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 Bolton	Bldg. Superintendent
Linda Hamill	Office Manager
Christiane Stakely	Office Assistant
Erika Jones	Communications
Cody Collmenter	Bookkeeper
	AV Team Leader
Eamon Bronson	Building Host
Alison Ericson	Building 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!

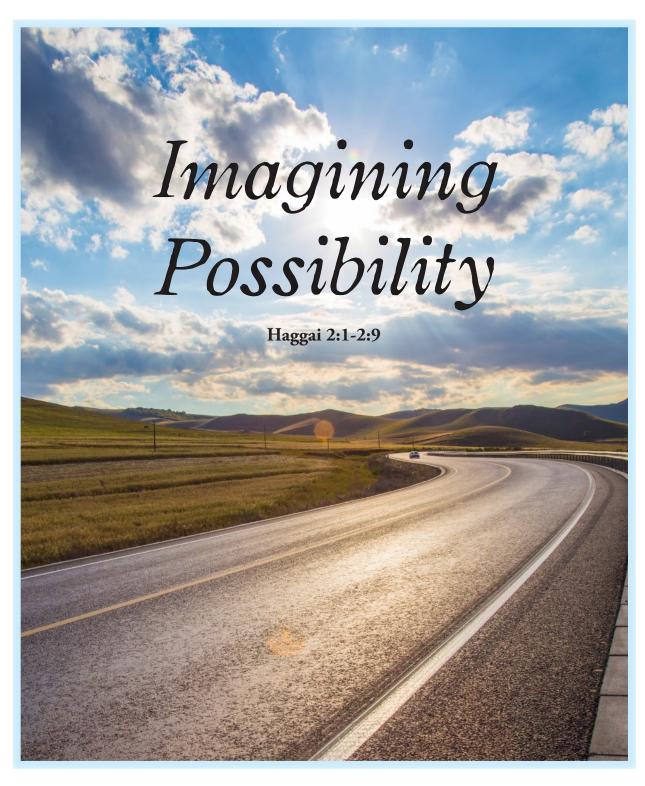
The Annual Loaves & Fishes Concert will be Saturday, Nov. 22 in the sanctuary. Doors open at 4:30pm, the show starts at 5:30pm. Five bands will be playing, with a wide range of musical genres. Bring a shelf-stable food item or monetary donation.

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 10:00 a.m.



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Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo

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 Pastorale (Charles Wesley)

Maria Schneider

Gavotte (Matthew Camidge)

*CALL TO WORSHIP Mary Whittaker Duncan, Co-Lay Leader

ONE: Even though we don't always feel it, God is with us.

ALL: The darkness and doubt of the world can threaten to consume us.

ONE: Yet God is with us.

ALL: All around us, there is fear and hopelessness.

ONE: God brings to us hope and peace. We place our trust in God's abundant love.

ALL: Let us freely and without fear open our hearts to God's healing words of hope.

Amen.

*HYMN #578 God of Love and God of Power

(UMH - red hymnal)

WELCOME AND PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Julie Kline

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

Rev. Matt Weiler

HYMN #2171 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

(FWS - black hymnal)

SCRIPTURE Haggai 2:1-2:9

This is what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most Holy and Powerful God, we take courage today that you will provide all we need to keep your presence at the center of our work to rebuild this church and the community around us for your glory. We need you today to shake the heavens and the earth. Shake the trees and the dry land. Shake the hearts and souls, pockets, wallets, and pocketbooks of all of us here and those around us. Shake us so that our earthly treasures and heavenly investments would be released freely to carry out your purposes. Now as we confess together, may we provide all you need for this temple, our own temples, and this community to be whole.

We confess how we fail to acknowledge that all our silver is yours and our gold is yours, no matter how much or how little we have. We live in scarcity – failing to believe that as we prosper you, you will prosper us, not for our own selfish gain, but for the sole purpose of positioning us to prosper others in need. For we are blessed to be a blessing! Help us to remember this good news and forgive us for our unbelief. We thank you and we praise you. In the mighty name of Jesus, amen!

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

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.

A TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN US ALL

Julia Librizzi

HYMN #2233 This is Where Children Belong

(FWS-black hymnal)

Blessing the Children

ALL: May God bless you and be with you. God loves you. So do we!

MESSAGE "Imagine"

Rev. Julie Kline

Reflections from Dr. Ginright

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Gabriel's Oboe* (arr. Kevin McChensney)

Handbell Ensemble

*DOXOLOGY #94 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Flow (UMH-red hymnal)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

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!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Faithful God, the One who stands with us in ruins and renewals alike, may your compassionate care continue to rain down on us. As we bring our offerings, we remember not only what was, but we dare to believe in what will be. You are our strength when we falter, our vision when the future feels uncertain. Use these gifts to rebuild your beloved community, as lives are made whole, relationships are restored, and justice is pursued. Amen.

OUR SHARED LIFE

Vickee Seals, Co-Lay Leader

*HYMN #2153 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

(FWS-black hymnal)

BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune* (Christopher Tambling)

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, and for love.



Community: Sacred relationship with God and one another



Inclusion: All identities belong and are love in Christ.



Justice: Restoration of equity and wholeness.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, November 9

10:00 am Worship Service - Sanctuary 11:00 am Sunday School for all ages - Parlor 11:00 am Grief Group - Fellowship Room 11:15 am Membership Class - Chapel 6:00 pm Youth Group - Youth Center

Monday, November 10

11:40 am Similarities (NA) - Wesley Hall 2:00 pm Leadership Team - Zoom

Tuesday, November 11

9:30 am Worship Planning - Zoom 11:40 am Similarities (NA) - Wesley Hall 4:15 pm First Beats - Choir Room 4:30 to 6:30 pm - Food Pantry Open 6:30 pm Manna - Youth Center

Wednesday, November 12

8:00 am Yoga - Zoom 9:00 am Dawn Patrol - Parlor 11:40 am Similarities (NA) - Wesley Hall 12:00 pm Cuppa Inspiration - Facebook Live 12:30 to 2:30 pm - Food Pantry Open 2:00 pm Cares Committee - Rm 310 or Chapel

Thursday, November 13

9:30 am First Stitchers - Fellowship Room 11:40 am Similarities (NA) - Wesley Hall 5:45 pm Handbell Choir - Wesley Hall 7:15 pm Chancel Singers - Choir Room

Sunday, November 16

10:00 am Worship Service - Sanctuary