

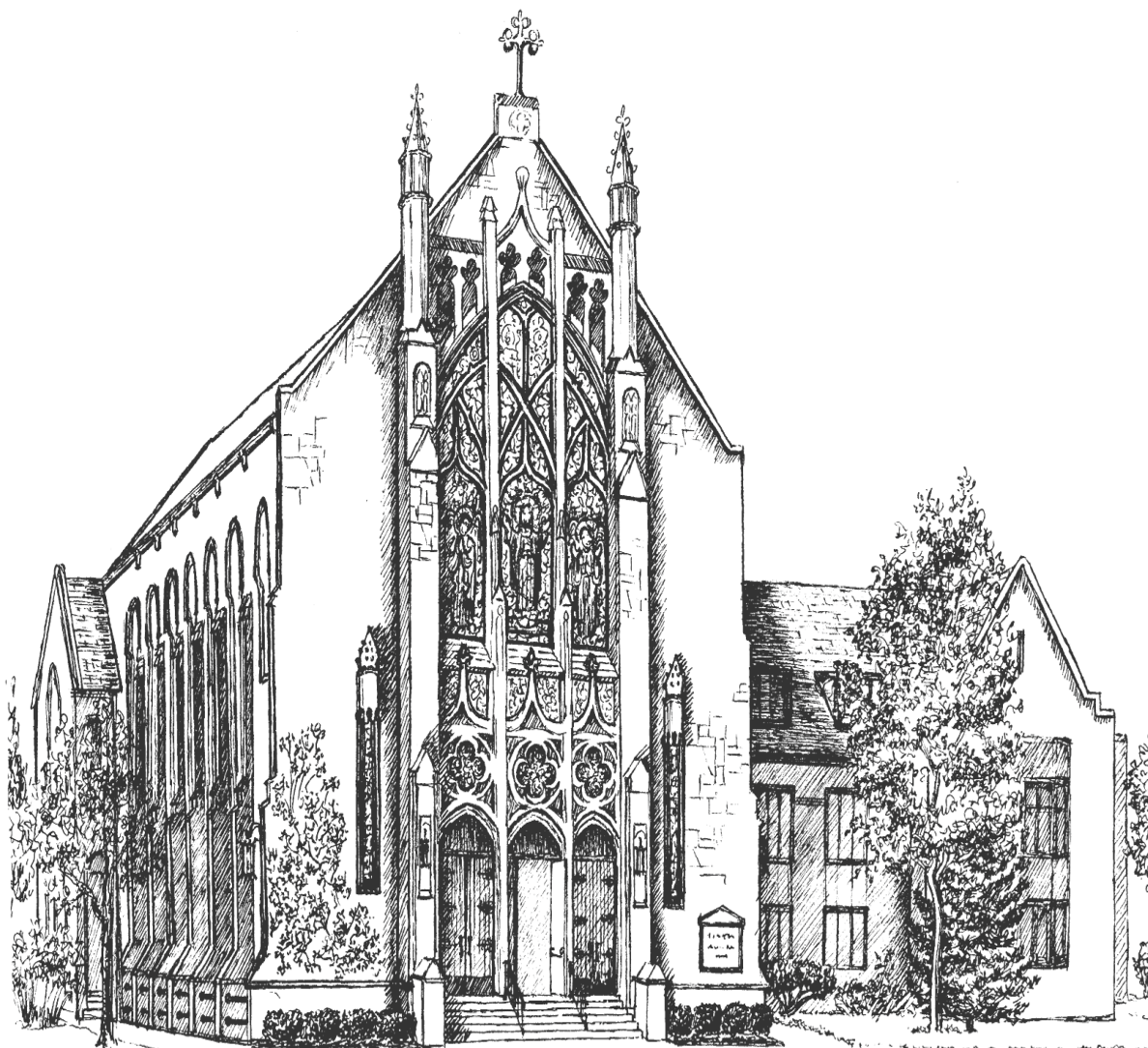


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

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August 13, 2023

10:00 a.m.



