

## OUR MISSION

*We are called to*

- Experience God's love
- Celebrate God's love
- Share God's love

## OUR VISION

*We are a Faith Community*

- Alive in Christ
- Open to all
- Growing in faith
- Serving our neighbors
- Active in the world

### We're glad you are our guest today!

If you are visiting for the first time, please stop by the Welcome Center as you exit the side sanctuary doors so that we may personally welcome you and present a gift of love from First Church.

**Child care** is provided on the second floor. There is a family "cry" room in the right balcony.

**Worship activities for children** can be found on a cart outside the side sanctuary doors.

**LARGE print** Bibles and United Methodist Hymnals are available at the Park Street entrance.

**Hearing assistance devices** are available at the Welcome Center. If you need assistance, please speak with one of the ushers. Please return hearing devices to the Welcome Center following worship.

**Today's service is being recorded.** You can request a free copy from the office. A basket on the table near the parking lot entrance has previous Sunday recordings on CD. You can also access Sunday worship recordings from our website: <http://www.umc-kzo.org/mp3.asp>.

**Summer Perks!** Coffee is available in the welcoming area near the parking lot doors during the summer. Grab a cup and join us in the parlor after worship for Sermon Talk Back!

**Tune into WKZO 590 AM every Sunday at 11:10 a.m. for our church radio ministry. Please note that the broadcast is the prior week's worship service.**

**If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast in memory or honor of a loved one, please contact the church office. (\$150/Sunday)**

## LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY

### Worship Leaders

Rev. Julie Dix, Rev. Dr. Douglas W. Vernon, Dorothy Osborne

### Music Leaders

Amber Walker /Dillon Jepkema

### Organist

Bernie Foulk

## ASSISTING TODAY

### Ushers

Michael Seals, Anthony Ertz, Jeff McCubbin, Jon Waldron, Jim Treece, Lois Miles, Dan Macek

### Greeters

Marcia Husted, Dave & Ann Martin

### Office

Christi Landreville

### Welcome Center

John & Dona Lincoln

### Van Driver

Andrew Lehman

### Audio & Lighting

Bob Lane & Robyn Lane

**The flowers on the altar** are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Vivian Welke, given by Bill, Ann and Mary.

**Prayer concerns** may be written on a pink or green prayer cards and passed to the outside aisle where they will be collected by an usher, and shared in the pastoral prayer.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Share the Supper.** On the first Sundays of the month when we celebrate Holy Communion, we ask you to bring a non-perishable food donation for our food pantry. If you forgot today, just bring it next Sunday! The food pantry is open every Sunday for tours.

**Open prayer time.** Summer Sundays @ 9:30 a.m. the chapel will be open for personal prayer. Enter the chapel prayerfully on your way to worship and enjoy the peace and quiet from the "busyness" of your life.

**"Sermon Talk Back" TODAY after worship.** Join Rev. Julie Dix in the parlor for fellowship and informal discussion about the sermon. No preparation needed!

**Family Camp.** We have 11 families at Lakeview Family Camp this weekend. Please keep the 20 adults and 16 kids in your prayers today as they worship around the campfire this morning with Rev. Julie Kline and her family.

**"Thinking of You" cards.** We welcome you to stop at the welcome center today and sign cards for members of our congregation who are in need of comforting prayer.

**Martha's Table.** Next Sunday, August 9, Rev. Julie Kline will preach at Martha's Table, located at First Congregational United Church of Christ at 4 p.m. We are still looking for people willing to participate in the meal that follows worship, and enjoy Christian fellowship with the people at your table. Please sign up for the Sunday of your choice at the Welcome Center.

**Concerts in the Park.** Today's scheduled 4 p.m. concert in Bronson Park is the *Brothers Kalamazov*, a unique blend of Celtic, bluegrass and jazz music.

**Sponsor a Sunday morning radio program.** The cost to sponsor WKZO has recently been reduced to \$150/Sunday. If you would like to help us defray the cost of this ministry, please contact the church office, 381-6340.

