



## 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>.

**Park Street Perks!** All are welcome to coffee and donuts available near the parking lot doors from 9:30-10:40 a.m. Please sign up to help bring donuts, etc. on the board in the welcoming area. Fair Exchange coffee is available for purchase at \$10 a bag.

## LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY

### Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Douglas W. Vernon, Rev. Sandy Elfring, Tammy Eaton

### Minister of Music

Jacqueline Stilger

### Organist

Bernie Foulk

### Acolytes

Kimberly White & Abby Dunlop

## ASSISTING TODAY

### Ushers

Dan Macek (head usher), Anthony Ertz, Michael Seals, Andrew Gill, Jon Waldron, Lois Miles

### Greeters

John & Wanda Boekhout, Ron & Marilyn Tonander

### Office

Joyce Treece

### Welcome Center

Donna Dunyak

### Van Driver

Andrew Lehman

### Audio & Lighting

Nathan Karnemaat

### Martha's Table Fellowship (4 p.m. @ FCUCC)

Sue & Ray Eden

**The flowers on the altar** are dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Don Bullock, from Mary and family.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Definition of Stephen Ministry:** "To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ." (Ephesians 4:12-13).

**Free blood pressure screening** is available today between 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. in the Jesus Lounge.

**Lent study books for sale at the Welcome Center.** "If the Church Were Christian" by Phillip Gulley, \$18.

**Join us for Ash Wednesday worship,** February 17 @ 7 p.m. The Chartres Labyrinth will be available for personal prayer walks that day from 5-7 and 8-9 p.m. in Wesley Hall.

**Family Film Festival presents "Joshua."** Saturday, February 20 @ 7 p.m. in the Youth Lounge (lower level). Joshua is an inspiration movie great for the whole family. Everyone is invited to this FREE event. Popcorn and child care will be available. Bring your friends!

**Congregational meeting.** An all-church meeting to share information and possible solutions to balancing the 2010 budget will be held immediately after worship in the sanctuary next Sunday, February 21. Bring your thoughts and ideas on how to balance our budget. Please plan on being present for this important meeting.

**2010 Financial Perspective update.** Since the January 13 *First Word* 2010 Financial Perspective insert, we have received additional pledges of \$24,594 from 33 families, representing 28 increased pledges and 5 new pledges. Our goal is \$46,500. We now have a grand total of 337 pledging units pledging \$810,178. The very optimistic goal is \$850,000.

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**Inquirer's Class.** Please contact Rev. Doug Vernon if you are interested in the Inquirer's membership class that runs February 21—March 21. Those electing to join into our family of faith, will be welcomed March 21.

**The Annual Youth Auction is coming!** Last year's silent auction went so well that we are doing the same format for 2010. Each Sunday in March a table will be available to sign-up and receive a bidder number so that bidders may bid on their favorite items. We will be taking auction donations during February. Donation forms are available at the Welcome Center. You can also email information on the item/service you would like to donate to [jamccubbin@aol.com](mailto:jamccubbin@aol.com). If you have questions, please contact Julie Kline at the church or Andrea McCubbin 665-0049.

**Pastor Julie Kline to travel to Nicaragua.** Pastor Julie will be commissioned for her Feb. 26—March 7 trip with the Wesley Foundation on Sunday, February 21. Following worship, she will have prayer bracelets available if anyone would like to make a contribution to the mission trip.

### Coming during Lent...

- 1) Reading Together 2010: *Snow Falling on Cedars* by David Guterson.
- 2) Inquirer's Class for those exploring the idea of membership at FUMC, five weeks of info on Methodism and sharing a faith journey.
- 3) 3Cs will continue to explore *Tell it Slant* by Eugene Person, the author of *The Message*.
- 4) Lenten book study of *If the Church Were Christian: Rediscovering the Values of Jesus*, by Phillip Gulley will also include week-day and Tuesday evening study groups. (See insert for specifics on when this class will be available.)

**SAVE THE DATE** April 18 is Ministry Sunday, when we will recognize Pastor Doug's 42 years of ministry. Dr. Phil Amerson, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary President, is our guest pulpit speaker. A luncheon will follow.



FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST  
CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

February 14, 2010

11:00 a.m.

*"I would rather live in a world*

*where my life is surrounded by mystery*

*than live in a world so small that my mind*

*can comprehend it."*

*-Harry Emerson Fosdick*

*"The soul should always stand ajar,*

*ready to welcome the ecstatic experience."*

*-Emily Dickinson*



### 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.*

**Tune into WKZO 590 AM every Sunday at 11:10 a.m. for our LIVE church radio ministry.**

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