

# First United Methodist Church

*Loving the Whole City, Loving the City Whole!*

*August 4, 2024 - 10:00am - Twelfth Sunday in Pentecost*

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

**Prelude:** “All Who Hunger”

*Columbian Harmony; arr. Dale Wood*

**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 #127:** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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| 1) Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,<br>Pilgrim through this barren land.<br>I am weak, but thou art mighty;<br>Hold me with thy powerful hand.<br>Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,<br>Feed me till I want no more;<br>Feed me till I want no more. | Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,<br>Be thou still my strength and shield;<br>Be thou still my strength and shield.  |
| 2) Open now the crystal fountain,<br>Whence the healing stream doth flow;<br>Let the fire and cloudy pillar<br>Lead me all my journey through.   | 3) When I tread the verge of Jordan,<br>Bid my anxious fears subside;<br>Death of death and hell's destruction,<br>Land me safe on Canaan's side.<br>Songs of praises, songs of praises,<br>I will ever give to thee;<br>I will ever give to thee. |

## PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

**\*The Call to Worship:**

One: Jesus Christ is the bread of heaven.

**All: Those who come to Jesus will neither hunger nor thirst within.**

One: Jesus fills our emptiness with His presence.

**All: Jesus transforms our weaknesses by His strength.**

One: Jesus redeems our sinfulness by His grace.

**All: Jesus empowers our work by His Holy Spirit.**

One: Come, people of God! Taste and see the goodness of God!

**All: We come to the table knowing we are welcome and beloved.**

One: Come, people of God, and worship the Holy One, our Lord!

**All: We come with joy and gratitude, committed to you, O Christ, our Savior!**

*\* Please stand if you are able*

**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 #2255: “In the Singing”**

- 1) *In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open,  
In the blessing, in the breaking, in the Presence at this table  
Refrain: Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace:  
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.*
- 2) *In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance,  
In the heart’s cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people.*

**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:** “*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*”

*by Robert J. Kreutz; arr. Bryan Latimer*

**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:** Life Giving God, as you gave manna in the wilderness many centuries ago, so you still bless us day-by-day with all we need. May these offerings represent our trust in you, day-by-day, that we may grow in our faith and be used for devoted service to your Kingdom, through Christ. 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:** John 6:24-35

*Pew Bible N.T. pg. 92*

<sup>24</sup> The following morning, the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, so they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. <sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” <sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom God has sent.” <sup>30</sup> So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?” <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup> They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” <sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

**Response to the Word**

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

**P:** Thanks be to God!

**Meditation:**

“ENDURING NOURISHMENT”

*Pastor Amy Terhune*

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**\*Communion Hymn FWS #2268:** *“As We Gather At Your Table”*

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| <p>1) As we gather at your table,<br/>As we listen to your word,<br/>Help us know, O God, your presence;<br/>Let our hearts and minds be stirred.<br/>Nourish us with sacred story<br/>Till we claim it as our own;<br/>Teach us through this holy banquet<br/>How to make Love’s victory known.</p> <p>2) Turn our worship into witness<br/>In the sacrament of life;<br/>Send us forth to love and serve you,<br/>Bringing peace where there is strife.</p> | <p>Give us, Christ, your great compassion<br/>To forgive as you forgave;<br/>May we still behold your image<br/>In the world you died to save.</p> <p>3) Gracious Spirit, help us summon<br/>Other guests to share that feast<br/>Where triumphant Love will welcome<br/>Those who had been last and least.<br/>There no more will envy blind us<br/>Nor will pride our peace destroy,<br/>As we join with saints and angels<br/>To repeat the sounding joy.</p> |
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## **The Sacrament of Holy Communion:**

*UMH pg. 17-18, Musical Setting A*

L: The Lord be with you,

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P: It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

L: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere,  
to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.  
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.  
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,  
and spoke to us through your prophets.  
And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**P: 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!**

L: Holy are you, and blessed is your son, Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life,  
who healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.  
In Jesus' suffering and death, you took upon yourself our sin and death  
and destroyed their power forever.  
You raised from the dead this same Jesus, our Savior,  
Who now reigns with you in glory, and poured upon us your Holy Spirit,  
nourishing us by the Spirit's ongoing presence with us to this very day.  
On the night before 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.

**P: Christ has died; Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

L: Let us pray: Holy God, 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. Amen.

*Those who worship with us in person this morning are invited to come forward via the center aisle,  
Take a piece of bread and dip it into the chalice and partake. Then return to your seats via the side aisles.  
When all who are able to come forward have been served, the communion stewards  
will bring the sacrament out to those who are unable to come forward.*

*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: "Fill My Cup, Lord" by Richard Blanchard; arr. Gene Roberson*

## ***WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD***

**\*Closing Hymn W&S #3169:** "You Feed Us, Gentle Savior" (Tune: Merle's Tune – UMH #209)

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| 1) You feed us, gentle Savior,<br>the bread that makes us whole,<br>The wine of your compassion<br>poured out into our soul.<br>The food of your own presence,<br>your spirit, strong, within,<br>The grace that heals us deeply<br>and overcomes our sin. | We gather here in hunger,<br>one hunger, all the same;<br>And with one grace you bless us<br>together in his name.   |
| 2) You bind us, gentle Savior,<br>and weave us into one,<br>One flesh and blood, made holy,<br>the Body of your Son.   | 3) You call us, gentle Savior,<br>and send us in your name.<br>You teach and heal and show us<br>how we can do the same.<br>So, strengthened by your Spirit<br>and nourished by your grace,<br>we go to be your presence<br>in love, in every place. |

**\*Benediction:**

*(adapted from Nathan Nettleton, <http://www.laughingbird.net>.)*

**One:** Beloved, go out from here and live lives worthy of the one calling which we all share. And may God the creator reshape your hearts; May Christ Jesus, the bread of life, sustain you always; and may the Holy Spirit unite you in the bond of peace.

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

**\*Postlude:** "Processional"

*by Wilbur Held*

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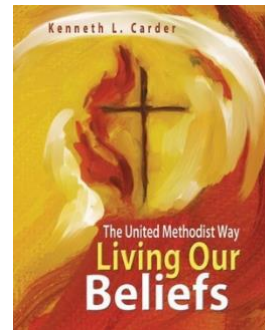
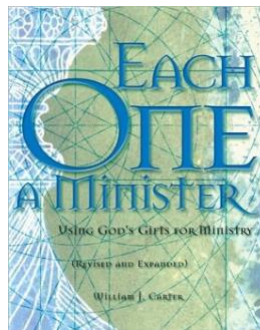
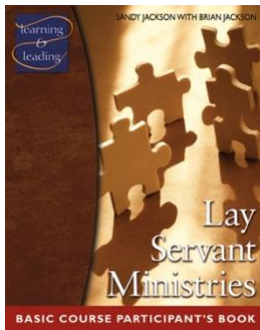
# FALL LAY SERVANT CLASSES

## 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](mailto: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>



**FREE for all kids who are potty trained through 5<sup>th</sup> 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: Judy O'Dell / Greeters: Bonnie Dole, Bill & Sue Johnson / Ushers: Bill Cowdry, Bill Johnson Jr., Dave O'Dell, Angie Smith / Communion Stewards: Anne Marks-Gaerter, Dave O'Dell / Welcome Desk: Betty Jo Cloud / Coffee Hour Host: Bill, Xenny, & Keeli Johnson / 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, Sharon Ketcham, ZoAnn Kraynak, Barb Kropp, Marilyn Latimer, Mark Leffler, Joyce Maltman, Bonnie Markley, David Marks, 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.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** for preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**FREE COMMUNITY MEALS** are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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