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 green prayer cards found in the pews. The cards will be collected by an usher during the opening hymn to be shared with clergy.

\* Please rise in body or in spirit

**PRELUDE** Here I Am, Lord

D. Schutte arr. J. Carter

Piano Duet: Carol Grant and Carol Hodges

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Carolyn Murphy

One: In love and joy God calls us together.

All: And so we meet this day, as friends, as neighbors, as siblings in Christ.

One: Called together by God, we bring our offerings to God:

All: Our songs, our hearts, our prayers, our lives.

One: Grateful for this opportunity to give and receive, let us worship God!

-Beth Merril Neel

\*OPENING HYMN #560 Help Us Accept Each Other

(UMH-red hymnal)

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLES

WELCOME Rev. Julie Kline

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE & PASSING THE PEACE Rev. Matt Weiler

**SCRIPTURE READING** Ephesians 4:25-5:2

CHILDREN'S BLESSING Julia Librizzi

**HYMN #2233** Where Children Belong (FWS-black hymnal)

MESSAGE A Fragrant Offering Rev. Julie Kline

**HYMN #2223** They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love (FWS-black hymnal)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**ANOINTING** 

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our God/Father/Mother, 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** 

**OFFERTORY SOLO** Steal Away

Piano Duet: Carol Grant and Carol Hodges

Trad. Spiritual arr. Lloyd Larson

\*DOXOLOGY #95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost.

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we joyously place before you our offerings. May these gifts support our ministry so that others may gather in your name and follow your path of love and peace. We, your beloved children, seek to be "imitators of God" and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

## **OUR SHARED LIFE**

\*HYMN #2237 As a Fire is Meant for Burning (FWS-black hymnal)

**BLESSING** 

POSTLUDE Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Johann Christoph Bach

UMH-United Methodist Hymnal, FWS-The Faith We Sing

#### MISSION

We are called to:

- Experience God's Love
- · Celebrate God's Love
- · Share God's Love

#### VISION

We are a Christ-centered community where our stories are woven with God's story.

#### **CORE VALUES**



**Love:** God is Love and all creation is made in love, by love, for love.



Community: Sacred relationship with God and one another.



**Inclusion:** All identities belong and are loved in Christ.



**Justice:** Restoration of equity and wholeness.

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, August 11 10:00 am Sunday Worship

#### Monday, August 12

8:30 am Bay Shore Day Camp 12:00 pm Prayer Group - Zoom/Chapel 1:00 pm Building & Grounds - Parlor 2:00 pm Leadership Team - Zoom

#### Tuesday, August 13

8:30 am Bay Shore Day Camp 9:30 am Worship Planning - Zoom 12:00 pm Stain Glass Preservation - Rm. 305 4:30 pm Food Pantry

## Wednesday, August 14

8:00 am Yoga - Zoom 8:30 am Bay Shore Day Camp 9:00 am Dawn Patrol - Rm.304 12:00 pm Cuppa Inspiration - Facebook Live 12:30 pm Food Pantry 2:00 pm Stephen Ministry - Rm.310 3:00 pm HON - Zoom

#### Thursday, August 15

8:30 am Bay Shore Day Camp 9:00 am Trustees - Zoom 4:00 pm Outreach Team - Parlor

#### Friday August 16

Saturday August 17

#### Sunday, August 18

10:00 am Sunday Worship - Sanctuary

#### **UPCOMING WORSHIP**

Sunday, August 18 10:00 am Worship

Proclaim in Grateful Song Rev. Matt Weiler

> Sunday, August 25 10:00 am Worship Rev. Matt Weiler

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 side sanctuary

**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 can request a free copy of the DVD from the office. You can find previous worship services on our website: http://www.umc-kzo.org/mp3.asp. You may view worship services on our YouTube channel: YouTube.com/c/ **KALAMAZOO**firstunitedmethodistchurch