**Teacher's Training August 23 & 30.** Teachers have their choice of attending training on either August 23 or 30 after the 10 a.m. worship service. Check your calendar and let Rev. Julie Dix know which date best fits your schedule.

## First United Methodist Church

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## First Church Staff

**The staff is here to empower and equip the congregation for ministry and mission.** Email FUMC clergy and office staff by entering their first initial, entire last name and then [@umc-kzo.org](mailto:@umc-kzo.org) ([dvernon@umc-kzo.org](mailto:dvernon@umc-kzo.org)).

Dr. Douglas Vernon	Senior Pastor
Rev. Julie Dix	Pastor of Spiritual Formation
Rev. Sandy Elfring	Pastor of Visitation
Rev. Julie Kline	Pastor of Youth Ministries
Bernie Foulk	Organist
Joe Konrad	Church Business Administrator
Jennifer Stupica	Communications Coordinator
Christi Landreville	Administrative Assistant
Linda Lueth	Financial Assistant
Kelly Green	Office Assistant
Darryl Poplar	Custodian
Bruce Sackett	Custodian
Walter Walker	Evening Security
Julie Meyers	FIRST CARE Director
Dr. Jonathan Keaton	Bishop of Michigan Area – The United Methodist Church
Rev. Neil Davis	Kalamazoo District Superintendent

**First Church Cleanup Day, Saturday, August 22, 9am—2pm.** Lunch will be served. Just show up with pail and gloves any time you can that day. Helping hands will be appreciated!

**Children's Chapel.** There are just four more Sundays needing adult leadership for Children's Chapel: Aug. 23, Aug. 30, Sept. 6 and Sept. 13. If you're looking for an easy way to get to know a few children in the congregation, please contact Rev. Julie Dix about this no-prep ministry opportunity.

**Open Prayer Time Assistants Needed.** Stephen Ministry is looking for a person who would like to assist them on August 23 and 30 for the open prayer time preceding worship during the summer. They have one person committed on those days, but would prefer to have two. If you would like to assist, please contact Fanny Vail, 226-9069

**Return & Rejoice, September 13.** We will extend our summer worship schedule time at 10 a.m. with a special Building Dedication service. Rev. Neil Davis, Kalamazoo District Superintendent will be our pulpit guest. (Sunday School classes will begin on September 20).

**Correction:** Last Sunday we baptized Ava Arlene and Isabelle Lynn Kroll, twin daughters of Jennifer and Richard Kroll and granddaughters of Suzanne White. We apologize for misspelling their last name in last week's bulletin.



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO



### We are a Reconciling Congregation.

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.*

**August 2, 2009  
10:00 a.m.**



# Welcome to Worship!

*\* Please stand as you are able.  
Please silence cell phones.*

*An Apache trained acquaintance of mine used to throw his head back,  
laugh into the sky and say, "What will you buy with your attention today?" ~ Scout Cloud Lee*

In these opening moments, let us center our spirits on God. Prayers may be offered by filling out a pink or green card and passing it to the side aisle during Time With Our Children. Please also register your attendance in the gray registration book.

**GATHERING MUSIC** "In Quiet Joy" (Buxtehude)

**CALL TO WORSHIP** "Listening In"

**\*HYMN 89** (red hymnal) "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

**\*GREETING** (all reading the bold)  
The Lord be with you!  
And also with you!

### **\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

This practice of the early church is an expression of unity, signifying that there is nothing between us but the love of Jesus Christ. Often accompanied by a handshake or hug, the usual words are, "The peace of Christ be with you," with a response, "And also with you."

**RESPONSE 2128** (black hymnal) "Come and Find the Quiet Center"

### **LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE**

We light this candle during every Sunday worship service to remember that Christ is in the world offering peace; and to pledge our part in receiving and sharing it.

