

First United Methodist Church

Loving the Whole City, Loving the City Whole!

August 18, 2024 - 10:00am - Fourteenth Sunday in Pentecost

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Trust and Obey"

by Daniel Towner; arr. Charles Callahan

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 #436:** "The Voice of God Is Calling"

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| 1) The voice of God is calling
its summons in our day;
Isaiah heard in Zion,
and we now hear God say:
"Whom shall I send to succor
my people in their need?
Whom shall I send to loosen
the bonds of shame and greed?" | 3) We heed, O Lord, your summons,
and answer: Here are we!
Send us upon your errand,
let us your servants be.
Our strength is dust and ashes,
our years a passing hour;
But you can use our weakness
to magnify your power. |
| 2) "I hear my people crying
in slum and mine and mill;
No field or mart is silent,
no city street is still.
I see my people falling
in darkness and despair.
Whom shall I send to shatter
the fetters which they bear?" | 4) From ease and plenty save us;
from pride of place absolve;
Purge us of low desire;
lift us to high resolve;
Take us, and make us holy;
teach us your will and way.
Speak, and behold! we answer;
command, and we obey! |

PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

***The Call to Worship:**

(Adapted from this year's Scuba VBS Curriculum)

One: As the voice of God called Jonah long ago, so God calls to us today.

All: **Despite all our fears, God calls us to go out to places we wouldn't normally go.**

One: God calls us to love those we'd rather not; those we may even consider enemies.

All: **God calls us to share the news of Christ's redeeming love for the world.**

One: As we have been forgiven, so we must forgive. As we are loved, so we must love.

All: **Believe in God and follow only Him. Trust in God, and in God's abundant grace. Love God and neighbor with all you are, and Praise God's Holy Name.**

** 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 #2013: *“Bless the Lord, My Soul”*

*Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s Holy Name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me 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: *“Children’s Medley”*

arr. Marilyn Ham

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, we thank you for your compassionate care. Help us to believe and follow, even in difficult situations. Help us to trust you. Help us to love you, and to share that love with others. May these gifts we bring grow our faith commitment to you, and embody your love for all as they’re put to faithful use for your Reign, for we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

Children’s Message – *A special moment just for kids*

*Come listen to my tale of Jonah and the whale way down in the middle of the ocean.
Now how did he get there? Whatever did he wear? Way down in the middle of the ocean.
A-preaching he should be at Ninevah you see – to disobey is a very foolish notion.
But God forgave his sin, salvation entered in, way down in the middle of the ocean!*

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: Jonah 1:1-17

Pew Bible O.T. pg. 810-811

¹ Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, ² “Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it, for their wickedness has come up before me.” ³ But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord. ⁴ But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. ⁵ Then the sailors were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. ⁶ The captain came and said to him, “What are you doing sound asleep? Get up; call on your God! Perhaps your God will spare us a thought so that we do not perish.” ⁷ The sailors said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸ Then they said to him, “Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?” ⁹ “I am a Hebrew,” he replied. “I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.” ¹⁰ Then the men were even more afraid and said to him, “What is this that you have done!” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them so. ¹¹ Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?” For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. ¹² He said to them, “Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you.” ¹³ Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. ¹⁴ Then they cried out to the Lord, “Please, O Lord, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man’s life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood, for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you.” ¹⁵ So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. ¹⁶ Then the men feared the Lord even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows. ¹⁷ But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Response to the Word

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Special Music:

*“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
Kathy Jimenez, soloist*

by T.O. Chisholm / W.M. Runyan

Meditation:

“WAY DOWN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OCEAN”

Pastor Amy Terhune

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn UMH #133: “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”**

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| <p>1) What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.</p> <p>Chorus: Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.</p> | <p>2) O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms. (Chorus)</p> <p>3) What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms. (Chorus)</p> |
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***Benediction:**

(adapted from Joanna Harader, <https://spaciousfaith.com/>)

One: Beloved, go. Despite your fears, speak the truth of God. Love your neighbor and your enemy. Forgive as you have been forgiven. And receive grace upon grace, overflowing from the fullness of God.