## **Church Staff**

Rev. Julie KlineLead Pastor
Rev. Matt Weiler Comm. Formation
Jacqueline StilgerDirector of Music
Julia LibrizziChildren & Families
Thom Victor Tech. Support Specialist
Bernie FoulkOrganist
Drew Bolton Bldg. Superintendent
Christine Landreville Office Manager
Walt WhitfieldBookkeeper
Christiane StakelyOffice Assistant
Jose Celorio Communications Coord.
Andrew Weare Building Host
Maggie LoncharteBuilding Host
Jim Tiffany Custodian

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Julie Kline, Rev. Matt Weiler, Julia Librizzi, Carolyn Murphy

**Director of Music Pianists** 

Jacqueline Stilger Carol Grant & Carol Hodges

**Organist** Buff Coe

> Audio-Visual Team: Bryan Heany, Thom Victor, Drew Eaton, Jim Frey.

## **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 Pick-Up Choir: There will be a pick-up choir on 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

Special Offering: Today's Special offering will support our August Mission of the month, Helping Our Neighbors (HON). Your contributions will significantly help this ministry, which has become vital to many members of our community.

**Rosebud:** The rosebud in the chancel is in honor of the birth of Phillip Edward S. Jr., born on July 27, 2024 to proud parents Phil and Colette and proud grandparents Bob and Christiane.

Ministry Fair: Join us this week as we continue to celebrate the diverse ministries of our church! This week, we are shining a spotlight on Helping Our Neighbors (HON) and our brand new Visitation Team. joy interacting with people, and want to serve in Stop by after church and learn more about how you can get involved with these wonderful ministries.

August Mission of the Month: In early June, we reported that Helping Our Neighbors (HON) had assisted 200 families in avoiding eviction and utility shutoffs. Since then, our workload has surged, with over 60 calls a week. To respond, our Mission of the Month for August is HON. A special offering will be enter. Hours will typically be half days during taken Today, August 11. Volunteers are needed to an- the week, with some evening shifts. Weekend swer calls for help. Please contact Ann and Ray shifts are highly variable and dependent upon Sweany, Carolyn Murphy, or JoAnne Lehman if inter- special weekend activities in the building. ested. With Janine Kennedy stepping down after 5 Please contact Rev. Matt Weiler at: years, we need new volunteers to continue supporting mweiler@umc-kzo.org, or phone the church: our neighbors in need.

Splendid Suppers for Seven: Round three of Splendid Suppers for Seven is in progress! Available dates: September 21, 24, and 28, all at 6:00 PM. Sign-up sheets are available at the welcome desk. Feel free to join even if you've attended before.

**Adult Mission Trip**: We invite adults of any age to join us on a mission trip to Detroit, October 3-6. We will be staying at and working through Cass Community Social Services, a Detroit-based agency connected with Cass Community United Methodist Church. For questions, or to sign up, please contact Dan Duncan at: (616) 502-5092 or danduncan56@gmail.com

Sunday, August 18th, meeting at 9:00 a.m. to sing for the service at 10:00. We'll sing an easy anthem, so if you would like to be a part of the choir for just one day only, please come and sing with us. It would be great to have you!

Educational Opportunity: If you are still interested in participating in the Greece/Egypt trip through Educational Opportunities from November 10 - 20 with Bishop and Julie Bard and John and Diane Boley, please note that registration and first installment fees are due on July 28th. Please contact John Boley, (989).400-0355, jboley54@gmail.com, with any questions.

Bus Driver Needed: We are looking for volunteers to join our team as bus drivers for Sunday morning worship. This is an opportunity to contribute to our church community by helping members who lack transportation to attend our services. If you have a valid driver's license, ena meaningful way, please consider this role. Please contact Robin Entenman (269) 910-3963.

**Job Opportunity:** We are looking for a parttime building host. This position cares for the safety of the church building and occupants, while serving as a welcoming leader for all who (269)-381-6340 to apply. Resumés may be submitted to: resumes@umc-kzo.org.



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212 S Park St Kalamazoo, MI www.umc-kzo.org

August 11, 2024

10:00 AM

A Fragrant Offering Ephesians 4:25-5:2

ANOINTING SUNDAY

## 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.