

UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP

July 19 @10:00 a.m.
Innovation
"Creating for the Common Good"
Rev. Julie Kline
Matthew 25:14–30; Ephesians 2:10

July 26 @10:00 a.m.
Diversity
"Many People, One Neighbor Love"
Rev. Julie Kline
1 Corinthians 12:12–26;
Romans 12:9–18

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE OUR GUEST TODAY! If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please stop by the Welcome Center.

Children are welcome! Child care with trained staff is provided on the second floor for infants to 4-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 Beth Croak..... 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
Bryan Heany..... AV Team Leader
Alison EricsonBuilding Host
Samantha Lee.....Building Host
Jacob EricsonBuilding Host
Jim Tiffany.....Custodian
Ruth Butters Young Adult Resident

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.**

Worship Leaders: Rev. Julie Kline, Rev. Matt Weiler, Julia Librizzi, Megan Gillish, Audrey Quimby, Jason Brophy, Ruth Butters
Director of Music: Jacqueline Stilger
Associate Director of Music: Cari Beth Croak
Musician: Evelyn Moon, flute
Audio-Visual Team: Bryan Heany, Kennedy Hayes, Diego Menchinger, Lucas McGinnis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be an ASP Prayer Partner: Volunteers will receive a magnet with a picture of an ASP participant and pray for them during the week of their service trip. The magnets will be available after worship today. The team departs on July 19. There are 32 of us going to ASP from FUMC, joined by 17 from Portage Chapel Hill UMC, for a total of 49 participants!

Potluck after Church today!
All are welcome to join us for a shared meal in Wesley Hall. Please label your dish, especially if it contains common allergens (nuts, dairy, gluten, etc.) Crockpots can be plugged in before worship, and cold foods can be stored in the big refrigerators in the kitchen. Everyone is invited to eat, whether or not you can bring a dish. Church plates, glassware, and silverware will be available. Lemonade, water, and coffee will be provided. Children and youth are encouraged to be a part of this meal. Above all, come ready to enjoy fellowship and give thanks together.

Elevator Replacement Underway - Our church elevator is closed through at least the rest of the summer. We appreciate your patience as we replace our aging elevator with a new, modern one that is up to code and will function smoothly and safely for many years to come.

Restorative Yoga is being offered at FUMC on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30-10:30 in

the Parlor. Led by Ana Lucia Castañeda, this form of yoga focuses on gentle stretching and breathing. Ana always checks on the physical wellbeing of everyone and adapts from working on a mat to alternative forms to those needing to do chair exercise. All are welcome, even if you've never done yoga before. There is no fee, but Ana welcomes donations.

Manna, our young adult ministry, gathers every Tuesday in the Youth Lounge from 6:30-8:00pm. Contact Ruth Butters at ruthbutter@gmail.com.

KLUMP Softball League: Thursday evenings at Pathfinder Church, 8740 S. Westnedge Avenue, Portage. Come play or just cheer us on then join us for ice cream after the game.

This week's games, Thursday July 16:

- Cherry Creek vs. FUMC - 6:15pm
- Westwood UMC vs. Portage Pathfinder - 7:45pm

July Mission of the Month: school supplies for Spring Valley Elementary School. Following is a list of supplies that would be greatly appreciated:

Pencil boxes	Water bottles
Pencils	Sticky notes
Clorox wipes	Lined paper
Tissues	Band-Aids
Paper towels	Pens
White board markers	Erasers
Backpacks	Whiteout
Erasers	Binders

Please place donations in the Mission of the Month bin next to the host desk. Thank you for helping students in our community!

Kalamazoo First United Methodist Church's Call To Action

In response to racism and bias: as part of Kalamazoo First United Methodist Church's vow to resist oppression in all its forms, we commit ourselves to the decisive action that is needed to resist and dismantle racism at every level. This action must go beyond our historically empty rhetoric about repentance and broken promises to be a church that is a credible and active witness for peace, equity, and justice in the face of harm visited upon communities of color. We beckon our clergy and lay leadership to unapologetically shine the light of truth on our church community so that we recognize our complicity in systemic racism, recognize and condemn white supremacy as sin, and seek a deep knowing of what God calls us to do. We make these vows so that every person—especially Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC)—may live in safety, health, and freedom.

July 12, 2026 10:00 a.m.

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AMERICANS MAKE GREAT NEIGHBORS

Week 2: Service

Philippians 2:1-11; Luke 10:25-37

WELCOME TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

We would like to connect with you. Please fill out the attendance pad located at the end of the pews 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	Simple Gifts (Shaker tune, arr. John Purifoy)	Evelyn Moon, flute
WELCOME		Rev. Matt Weiler
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Megan Gillish

One: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it
ALL: Come, let us worship
One: Worship God in the beauty of holiness
ALL: Come, let us worship
One: The mercy of God is everlasting
ALL: Come, let us worship
One: The love of God is ever reaching
ALL: Come, let us worship God whose love meets us here!