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

***Postlude: “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”**

by John Dykes; arr. Robert. H. Hughes

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Jim Doane / Greeters: Jane MacQueen and Stacy Sharrow / Ushers: Tom Kraynak, Bill Draper, Carla Piazza-Wistehuff, Austin Tomlinson / Welcome Desk: Kathy Winkowsky / 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, RuthAnn Hilton, Marion Hoffman, Sharon Ketcham, 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.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Jim and Anne Marks-Gaertner on the death of Anne's brother David Marks on August 10. A Memorial Service will be held here at the church on Friday, August 30 at 11:00am. If you can help with the reception, please contact Suzanne Clark at (989) 792-7637 or sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-46226530-funeral>.

THANK YOU to all the adults who helped out this week in making VBS a success!!!

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, continuing Tuesday, September 10, 2024 from 5:30-6:30pm for Italian Night. A sign up list will be available online and at the welcome desk soon. Volunteer to work here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-community>

FREE MEAL COMMITTEE will meet Sunday, Sept 8 immediately following worship. If you'd like to help with a free meal, please plan to stay and join in the planning.

KIDS CLUB begins Sunday Sept. 8. From 11:30am-1pm and meets each month on the 2nd Sunday.

THE ANNUAL FALL MINISTRY FAIR will be held Sunday, September 15 following worship. All Church groups/activities, our ministry partners, and those who use are building are welcome to share more about what they do and to put up a display in the Lobby area.

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!

If you are **HEADING OFF TO COLLEGE THIS FALL** (or you have a kid who is), please make sure the church office has your (your kid's) campus address. Call Dina at (989) 799-0131 to update our records. Thank you! (We try to send treats at Exam times, and notes of encouragement.)

PASTOR AMY IS ON VACATION from Monday, August 19 – Thursday, August 29. In case of a pastoral emergency, please call local area UMC pastors: Rev. Rob Richards at (989) 751-5818, Rev. Ernesto Mariona at (248) 760-9590, or Rev. Bob Demyonovich at (248) 636-5679.

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!*



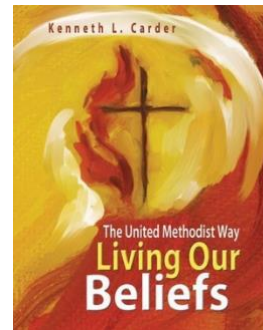
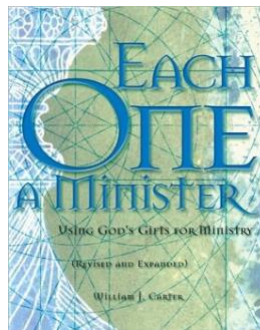
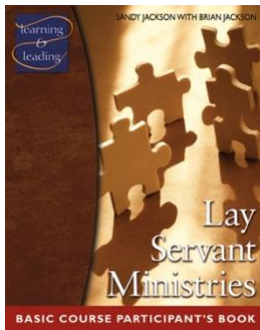
FALL LAY SERVANT CLASSES

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>



WEEKEND BACKPACKS

Hunger doesn't take
the weekend off

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 \$3500.00 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!



**JOIN US ON THE 2ND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH
FROM 11:30am–1:00pm**

for KIDS CLUB (Pre-K – 5th Grade)!!

**Includes Lunch, Bible Story, Craft Projects,
Cooking Projects, Games, and FUN!!**

Begins SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

2024-2025 KIDS CLUB DATES

Sept. 8, 2024

Oct. 13, 2024

Nov. 10, 2024

Dec. 8, 2024

Jan. 12, 2025 – special FIELD TRIP to

Painterly Pottery in Bay City!

Feb. 9, 2025

March 9, 2025

April 13, 2025

May 18, 2025* (*not a 2nd Sunday*)