool through 5th grade will take place here at Saginaw First U.M.C. on Sunday 8/11, Monday 8/12, and Tuesday 8/13 from 6-8pm. Registration form attached.

VBS PLANNING MEETING TODAY – Sunday, July 21, 11:30am-12:30pm.

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, continuing Tuesday, August 13, 2024 from 5:30-6:30pm for summer salads. **Sign up to donate Salads at the Welcome Desk** or volunteer to work here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-community>

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**

*Please take time to fill out the interest survey for your household.
Complete it online using the QR code to the right
or pick up a paper copy from the welcome desk. Thank you!*



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