

UPCOMING WORSHIP

November 16 @ 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Julie Kline

"Drink from the Deep Wells"

Isaiah 12

November 23 @ 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Matt Weiler

Reign of Christ Sunday

Colossians 1:11-20

WE ARE 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 to 3-year-olds.

Worship activities for children can be found on a cart outside the side 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. You can find previous recordings of worship services on our website (www.umc-kzo.org) under the Livestream tab, or find us on our YouTube page.

Church Staff

- Rev. Julie Kline..... Lead Pastor
- Rev. Matt Weiler Community Formation
- Jacqueline Stilger Organist/Dir. of Music
- Cari Miller..... Associate Dir. of Music
- Julia Librizzi..... Children & Families
- Drew BoltonBldg. Superintendent
- Linda Hamill Office Manager
- Christiane Stakely Office Assistant
- Erika Jones..... Communications
- Cody Collmenter Bookkeeper
- Bryan Heany..... AV Team Leader
- Eamon Bronson.....Building Host
- Alison EricsonBuilding Host
- Samantha Lee.....Building Host
- Jim Tiffany.....Custodian
- Ruth Butters Young Adult Resident

We are a Reconciling Congregation, Welcoming ALL.



Worship Leaders: Rev. Julie Kline, Rev. Matt Weiler, Julia Librizzi, Mary Whittaker Duncan, Vickee Seals

Director of Music/Organist: Jacqueline Stilger

Associate Director of Music: Cari Miller

Musician: Maria Schneider - oboe

Acolytes: Michael and Zachary Bovid

Audio-Visual Team Leaders: Bryan Heany and Drew Eaton; Lucas McGinnis, volunteer; Kennedy Hayes, backup

▶▶ **We are always looking for A/V volunteers.** ◀◀ Training is provided. All ages welcome. We'll work around your availability. Inquire with Bryan Heany for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The rosebuds on the altar today are in celebration of the births of:
🌹 Twins, Archer and Olivia, born Nov. 1. Proud grandparents are Christiane and Bob Stakely!
🌹 Spencer, born Oct 22. Proud Grandma is Vickee Seals!

Youth Group: Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm in the lower-level youth lounge. Youth Group is open to all youth 6th—12th grades. Contact Pastor Matt Weiler for more information.

Sunday School Classes for all ages meet today after the 10am worship service.

Manna, our young adult ministry, gathers every Tuesday in the youth lounge from 6:30—8:00pm. Contact Ruth Butters at ruthbutters@gmail.com.

New Membership Class meets in the chapel after worship today, with the reception of new members in worship on Nov. 16. If you would like to explore the commitment and joy of membership in First United Methodist Church, please contact Pastor Julie at jkline@umc-kzo.org.

Grief Group: Sundays after Worship, Nov. 9, 16, 23 & Dec. 7 & 14. Today we will meet in the Fellowship Room; next week we will meet in the chapel. The group will be facilitated by Ann Kneas and Deb Search Willoughby. Retired pastor Doug Vernon will also join us and bring some thoughts about caregiving and loss.

Splendid Suppers for Seven Sign-ups: We have four hosts who have offered to open their homes on these dates: Nov. 15, Dec. 5, 6, and 10. This is a great opportunity to get together with people in our church community. Hosts' AND guests' names will be secret throughout the sign-up. Look for the drop boxes and sign-up strips on the welcome center desk!

For more information, contact one of our co-lay leaders, Mary Whittaker Duncan and Vickee Seals.

Current Academy Classes:

- **“Unlocking Possibilities: Five Secrets to a Fulfilling Life.”** Meets today and Nov. 16 after worship in the Parlor. Drawing on research she did for her new book on saints, Jennifer Clark will introduce us to individuals who range from inspirational to outrageous. In learning their stories and unlocking their secrets, we'll learn more about ourselves and lean into the possibilities for living an even more creative, generous, and courageous life.
- **“Looking Deeply: A Meditative Journey with Our Stained Glass Windows” Class,** taught by Mark Stucky. Our church has the finest collection of early twentieth-century stained-glass windows in the Kalamazoo area. These windows have stories to tell, from replacing the exterior protective panels to being a source of visionary inspiration and healing. This class will be a contemplative tour of the windows (and some other architectural features) as well as an exploration of a theology of beauty and stained glass. The class meets after the worship service on Nov. 23 in the Chapel, on Dec. 7 at the front of the sanctuary, and on Dec. 14 at the rear (Park Street) entrance.
- **“Seeing the Possibility in Hope” Workshop,** led by Mary Whittaker Duncan and Vickee Seals. This hands-on community mosaic project will take place Wednesday, Dec. 10, 5:30-7 pm in Wesley Hall (downstairs). Individual glass art pieces created in December will be assembled in January into a new whole. Ages 10 and up are welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult (sign-up is required).

