

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
October 27, 2023 - 10:00am - Stewardship IV / 24th Sunday in Pentecost

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: "A Mighty Fortress Suite: 1) Fanfare, 2) Meditation, 3) March"

arr. Phil Lehenbauer

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 #87:** "What Gift Can We Bring"

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| 1) What gift can we bring,
what present, what token?
What words can convey it,
the joy of this day?
When grateful we come,
remembering, rejoicing,
What song can we offer
in honor and praise? | 3) Give thanks for tomorrow,
full of surprises,
For knowing whatever
tomorrow may bring,
The Word is our promise
always, forever;
We rest in God's keeping
and live in God's love. |
| 2) Give thanks for the past,
for those who had vision,
Who planted and watered
so dreams could come true.
Give thanks for the now,
for study, for worship,
For mission that bids us
turn prayer into deed. | 4) This gift we now bring,
this present, this token,
These words can convey it,
the joy of this day!
When grateful we come,
remembering, rejoicing,
This song we now offer
in honor and praise! |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***The Call to Worship:**

(adapted from Old South Church in Boston, MA, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com>.)

One: O God, you broke down the barriers when you walked beside us

All: You opened our eyes to see how the hands of the rich were empty, and the hearts of the poor were full.

One: You opened our minds to the truth of your Word, and our hearts to the shaping of your love.

All: You took the widow's mite and the child's loaves and used them to show us the Kingdom here and now.

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One: Here in the company of the neighbor whom we know, and the stranger in our midst, and the self from whom we turn, we ask to love as Jesus loved.

All: **Make this the place and time, Holy Lord, when heaven and earth become one, and we know ourselves and others as beloved. Thank-you, and 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 – “Where Your Treasure is”

adapted by M.H.; Music by Marty Haugen; © 2000 GIA Publications Inc.



Where your treas - ure is, there your heart shall be. All that
you pos - sess will nev - er set you free. Seek the things that last; come and
learn from me. Where your treas - ure is, your heart shall be.

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.

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.

Stewardship Moment

Ed Cunningham

Choral Anthem: “Where Your Treasure Is, There Your Heart Shall Be”

by Marty Haugen

Soloists: Bethany Tomasino, Ed Cunningham, Peg Wilken, & Terry Moon

Scripture Lesson:

Mark 12:38-44

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 46-47

³⁸ As he taught, Jesus said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” ⁴¹ Then he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Jesus called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Response to the Word

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

P: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

“PUTTING SAGINAW FIRST”

Rev. Amy Terhune

Living Our Gratitude and Turning in Our 2025 Pledge Cards

♪ Please choose to support your church family in this exciting and challenging time of mission/ministry. Enjoy the musical selection as a time to give thanks to God for all with which you have been blessed.

If you’ve already pledged, write your name and ‘DUPLICATE’ on a pledge card and bring it forward.

If you’re not ready/able to pledge yet, write your name and “I SUPPORT FIRST U.M.C.” on a pledge card and bring it forward.

Use the QR codes or pledge/give online here:

<https://www.firstumcsaginaw.org/give/>
<https://www.firstumcsaginaw.org/pledge/>



The Offertory: “More Precious Than Silver”

by Lynn DeShazo; arr. Phillip Keveren

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: Generous God, as we give our tithes and offerings, we thank you for your many blessings. You are a giving God. We can never outgive you. As we bring our pledges, we thank you for the ways you empower us to partner with you in doing good and spreading faith. And as we give ourselves, we trust that you will use and multiply all we are and all we have to demonstrate how you love the whole city, and are working to love the city whole, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn UMH #117:** “O God, Our Help In Ages Past” (vs. 1, 3-4, 6)

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| 1) O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home! | 4) A thousand ages, in thy sight,
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night,
Before the rising sun. |
| 3) Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting, thou art God,
To endless years the same. | 6) O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come;
Be thou our guide while life shall last,
And our eternal home. |

***Benediction:**

(by Laura Bartlett, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com>.)

One: Beloved, the task is ambitious but worthwhile: go forth from this place in the company of the Holy Spirit, to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, and to love our whole city, that we may love our city whole.

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

*** Postlude:**

“Toccata Festiva”

by Franklin Ritter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday 11/3 – Daylight Savings Time, All Saints Worship (10am), Pumpkin Fling/Mobile Food Pantry (12:00-1:00pm), and Ezekiel Project Prayer Walk (2:30-5:00pm)
- Sunday 11/10 – Worship (10am), Kids Club (11:30am-1:00pm), and Young Adult Dinner (6:00-7:30pm)
- Sunday 11/17 – Men’s Breakfast (8:30am), Worship (10am), PFLAG Svc. of Remembrance (1:00pm), Youth Group (6:00-7:30pm)
- Sunday 11/24 – Worship (10am), Hanging of the Greens (11am), Interfaith Thanksgiving Service (3:00pm)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Anne Marks-Gaertner / Greeters: Sue Arceo and Belinda Hatch / Ushers: Bob Bula, Cal & Pam Mott, Church Priem, Andy Sharrow / Welcome Desk: Cory Sursely / Sound System: Angie Smith / Nursery: Karissa Schultz

