

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.

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)

LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leaders

Rev. Julie Kline and FUMC youth

Minister of Music

Jacqueline Stilger

Organist

Bernie Foulk

ASSISTING TODAY

Ushers

Jeff Swenarton (head usher), Derek Geerlings, Greg Gill, Andrew Gill, Ken Hall, Jim Treece, youth

Greeters

Ben Bandfield & Meghan Good, Brad & Lauren Keller

Office

Dana Anderson

Welcome Center

Sarah Fredericks

Van Driver

Andrew Lehman

Audio & Lighting

Bob Lane

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

Jennifer and John Clark

The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the Glory of God and in recognition of Scout Sunday from Boy Scout Troop #287. Dan Bunker is their scout leader.

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

"Hear the Cry" and respond... Today @ 4 p.m., FUMC Sanctuary and Wesley Hall. Join with MOP for this big event where people of all faiths will come together in worship to respond to the current broken immigration system. Come and enjoy song, prayer and hear real stories of real immigrant people who have made sacrifices and contributions to our nation.

President of the Kalamazoo Branch of the NAACP to speak at First Church. Tuesday, February 9 @ 7 p.m. in the parlor, Dr. Charles Warfield, professor in the Dept. of Education and Human Development at WMU, will speak on "Racism in Kalamazoo." The Justice Team invites you to attend as Dr. Warfield responds to questions on Kalamazoo's current racism issues. Parlor.

AnySoldier packing, Thursday, February 11 @ 1 p.m. in room 304. We welcome new packers and donations. Please contact Lois Miles, 373-9871, with questions.

Join us for Ash Wednesday worship. February 17 @ 7 p.m. The Chartres Labyrinth will be available for personal prayer walks before and after worship in Wesley Hall.

2010 Financial Perspective update. Since the January 13 *First Word* 2010 Financial Perspective insert, we have received additional pledges of \$21,974 from 29 families, representing 24 increased pledges and 3 new pledges. Our goal is \$46,500. We now have a grand total of 336 pledging units pledging \$807,758. The very optimistic goal is \$850,000. **An all-church meeting to share information and possible solutions to balancing the 2010 budget will be held immediately after worship in the sanctuary two weeks from today on Sunday, February 21. Please plan on being present for this important meeting.**

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Join the Kalamazoo Oratorio Society (KOS) led by Director Jack Frey as they prepare to sing the Brahms *Requiem* (in English). Monday evening rehearsals begin February 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ at 2208 Winchell Avenue. All singers are welcome, no auditions. Scores will be available. Call Marie McLeeier, 327-1588.

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. If you have questions, please contact Julie Kline at the church or Andrea McCubbin 665-0049.

Pastor Julie Kline to travel to Nicaragua. Julie will be traveling with the Wesley Foundation students February 26—March 7 to work with families living in poverty. We ask for your prayers in support for this endeavor of ministry to the women and children of Quilali, Nicaragua. Pastor Julie will be commissioned for her trip 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 Wednesday evening study groups.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

February 7, 2010

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

We pray for children

Who put chocolate fingers everywhere, who like to be tickled,
Who stomp in puddles and ruin their new pants, who sneak Popsicles before supper,
Who erase holes in math workbooks, who can never find their shoes

We pray for children

Who stare at photographers from behind broken windows,
Who can't bound down the street in a new pair of sneakers,
Who never "counted potatoes,"
Who are born in places where we wouldn't be caught dead,
Who never go to the circus, who live in an x-rated world.

We pray for children

Who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions,
Who sleep with the dog and bury goldfish,
Who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money,
Who cover themselves with Band-aids and sing off key,
Who squeeze toothpaste all over the sink, who slurp their soup.

We pray for children

Who never get dessert, who have no safe blanket to drag behind them,
Who watch their parents watch them suffer, who can't find any bread to steal,
Who don't have any rooms to clean up, whose pictures aren't on anybody's dresser,
Whose monsters are real.

We pray for children

Who spend all their allowance before Tuesday,
Who throw tantrums in the grocery store and pick at their food,
Who like ghost stories,
Who shove dirty clothes under the bed, and never rinse out the tub,
Who get visits from the tooth fairy, who don't like to be kissed in front of the carpool,
Who squirm in church and scream in the phone,
Whose tears we sometimes laugh at and whose smiles can make us cry.

We pray for children

Whose nightmares come in the daytime, who will eat anything,
Who have never seen a dentist, who aren't spoiled by anybody,
Who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep,
Who live and move, but have no being,
We pray for children who want to be carried, and for those who must,
For those we never give up on and for those who don't get a second chance.
For those we smother...and for those who will grab the hand of anybody
Kind enough to offer it.

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.

Welcome to Worship!

