

UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP

October 25 @10:00 a.m.

Consecration Sunday
Rev. Julie Kline
“Our Hearts, Our Home”
Joel 2:23-32; Luke 18:9-14

November 1 @10:00 a.m.

All Saints Day
Rev. Julie Kline
“Shining with Light”
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

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. Dr. 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 Ericson Building Host
Samantha Lee.....Building Host
Jacob Ericson Building Host
Jim Tiffany.....Custodian
Em Norwood..... 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. Dr. Matt
Weiler, Jim Frey, Julia Librizzi, Zach Ribble
Director of Music: Jacqueline Stilger
Associate Director of Music: Cari Beth Croak
Musicians: First Beats and Handbell Ensemble

►► 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: bheany@umc-kzo.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Generosity Campaign - In the fall of 2026, First
United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo invites the
congregation to consider how generosity helps us
practice mutual love, extend hospitality, do good,
and share what we have. Together, we tend a spiritual
home rooted in love, community, inclusion, and
justice and a ministry home that reaches beyond our
walls with compassion and hope. *Prayerfully consider
how your giving helps tend this home of mutual love,
hospitality, inclusion, and justice for the year ahead.*

One Big House Meeting & Potluck: TODAY!
The Church Council invites all to participate in
the One Big House Meeting following an after-
church potluck. “House Meetings” are small-group
gatherings of 12 where relationships and connections
are deepened among all who call FUMC home.
Groups will pray together, reflect on scripture and
listen deeply as each shares around guided themes
connected to our Generosity Campaign, “Our
Hearts, Our Home.” Meetings will take place all
around the church following the potluck. All are
encouraged to participate, whether you are a long-
time member or brand new to this community.
*If you haven’t signed up for the meeting yet, it’s not too
late! You may sign up at the potluck.*

Children’s and Adult’s Sunday School and
Membership Class will NOT meet today - due to
the Big House Meeting. They will all resume next
Sunday, October 25.

Youth Group - Meets tonight downstairs in the
Youth Lounge from 6:00-7:30pm.

Parents Night Out - Bronco Hockey: Join us
Friday, November 13 for a fun and energetic night
out as we cheer on the WMU Broncos hockey
team at Lawson Ice Arena! Tickets are \$31 each.
Concessions will be available at the arena.
Today is the last day to RSVP - please email Julia
Librizzi at jlibrizzi@umc-kzo.org. Childcare is on
your own for this event.

October Mission of the Month - Salvation Army’s
‘Share the Warmth’ Coat Drive: You are welcome
to donate new and gently used coats as well as hats,
scarves, gloves/mittens and boots. The collection
boxes are located by the office welcome desk and
outside the sanctuary. Please help keep those in need
warm this winter!

Youth Orchestra - Each year our youth orchestra
performs at the 4 pm Christmas Eve service. All
students who play violin, viola, cello, bass, flute, or
oboe and have played for a minimum of one year
are welcome to participate. We typically rehearse
on Sunday mornings at 11:30 beginning after
Thanksgiving. Anyone interested in learning more or
joining this group, please contact Anne Sherfield at
269-760-3803 or arscello@aol.com.

It’s time to VOTE! We have plenty of League of
Women Voters 2026 voting guides available in the
hallway across from the Parlor. You can also find the
information online at www.VOTE411.org. Every
vote matters, so make your voice heard!

Children’s Sunday School Clay Nativities - As
part of our Making Meaning Together Grant, the
children will have an opportunity to create nativities
out of clay with potter Karen French. The first three
Sundays in November, Nov. 1, 8, and 15, we will
create these nativities during the Sunday School hour
following worship. We plan to feature these nativities
during worship in Advent! To make sure we have
enough supplies, please RSVP by October 18th -
TODAY - to Ms. Julia at jlibrizzi@umc-kzo.org.

Academy Class on Artificial Intelligence
On Oct. 25 in the Parlor after the worship
service, Mark Stucky will lead the one-session
class “Theologies of AI: the Good, the Bad, and
the Apocalyptic.” As AI (Artificial Intelligence)
increasingly consumes more of society’s energy
(literally and metaphorically), how should we think
about AI and its disruptive, transformative impact
on humanity? What are AI’s promises and perils? Is
AI another double-edged tool like many technologies
before this...or is it something fundamentally
different...and dangerous? The class will explore
mind-bending questions about our present reality,
future fears, and technological implications of
consciousness and the soul.

October 18, 2026

10:00 a.m.



OUR HEARTS
OUR HOME
A GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN

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Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

2 Timothy 3:14–4:5; Luke 18:1-8

WELCOME TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

Good morning, and welcome to worship at First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo. If you are
worshipping in the sanctuary or online, we are grateful to be gathered with you. Please make your
presence known in the attendance pads or by greeting one another in the YouTube chat. Please rise
in body or spirit for the call to worship.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE *Grazioso* (G.P. Telemann)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim Frey - Generosity Team Co-Chair

One: No matter how far from God we seem to be, we do not lose heart:
ALL: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.
One: No matter how many obstacles we face in life, in the church, we do not lose heart:
ALL: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.
One: No matter how hard it is to continually pray and work for justice, we do not lose heart:
**ALL: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when I will forgive and restore my people;
when I will equip them for every good work;
and when I will grant justice, for I hear their cries day and night.**

*HYMN *Come Let Us Worship God*
The children will lead our opening hymn. Please repeat after them when indicated.

First Beats

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Matt Weiler

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

Rev. Julie Kline

*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.*