We'd like to extend a special thank you to Carla Piazza-Wistehuff (Celebration Chairperson) and all those who have helped with our Celebration Breakfast this morning.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to the family Terry Moon & Peg Wilken and family upon the death of Terry's father Ron Moon on Tuesday, Oct. 22, and to Pastor Amy and family upon the death of Amy's Aunt Margaret Casinger in St. Louis, Missouri on Monday, Oct. 21.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Don Hammond, Peter Pape, Ron Southgate, Jerry Taylor

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, Sue Johnson, Sharon Ketcham, ZoAnn Kraynak, Barb Kropp, Mark Leffler, Joyce Maltman, Bonnie Markley, Merlyn Mondol, Ron Moon, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Madge Richmond, Eugenia Shek, Ron & Noreen Southgate, Kathy Winkowski, and Dorothy Woods. Also, please pray for UMCOR, and for war to end in Ukraine and in Israel/Gaza.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR given by Sheryl Clauss in memory of Jim Clauss.

CELEBRATION FOR COMMITMENT SUNDAY – Today, after worship, a light brunch will be served! Together we'll acknowledge and celebrate our blessings and the Stewardship Drive and Capital Campaign's anticipated success! ALL are invited; no reservations are needed! Please plan to turn in your pledge card today. Pledge cards were mailed out earlier this month, and are also available at the welcome desk.

HELP NEEDED delivering food on Thursdays to area schools. Sign up online to be in service at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-44603782-backpack>

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, continuing Tuesday, November 12, 2024 from 5:30-6:30pm for Four-Way Pasta. Sign up to bring food at the welcome desk. Volunteer to work here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-community>

FUN EVENT - Eagle Scout Mark Schultz, of Troup #55 in Frankenmuth, has built a **TREBUCHET** (or catapult) for us here at First U.M.C. We will use it to welcome the community to our back lot on **Sunday, November 3 from Noon-1pm (New date/time)** to "Fling pumpkins" into the back field. We'll also have roasted hot dogs, chips, and hot apple cider. All are invited to bring their used jack-o-lanterns to **FLING THE PUMPKINS**. Event is free and open to all. **NOTE: THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY** from East Side Soup Kitchen will be here next Sunday during the pumpkin fling to collect non-perishable food items and personal care items / toiletries. Please be generous as we support the less fortunate while having fun!

SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR next Sunday, November 3. Or be early to worship!!!

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: **saginawfmc**



Creating Peace Through Interfaith
Dialogue | Cooperation | Understanding



We're coming together to make a difference. This year, the Interfaith Saginaw offering will go to support the Partnership Center in Saginaw.



Interfaith Saginaw

Invites you to our 8th Annual Interfaith Service of Thanksgiving

The Jesus Christ Church of Latter-Day Saints
1415 N. Center Road, Saginaw, MI 48638

Sunday, November 24, 2024 – 3:00pm



Saginaw County
Prayer Walk

Sunday, November 3, 2024

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY / PRAY FOR PEACE

**Route starts and ends at:
New Birth Missionary Baptist Church**

2:15pm - Early Arrival/Meet-up

New Birth Missionary Baptist Cathedral
3121 Sheridan Ave, Saginaw, MI 48601

2:55pm - Stop 1 - Wickes Park

412 Wickes park Dr, Saginaw, MI 48601

3:30pm - Stop 2 - Borchard Park

100 N Michigan Ave, Saginaw, MI 48602

4:10pm - Stop 3 - Unity Park

1305 Leon Scott Ct, Saginaw, MI 48601

4:35pm - Stop 4 - Buena Vista Community Center

1940 S Outer Dr, Saginaw, MI 48601

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All Saints Remembrance - November 3, 2024

Each November, we remember those members of our congregation who have passed on to eternity since November 1 of last year. Families of church members know to us will receive a letter regarding our celebration of remembrance, inviting them to submit the information below along with a photo and a brief biography or tribute to be read during the service.'

If there are members of Ames U.M.C. or State Street U.M.C. that have passed in the last year, please help us catch those we might otherwise miss by filling in the information below along with your phone number so that we can get pertinent information.

Of course, we would also like to remember those loved ones who have passed on since November 1 who may not have been members here, but who are near and dear to our hearts. If you have lost a close family member or friend since November 1, 2023, you are invited to submit a photo and the following information to Pastor Amy via email (pastoralbt@outlook.com), dropping it in the offering plate, bring it into the office, or calling in the information to the church office (989) 799-0131.

Full name of Loved One: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Church Membership (*circle one*): Saginaw First U.M.C. State Street U.M.C. Ames U.M.C. Other

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death _____

Submitted by: _____

Will you be here in person to light a candle? Yes No

If you have mobility issues or can't be here and wish for a worship leader to light the candle, check this box

Full name of Loved One: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Church Membership (*circle one*): Saginaw First U.M.C. State Street U.M.C. Ames U.M.C. Other

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