** Please stand as you are able.*

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 the lighting of the peace candle. Please also register your attendance in the gray registration book.

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN 2070** (*black hymnal*) *“He is Exalted”*

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

WELCOME

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYERS FOR THE HUNGERS OF THE WORLD

We pray for the hunger of... the sick, hurting, lonely

We pray for the hunger of... the homeless

We pray for the hunger of... violence and war

We pray for the hunger of... families in pain

VIDEO PRESENTATION “Broken People”

PRAYERS FOR THE COMING OF GOD’S KINGDOM

We pray for the fulfillment and abundance of... peace

Matthew 5:9, *The Message*

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE

We light this candle during every Sunday worship service to remember that Christ is in the world offering peace.

VIDEO PRESENTATION “Peace Today”

*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. The traditional greeting is “The peace of Christ be with you,” with a response, “And also with you.”

We pray for the fulfillment and abundance of... hope

Romans 5:1-5, *The Message*

We pray for the fulfillment and abundance of... healing

We pray for the fulfillment and abundance of... resurrection and new life

VIDEO PRESENTATION “Grace Like Rain”

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Gluten and dairy-free wafers are available, please ask your server)

Invitation to the Table (*all reading the bold*)

People of faith, welcome now to this table of blessing!

We seek to be fed and nurtured!

People of faith, bring your doubts and fears and leave them here at this table!

Christ meets us here and accepts each one of us just as we are!

With all Christians everywhere we are invited to satisfy our hunger and deepen our faith.

Thanks be to God!

The Great Thanksgiving (*praying together*)

Holy, holy, holy God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in God’s name. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution (*praying together*)

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Blessing of the Bread and the Cup

Presenting the Bread and the Cup

Giving 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. Music offering during communion, “Prelude,” written by Claude Debussy,

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*praying together*)

We thank you, loving God, that you have refreshed us and united us at the table of Jesus. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Christ our Savior. Amen

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY 2226 (*black hymnal*) *“Bind us Together”*

***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*)

Creator God, all that we are and have come as gifts from you. Seeing the need among your beloved children, we offer back to you, for them, the love of our hearts, the energy of our lives, and this portion of our material possessions, as symbol of the depth of our concern. May this offering serve your life-saving purposes, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN 2022** (*black hymnal*) *“Great Is the Lord”*

*OUR SHARED LIFE

*BLESSING

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, February 14

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Douglas W. Vernon

“Go Tell... Glory!”

Exodus 34:29-35; Luke 9:28-36

Wednesday, February 17

Ash Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Labyrinth Prayer Walk, 5-7 & 8-9 p.m.

Rev. Julie Dix

A Journey to Hope: Risking Adventure

Mark 8:31-37

Sunday, February 21

Rev. Dr. Douglas W. Vernon

A Journey to Hope: Choosing Your Traveling

Companions

Mark 10:13-16

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, February 7

8:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Java & Jive - Youth Center

9:30 a.m. Children’s Sunday School - 2nd floor

9:30 a.m. 3Cs - 310

9:30 a.m. Mother Roots - 304

9:30 a.m. Affirmations of a Dissenter - Parlor

9:30 a.m. Prayer Primer - Chapel

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

11:00 a.m. Festival Worship - Sanctuary

12:15 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

4:00 p.m. “Hear the Cry” Service - Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. Martha’s Table - First Congregational Church

6:00 p.m. First Singers - Choir Room

MONDAY, February 8

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Patrol - Fellowship Room

TUESDAY, February 9

12:00 p.m. All Staff Meeting - Parlor

1:30 p.m. Worship Planning - 305

4:15 p.m. Children’s Music Rehearsal - Choir Room

7:00 p.m. Lifelong Learning Group - 305

7:00 p.m. MOP/Justice Team - Parlor

7:00 p.m. NA - Youth Center

7:00 p.m. SPRC - Fellowship Room

7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry - 304, 310, Chapel)

WEDNESDAY, February 10

7:30 a.m. Dawn Patrol - Fellowship Room

6:15 p.m. Prayer Primer:Essentials class - Chapel

7:00 p.m. Reconciling Ministries Team - Allen Library

7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

7:00 p.m. Lou Gehrig’s Support Group - Parlor

7:00 p.m. Music and Arts - 304

THURSDAY, February 11

9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room

1:00 p.m. Any Soldier Packing - 304

1:30 p.m. Prayer Group - Chapel

6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal - Fellowship Room

6:30 p.m. NA - Wesley Hall

7:00p.m. Companions: Transforming Discipleship -

Chapel

7:00 p.m. GLBT Youth - Youth Center

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

FRIDAY, February 12

6:00 p.m. Youth leave for Caberfae Ski trip

SATURDAY, February 13

9:00 a.m. UMW Kalamazoo District Meeting - Fellowship Room