*HYMN #168 At the Name of Jesus (UMH - red hymnal)

Practices for the Week:

- Do one "interruptible" act of kindness (help a coworker, check on a neighbor, write a note).
- Carry a small "mercy margin" (time or money) to meet a need when you see it.
- Receive an ASP prayer partner, or pray over the whole team list.
- Daily Prayer: "Merciful God, open my eyes and hands today so I may love the person in front of me."

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE & OPENING PRAYER

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

You are invited to turn to your neighbor and greet them with gestures and words of peace, such as “Peace be with you.” This practice symbolizes reconciliation, unity, and the sharing of Christ’s love amongst our community.

COMMISSIONING OF THE 2026 APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT TEAM

This year’s ASP Team Members representing First United Methodist Church are:

Karen Bovid, Michael Bovid, Ruth Butters, Bixler Weiler, Sydney Eger, Trevor Anderson, Annika Leep, Lillian Harthorn, Grace Harthorn, Katy McGinnis, Lucas McGinnis, Arya McGinnis, Josiah Miller, Matt Weiler, Coulter Weiler, Aria Antías, Cara Weiler, Neela Parthasarathy, Kari Parthasarathy, Megan Gillish, Erin Cramer-Erbes, Ben Cramer-Erbes, Charlie Cramer-Erbes, Phil VanOman, Jordyn Lueth, Alexandria Lueth, Brian Moon, Evelyn Moon, Jason Brophy, Em Norwood, Audrey Quimby, Kristyn MacInnis

HYMN #2184 Sent Out in Jesus’ Name (FWS-black hymnal)

EPISTLE READING Philippians 2:1-11 Audrey Quimby

***GOSPEL READING** Luke 10:25-37 Jason Brophy

One: This is what the Spirit is saying to the church.
ALL: Thanks be to God!

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!

SERMON “Love Moves Toward” Rev. Matt Weiler

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God we confess that sometimes we turn away from suffering,
we divide between the deserving and the undeserving poor,
we choose selfish ambitions over your will.

Forgive us God and make our minds like the mind of Christ
that we might empty ourselves for the sake of your love,
move towards the needs of the world,
and trust in your grace.
Amen.

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

One: People of God hear the good news, that in the name of Jesus Christ we are
all forgiven.
ALL: Thanks be to God, Amen.

HYMN #432 Jesu, Jesu (UMH - red hymnal)

SHARING OUR STORIES

Ruth Butters
This summer Ruth will be ending their two-year time of service as the youth and young adult resident at Kalamazoo First United Methodist Church. Ruth is our third Resident and this program is designed to nurture young adults with a passion for ministry and a desire to continue serving young people through the church.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Julie Kline

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Sicilienne (Gabriel Faure, op. 78) Evelyn Moon, flute

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all__ free - dom springs, Whose love en -

folds all liv - ing things. Praise God, who binds our__

hearts in__ one, to love our neigh - bors as God’s son.

Tune: Duke Street Attributed to John Hatton, 1793

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Living God,
you move toward us every day in your love.
These gifts are a response to this love.
Use them, and us,
to meet those who are hurting and vulnerable
with the same love that has come to us in Jesus Christ
Amen.

OUR SHARED LIVES

***HYMN #384** Love Divine all Loves Excelling (UMH - red hymnal)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Wade in the Water (American Spiritual arr. Joel Raney)
At the close of worship, the acolytes take the Light of Christ down the center aisle to symbolize that as Christ’s followers, we bear the Light of Christ to the world.

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, July 12**
10:00 am Worship Service
11:00 am Potluck - Wesley Hall
- Monday, July 13**
11:40 am Similarities - Wesley Hall
- Tuesday, July 14**
9:30 am Worship Planning - Zoom
9:30 am Restorative Yoga - Parlor
11:40 am Similarities - Wesley Hall
4:30 to 6:30 pm - Food pantry open
6:30 pm Manna - Youth Center
- Wednesday, July 15**
8:00 am Yoga - Zoom
9:00 am Dawn Patrol - Parlor
11:40 am Similarities - Wesley Hall
12:00 pm Cuppa Inspiration - Facebook Live
12:30 to 2:30 - Food pantry open
- Thursday, July 16**
9:30 am First Stitchers - Fellowship Room
9:30 am Restorative Yoga - Parlor
11:40 am Similarities - Wesley Hall
3:30 pm Outreach meeting - Parlor