We are a Reconciling Congregation, welcoming all.

First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo invites all persons to join us on our journey of faith. Jesus Christ calls us to be an inclusive church that exemplifies the kingdom of God. We strive to move toward reconciling relationships with all, affirming those who are marginalized for any reason, including sexual orientation or gender identity.

We welcome all with *open hearts, open minds, open doors.*

We would like to connect with you.

Please fill out the attendance pad and introduce yourself as you pass it to your neighbor. You are invited in these beginning moments to use the prayer cards found in the pews.

The cards will be collected by an usher, shared with clergy, and if you wish, shared aloud during worship.

** Please rise in body or in spirit*

GATHERING MUSIC *I Saw the Light*

Hank Williams

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Donna Dunyak

One: Eternal God, we cry to you, lost and alone

All: **Faithful yet unseen, you are present.**

One: Wind and waves beat against us.

All: **Jesus calm and steady, you are there.**

One: Fear and doubts rise up in us.

All: **Spirit of peace, you are here with us and within us. In awe and gratitude, we thank you. We reach out to you. We worship you.**

***OPENING HYMN #145** *Morning Has Broken*

(UMH-red hymnal)

WELCOME & PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor Thom Victor

***SCRIPTURE** Matthew 14:22-33 (NRSV)

Vickie Winfield

This is what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

Nancy Hyde

MUSICAL RESPONSE *Swing Low*

Traditional Spiritual

Wes Garman, soloist

A TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN US ALL

Julia Librizzi

BLESSING FOR THE CHILDREN

MESSAGE *Following Christ into the Stormy Uncertainty*

Pastor Thom Victor

CHANGE THE WORLD OFFERING

***MUSICAL RESPONSE #512** *Stand By Me*

(UMH-red hymnal)

A soloist will sing the first two verses. Please join in singing vv. 3-5.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deb Search Willoughby

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,
All: **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our God/Mother/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.**

CALL TO OFFERING

Ruth LaMachia

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Turn Your Radio On*

Albert E. Brumley

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Gracious God, we thank you for this mystery in which you have given your-
self to us. By your Word you calm our stormy hearts and call us to greater
risks in faith. You grant us your presence and strengthen us to serve you.
Give us the faith always to hold on to you as we serve you in all circum-
stances. Send us now into the world to spread your grace in the name of
Christ and the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

(Unfolding Light)

OUR SHARED LIFE

***HYMN #2282** *I’ll Fly Away*

(FWS-black hymnal)

SUNG BLESSING *Count Your Many Blessings*

J. Oatman and E. Excell

BENEDICTION

WORSHIP LEADERS

astor Thom Victor, Julia Librizzi, Donna Dunyak,
Vickie Winfield, Nancy Hyde, Ruth LaMachia,
Deb Search Willoughby

Director of Music **Organist**
Jacqueline Stilger Bernie Foulk

Satellite Worship Coordinator: Mark Stucky

AV Team: Bryan Heany, Drew Eaton, Casey Curran

INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE

In our worship, we strive to witness to the wholeness of God, embracing the diversity of images of God that are found within Scriptures. We will seek to include male, female, and gender-neutral language and imagery for God, and utilize language that helps to avoid binary terms in pronouns and images of people. In our hymns and liturgy, we invite you to use pronouns that best express your practice and affirm your faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August Mission of the Month. On the water, a boater is obliged to respond if another boat is in distress. One does nothing that might put one's own boat and crew in danger, but you cannot ignore the situation. Here in Kalamazoo, people are threatened with eviction or loss of power and fuel for heating. They call Helping Our Neighbors at FUMC and other agencies which are ready to help. Through the August Mission of the Month you will be invited to help with funding our response and also contribute some of your time to assist in responding to calls for assistance.

