

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

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 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. 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 taken Today, August 11. Volunteers are needed to answer calls for help. Please contact Ann and Ray Sweany, Carolyn Murphy, or JoAnne Lehman if interested. With Janine Kennedy stepping down after 5 years, we need new volunteers to continue supporting 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

Pick-Up Choir: There will be a pick-up choir on 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, enjoy interacting with people, and want to serve in a meaningful way, please consider this role. Please contact Robin Entenman at: (269) 910-3963.

Job Opportunity: We are looking for a part-time building host. This position cares for the safety of the church building and occupants, while serving as a welcoming leader for all who enter. Hours will typically be half days during the week, with some evening shifts. Weekend shifts are highly variable and dependent upon special weekend activities in the building. Please contact Rev. Matt Weiler at: mweiler@umc-kzo.org, or phone the church: (269)-381-6340 to apply. Resumes may be submitted to: resumes@umc-kzo.org.



First United Methodist
Church of Kalamazoo

A Fragrant Offering
Ephesians 4:25-5:2

August 11, 2024
10:00 AM

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



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.*

Church Staff

Rev. Julie Kline..... Lead Pastor
Rev. Matt Weiler Comm. Formation
Jacqueline StilgerDirector of Music
Julia Librizzi.....Children & Families
Thom Victor..... Tech. Support Specialist
Bernie Foulk.....Organist
Drew Bolton Bldg. Superintendent
Christine LandrevilleOffice Manager
Walt Whitfield..... Bookkeeper
Christiane StakelyOffice Assistant
Jose Celorio ... Communications Coord.
Andrew WeareBuilding Host
Maggie Loncharte.....Building Host
Jim Tiffany..... Custodian