

**UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**November 8 @10:00 a.m.**  
24th Sunday after Pentecost  
Rev. Julie Kline  
“A Long Night”  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
& Matthew 25:1-13

**November 15 @10:00 a.m.**  
25th Sunday after Pentecost  
Rev. Dr. Matt Weiler  
“Trust and Faithfulness”  
Psalm 90/Matthew 25:14-30

**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, Sue Ellen Isacksen, Julia Librizzi  
**Director of Music:** Jacqueline Stilger  
**Associate Director of Music:** Cari Beth Croak  
**Musicians:** Chancel Singers; Karla Reichert, clarinet  
**Acolytes:** Michael and Zachary Bovid

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Children’s Sunday School:** Preschool - 5th graders meet in room 206 (2nd floor) following worship until 12:30pm. Sunday School for infants - 4-year-olds meets from 9:45am - 12:30pm in room 208.

**Youth Group** is open to all 6th-12th grade students and meets every Sunday evening during the school year from 6pm-7:30pm in the Youth Lounge.

**Membership Class** will meet in the Chapel after worship today.

**Lord’s Prayer Academy Class begins today.** As we look at the very familiar Lord’s Prayer, we will pay attention to language options and zoom out for a broader perspective, approaching it with curiosity and wonder. The hope is that we will all deepen our connection to God and our commitment to further God’s vision for creation. The class will meet the first four Sundays in November, led by Len Schoenherr.

**Family Foundations Sunday School for Parents:** Rev. Matt and Deacon Cara Weiler are teaching Foster’s approach to building spiritual disciplines in our parenting lives. We will meet today after worship in room 209. Coffee and tea will be available. The third Sunday of each month will be a review week.

**VOTE this Tuesday Nov. 3!** 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!

**Two Election Day Services:** Join us on Election Day, November 3, at noon and 5:30 pm in the

chapel for a quiet service of prayer, candlelight, and Christian hope. Amid uncertainty and division, we will gather around God’s steadfast love, pray for wisdom, justice, mercy, and peace, and remember our calling to love every neighbor. All are welcome.

**Manna**, our young adult ministry, gathers every Tuesday in the Youth Lounge from 6:30-8:00pm. For more information, contact our Young Adult Resident, Em Norwood, at enorwood@umc-kzo.org.

**Four Score & More Luncheon RSVP** - If you received an invitation to our Four Score & More Luncheon, remember to RSVP! We’re looking forward to celebrating you this Thursday, Nov. 5th.

**Faith Milestones:** A youth-group-style meeting for our 3rd - 5th grade children which meets once a month on Sunday evenings from 6 - 7:30. The next meeting will be November 8. Contact Julia Librizzi for more information at jlibrizzi@umc-kzo.org.

**First Stitchers Visitor RESCHEDULED!!**  
Kandi Torres, the Volunteer Services Manager at Bronson Hospital, will be coming to a First Stitchers gathering on Thursday morning, November 12th at 10am in the Fellowship Room. She will be sharing their needs on the NICU and Pediatric floors and possibly bringing some samples and patterns. We hope you can join us to learn more about how we can share God’s love with these little ones!

**Join the CARES Team!**  
C - calling and cards  
A - acts of kindness  
R - reaching out  
E - engaged with one another  
S - Spirit-led

This ministry team connects and cares for members and friends of Kalamazoo First United Methodist Church, especially our elders and those with ongoing health concerns or significant life events. Contact Judy Kingsley at judykings@charter.net to learn more and join our efforts to share God’s love or receive CARE from a team member.

**Inclusive Language Statement**

*In our worship, as a Reconciling Congregation, we strive to witness to the wholeness of God, embracing the diversity of images of God that are found within Scripture. 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 songs and liturgy, we invite you to use pronouns that best express your practice and affirm your faith.*

**November 1, 2026** **10:00 a.m.**

 **First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo**

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**WELCOME TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO**

*Good morning, welcome to worship from all the places you join us today on this All Saints Sunday. 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 found at the end of the pews and pass them along to your neighbor. If you are joining us online, please make your presence known by greeting one another in the YouTube chat.*

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

**PRELUDE** ‘Aria’ from Partita on For All the Saints (David M. Cherwien)

**INTROIT** Rejoice in the Lord, All Ye Saints (arr. Hal Hopson) Chancel Singers

**WELCOME** Rev. Julie Kline

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Sue Ellen Isacksen

One: We remember, O God...

**ALL: The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time,**

One: We remember, O God...

**ALL: The tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.**

One: We remember, O God...

**ALL: The gentle strength of grandmothers, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.**

One: We remember, O God...

**ALL: The supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit, the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering, the glory of his resurrection: shown forth in the lives of his disciples, young and old, dead and living, articulate and silent, strange and familiar, brilliant and ordinary.**

One: We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the ways of Christ.

**ALL: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses... let us worship God with joy!**