### **OPENING PRAYER** (praying together)

**Gracious God, we trust that you see the small true grain in our tiny prayers. Give us confidence to approach you boldly. Give us faith big enough to believe your enormous grace. Give us courage to reveal to you our truest selves. And, in your mercy, transform us into the persons you created us to be. Amen.**

**ANTHEM** "Forever" Dillon Jepkema

### **TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN**

At First Church, children are always welcome in worship. After "Time With Our Children," programming for children ages 4 through early elementary is available in room 203. Child care for infants through age 3 is also available during worship in room 206.

**SCRIPTURE READING** Ephesians 5:10-17 (*The Message*)

**SERMON** Weaving Belief and Behavior: "Paying Attention"

### **OFFERING INVITATION**

#### **OFFERING RECEIVED**

Coins received will be designated for the support of United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) for their work around the world.

### **A WITNESS TO BELIEF & BEHAVIOR**

**\*DOXOLOGY 94** (red hymnal) "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"  
*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** (praying together)

**Compassionate God, we praise you in response to your abundant generosity, not only with heart and voice, but with attention, time and energy, material gifts, and active involvement in caring. Receive and use our offering, we pray. Amen.**

### **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **Invitation to the Table**

#### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession** (praying together)

**In the community of Christ's Church and in the presence of all God's people,  
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved God, cared for God's world,  
or respected God's people as we should.  
We have even shrugged off the gift of God's life and love within us.  
We own our responsibility and pray for God's pardon.**

#### **A Time of Silence**

#### **Words of Assurance**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

#### **Receiving the Bread and the Cup**

This morning, Holy Communion will be served by intinction. You are invited to come by the center aisle to receive the elements. Please return to your pew by the side aisles. Hymns during communion (black hymnal) #2266 "Here is Bread, Here is Wine," #2275 "Kyrie," #2226 "Bind Us Together," #2152 "Change My Heart, O God."

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving** (praying together)

**Generous God, for all the good gifts you give us, and especially for welcoming every one of us to the meal of Jesus, we offer you our open and grateful hearts. Renewed in the compassion and hope of Christ, we take the bread of life with us to share with those not yet at the table. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 666** (red hymnal) Shalom to You

### **OUR SHARED LIFE**

#### **BLESSING**

**GOING FORTH** "Hallelujah Chorus" (Handel)

*As a welcoming congregation, we invite you to be seated for this final musical response to our worship experience; then, go into the world offering gracious hospitality to all!*

### **UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**Sunday, August 9  
10 a.m.**

Rev. Julie Kline  
Weaving Belief and Behavior  
"Holy Living"  
Eph. 4.25-5.2

**Sunday, August 16  
10 a.m.**

Rev. Rev. Douglas W. Vernon  
Kirkin o' the tartan  
Weaving Belief and Behavior  
"Unity"  
Eph. 4.1-16

### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Bronson Park Food Pantry**  
1-3 p.m.

#### **SUNDAY, August 2**

9:30 a.m. Child care ages 6 weeks - 3 yrs - 206  
9:30 a.m. Open Prayer - Chapel  
10:00 a.m. Festival Worship - Sanctuary  
10:20 a.m. Children's Chapel - 203  
11:15 a.m. Sermon Talkback - Parlor  
4:00 p.m. Martha's Table - First Congregational Church

#### **MONDAY, August 3**

3:30 p.m. Stephen Leaders - Chapel

#### **TUESDAY, August 4**

10:00 a.m. Worship Planning - Conference Room  
12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting - Parlor  
7:00 p.m. SPRC - Parlor

#### **WEDNESDAY, August 5**

9:30 a.m. Clergy/Directors Retreat—South Haven  
7:00 p.m. Building Committee - Parlor

#### **THURSDAY, August 6**

1:30 p.m. Prayer Group - Chapel  
6:30 p.m. NA - Wesley Hall  
7:00 p.m. GLBT Youth - Youth Center

#### **FRIDAY, August 7**

5:00 p.m. Robyn/Ofiara Rehearsal - Sanctuary

#### **SATURDAY, August 8**

4:30 p.m. Robyn/Ofiara Wedding - Sanctuary