The “Our Story is Never Over” Project: inspired by *The Four Pivots: Reimagining Justice, Reimagining Ourselves* by Dr. Shawn Ginwright. Look for the easel outside the sanctuary that invites your response to pivot-related questions. Keep an eye on the bulletin board for details, dates, and new opportunities!

The Annual Loaves & Fishes Concert will be Saturday, Nov. 22 in the sanctuary. Doors open at 4:30pm, the show starts at 5:30pm. Five bands will be playing, with a wide range of musical genres. Bring a shelf-stable food item or monetary donation.

Abounding Hope Campaign – Pledge Cards Still Being Accepted! We are still gratefully receiving pledge cards for the *Abounding Hope* campaign. If you haven't had a chance to turn yours in yet, you can drop it in the collection plate during worship or bring it by the church office. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

November 9, 2025

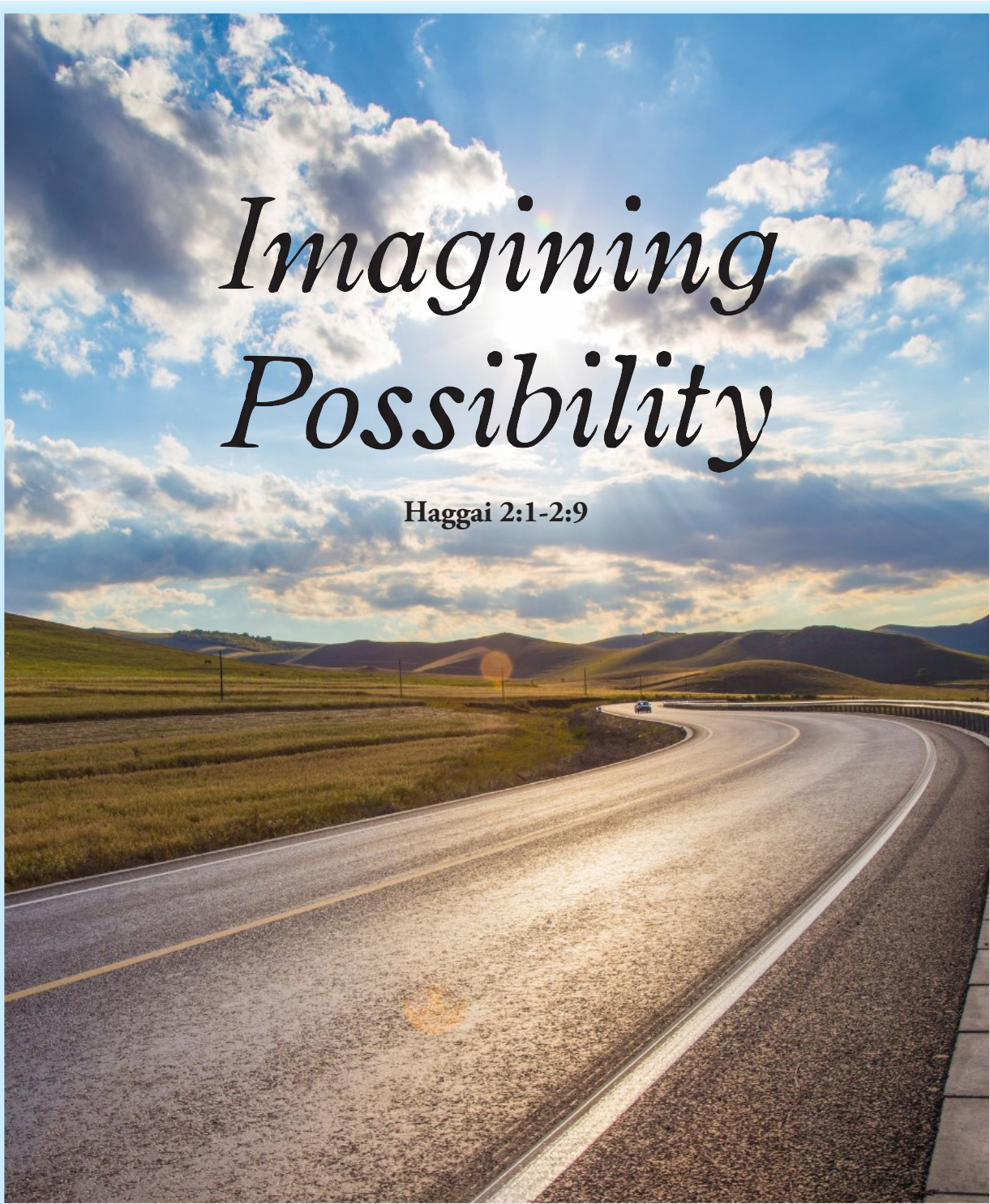
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“We cannot create what we can’t imagine” -Lucille Clifton