Hospitality Team. Please help us welcome people to our church. We want to continue building the Hospitality Team and need people to be greeters and ushers, help with Memorial Services and Perks (Sunday refreshments), and follow up with worship visitors. Please contact Vickie Winfield for more information vandcwinfield@aol.com.

Change the World Offering. The 2nd Sunday Change the World Offering will benefit the Bronson Park Food Pantry. We are getting an increasing number of clients and some items they need are not supplied by Loaves and Fishes. Please consider supporting this ministry by bringing to worship items from the list below or by giving a monetary donation. Your support of this ministry is greatly appreciated! Items needed: Toilet paper - most needed! Small deodorant, toothbrushes, facial tissue, ground coffee, ketchup/mustard, salad dressings.

August Family Fun. All are welcome to join us from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at the Splash Pad in River Oaks County Park – 9202 E. Michigan Ave. Galesburg, MI 49053. \$5 daily parking fee or Annual Kalamazoo County Vehicle Permit is needed for entry. Join us in the pavilion next to the splash pad for some pizza! Please RSVP to Julia Librizzi at jlibrizzi@umc-kzo.org so we are sure to pick up enough pizza and bring a drink, towels, and a dish to pass!

Save the date. FUMC Visioning Workshop, Saturday Oct 21, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. We are delighted to announce that this fall we will be spending some time working on our Vision/Mission as we seek to define who we are as First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo in 2023. This church-led work will include some weeks of pre-work culminating in a Visioning Workshop. We hope that you will reserve Saturday, October 21st in your calendar and join us in this important work!

Confirmation Class. Confirmation is a two year program open to all youth who are entering 7th grade or older. Any student who begins confirmation this fall will participate for two full years. Confirmation class will take place on the third Sunday of the month beginning September 17 and will meet for 1 to 1½ hours immediately after worship. Contact Pastor Matt, mweiler@umc-kzo.org, for registration information.

Gardening - We are also helping with the Sunnyside United Methodist Church community gardens on Gull Rd. every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate!

Biking - every Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at the Kal Haven trailhead. We'll increase our roundtrip distance weekly. Questions may be directed to Dawn Wheaton at dawheaton53@gmail.com.

Children and Families Ministries Fall Kick-Off. Friday, September 8, 2023 from 6-8 p.m. at Oshtemo Township Park located at 7275 W Main St, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. We will meet under the pavilion and tie dye t-shirts and celebrate the return of Children's Sunday School on Sunday, September 10th right after the worship service! Please bring a dish to pass and email Julia Librizzi at jlibrizzi@umc-kzo.org by September 5th so we are sure to have enough t-shirts and dye to go around!

UPCOMING WORSHIP

August 20

10:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Matt Weiler

*Walkabout with Joseph, David,
Disobedience, and Mercy*

Gen 45:1-15; Ps 133;

Rom 11:1-2a, 29-32;

Matt 15:(10-20), 21-28

August 27

10:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Matt Weiler

Down Under Transformation

Rom 12:1-8

We're glad you are our guest today!

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please stop by the Welcome Center.

Child care with trained and fully vaccinated staff is provided on the second floor for infants through three-year-olds.

Worship activities for children can be found on a cart outside the said sanctuary doors.

LARGE print bibles and Hymnals are available at the Park Street entrance.

Hearing assistance devices are available at the Welcome Center.

Today's service is being livestreamed and recorded. You may request a free copy of the DVD from the office. Previous worship services may be found on our website: www.umc-kzo.org. You may view worship services on our YouTube channel: [KalamazooFirstUnitedMethodistChurch](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkalamazoo)

Clergy & Directors

Rev. Julie Kline

Lead Pastor

Rev. Matt Weiler

Pastor of Community Formation

Jacqueline Stilger

Director of Music

Julia Librizzi

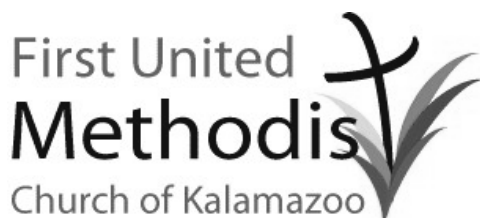
Director of Children and Families
Ministries

Thom Victor

Pastor of Congregational Care

Ruth LaMachia

Director of Business Administration



OUR MISSION

We are called to
Experience God's love
Celebrate God's love
Share God's love

OUR VISION

We are a Faith Community
Alive in Christ
Open to all
Growing in faith
Serving our neighbors
Active in the world

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, August 13

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Friendship Village Satellite Worship

6:00 p.m. Small Groups at Church

Monday, August 14

Bay Shore Day Camp

12:45 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Chapel

Tuesday, August 15

Bay Shore Day Camp

9:30 a.m. Worship Planning - Zoom

12:30 p.m. Clergy/Directors Meeting - TBD

Wednesday, August 16

Bay Shore Day Camp

8:00 a.m. Yoga - Zoom (All are welcome)

9:00 a.m. Dawn Patrol - Parlor

12:00 p.m. Cuppa Inspiration - Facebook Live

12:30 p.m. Food Pantry

3:00 p.m. HON - TBD

6:00 p.m. Gardening Group - Sunnyside UMC

7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry - Parlor

Thursday, August 17

Bay Shore Day Camp

9:30 a.m. Trustees - Zoom

6:30 p.m. Bicycling Small Group - Kal-Haven Trail

Friday, August 18

Saturday, August 19

Sunday, August 20

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Friendship Village Satellite Worship

Monday, August 21

12:45 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Chapel

5:00 p.m. Finance Team - Zoom

Morning Has Broken

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Unison
C Am Dm G F C

1. Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en,
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

Am Em/G F Em Dm G

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!

C F C Am Dm/F

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

D7/F# C/G F G7 C

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

WORDS: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931 (Lam. 3:22-23)

MUSIC: Trad. Gaelic melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1988

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Stand By Me

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1. When the storms of life are rag-ing,
 2. In the midst of trib - u - la-tion,
 3. In the midst of faults and fail-ures, stand by me; (stand by me)
 4. In the midst of per - se - cu-tion,
 5. When I'm grow-ing old and fee-ble,

when the storms of life are rag-ing,
 in the midst of trib - u - la-tion,
 in the midst of faults and fail-ures, stand by me. (stand by me)
 in the midst of per - se - cu-tion,
 when I'm grow-ing old and fee-ble,

When the world is toss - ing me, like a ship up-on the sea,
 When the host of hell as - sail, and my strength be-gins to fail,
 When I've done the best I can, and my friends mis-un-der-stand,
 When my foes in war ar - ray un - der-take to stop my way,
 When my life be-comes a bur-den, and I'm near-ing chil - ly Jor-dan,

thou who rul - est wind and wa-ter,
 thou who nev - er lost a bat-tle,
 thou who know-est all a-bout me, stand by me. (stand by me)
 thou who sav - ed Paul and Si-las,
 O thou Lil - y of the Val-ley,

WORDS: Charles Albert Tindley, ca. 1906 (Mt. 8:23-27; Mk. 4:35-41; Lk. 8:22-25)

MUSIC: Charles Albert Tindley, ca. 1906; arr. by William Farley Smith, 1989

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STAND BY ME

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I'll Fly Away

1. Some glad morn-ing when this life is o'er, } I'll fly a -
2. When the shad-ows of this life have gone, } fly a-way,
3. Just a few more wea - ry days and then, }

way; fly a-way; { to a home on God's ce - les - tial shore, }
like a bird from pris - on bars has flown, }
to a land where joys shall nev - er end, }

Refrain

I'll fly a-way. I'll fly a-way, O glo-ry,
fly a-way, fly a-way. fly a-way,

I'll fly a-way, fly a-way. When I die, hal - le -
in the morn-ing.

lu - jah, by and by, I'll fly a-way, fly a-way. fly a-way.