

# Welcome to Worship!

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

*Please silence cell phones and other alarms.*

You are invited in these beginning moments of worship to offer prayers, using the prayer cards if desired, and passing them to an usher. Please take a moment to sign in using the gray registration pad found in the pew pocket near the outside aisle, and passing it to your neighbors.

*“Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.”* Mark 1: 20 (NRSV)

## PRAISE

### PRELUDE

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *(all reading the bold)*

We gather in this holy place:

**Hoping a song touches our hearts,**

Looking for a strength to endure,

**Willing a prayer to reach heaven,.**

Longing for a peace to well up within,

**Listening for a word that comforts,**

Hearing a call to serve,

**Going forth in service and justice.**

We gather together, in holy anticipation,

**And God meets us here.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE 2172** *(black hymnal)* “We are Called”

**\*LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE**

**\*GREETING AND PASSING OF PEACE**

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

**UNISON PRAYER** *(praying together)*

**Holy God, source of story and song, help us hear your Word in the midst of these words. Help us feel your heart-wrenching care in the midst of troubled days. Help us know your abiding presence. Help us experience the healing of service. We open our hearts, minds and hands to receive. We offer our hearts, minds and hands to serve. Fill us and bless us. Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION

**\*GOSPEL LESSON**

This is what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God!**

Mark 1: 14-20 (NT, p. 35)

**MESSAGE** “Healing and the Call to Service”

## RESPONSE

**HYMN 432** *(red hymnal)* “Jesu, Jesu”

**SILENT, PASTORAL and THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**SHARING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** “

**\*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** *(all praying together)*

**Generous God, thank you for the gifts you bestow upon us daily. Make us aware of**

**each blessing that comes our way — and create in us the constant desire to be a**

**blessing for others. Bless what we bring before you, we pray. Amen.**

**\*OUR SHARED LIFE**

**\*CLOSING HYMN 581** *(red hymnal)* “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

**\*BLESSING**

**GOING FORTH**

## **UPCOMING WORSHIP**

**Sunday, January 29**

8:30 and 11 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Rev. Julie Kline

“Healing: God’s Liberating Touch”

Mark 1: 21-28

**Sunday, February 5**

8:30 and 11 a.m.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Holy Communion

Rev. John Boley

“Healing: Signs and Wonders”

Mark 1: 29-39

## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, January 22**

8:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

12:00 p.m. Youth Mission Luncheon - Wesley Hall

1:30 p.m. Garman Memorial - Chapel

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

4:00 p.m. Notified Rehearsal - Sanctuary

5:00 p.m. Interfaith Coalition for Peace and Justice - Parlor

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

**MONDAY, January 23**

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

7:00 p.m. Justice Team - Clements’ home

7:30 p.m. Rachel Circle - Tammy Eaton’s home

**TUESDAY, January 24**

10:00 a.m. Worship Planning - 305

12:00 p.m. Clergy & Directors Meeting - 305

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

5:00 p.m. Milwood UMC Planning Session - 303, 304

7:00 p.m. Church Council - Parlor

7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

7:30 p.m. Early Music Michigan - Sanctuary

**WEDNESDAY, January 25**

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

9:30 a.m. UMW Executive Board - Parlor

10:30 a.m. Community for Healing Counseling - 304

5:45 p.m. Fermata Kalamazoo - Choir Room

6:00 p.m. Wild Ones General Meeting - Wesley Hall

7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

7:00 p.m. Disciple II - 304

**THURSDAY, January 26**

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

11:00 a.m. WMU LLA Winter Social - Wesley Hall

:30 p.m. Prayer Group - Chapel

5:30 p.m. Depression/Bipolar Support - Youth Center

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

6:30 p.m. NA - Wesley Hall

7:00 p.m. The Way of Blessedness - Chapel

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

**FRIDAY, January 27**

**SATURDAY, January 28**

## 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 worshipping with us 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. Please register your attendance in the gray pad found in the pew pocket.

**Child care** is provided on the second floor. There is also a family 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>.

### **Worship CDs**

Recordings of past Sunday morning services are available in the Perks gathering area. If you would like to be on a mailing list for CD recordings, please contact

John Ross, [jross@umc-kzo.org](mailto:jross@umc-kzo.org)

### **Worship Leaders**

Rev. John Boley, Rev. Julie Kline, Michael Seals

### **Minister of Music**

Jacqueline Stilger

### **Organist**

Bernie Foulk

### **Ushers**

Roger Williams (head usher), Susan Turner, Jeff Turner, Molly Williams

### **Greeters**

Durrell & Marsha McKenzie; Janet & Mike Cooper

### **Van Driver**

Jay Gross

### **Audio & Lighting**

Riley Lundquist

### **Helping at Martha's Table (First Congregational Church)**

Sharon Dougan and Terry Mishler

**The flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God and in great appreciation for our children and grandchildren, given by Liza and Keene Wolfe.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Human Relations Sunday.** Your gifts to this special offering of the UM Church supports community developers and programs related to the GBGM and youth offender rehabilitation programs. Please use the special offering envelope included in this bulletin. Thank you!

**Local Housing Assistance Fund.** Right now, 900 children and their families don't have a place to call home, and it's only getting worse. Michigan Organizing Project (MOP) is working to secure funding to support The Local Housing Assistance Fund. See Julie Doll or Dan Christian after the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services today in the Perks! gathering area to learn how you can support MOP's efforts.

**Youth Missions Fellowship Lunch TODAY.** Come support our youth and join us for a toasted cheese sandwich and hot soup lunch after the 11:00 a.m. worship service in Wesley Hall! This is one of several planned lunches the youth are sponsoring in support of youth missions. Free will offering.

**Interfaith Coalition for Peace and Justice.** TODAY from 5-7 p.m. all are invited and welcome to help in the basic work of planning for the January 23<sup>rd</sup> presentation at Hopewoods for Seniors Community, "Critical Issues for Our Congressman," and the annual Peace Service in March where Gary Dorian will be speaking. Please join us in the parlor.

**Faith Alliance Breakfast.** Come and celebrate faith and social justice efforts at this interfaith gathering on Thursday, February 2 from 7:30-9:00 a.m. in Wesley Hall. Invited guest speakers are State Senator Tonya Shuitmaker, State Representative Sean McCann and Kalamazoo Major Bobby Hopewell. The Faith Alliance is affiliated with the Kalamazoo Gay Lesbian Resource Center. We are looking for hosts to help provide hospitality that morning and also baked goods. Sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Deb Search Willoughby at 349-9311.

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**Birthday Celebrations.** Virginia VanPeenen and Margaret Brunson will soon be 100 years old!! Virginia's birthday is January 29 and Margaret's is January 30. If you would like to send them a birthday card, Virginia's address is: 810 Kingswood, Cary, NC 27513 and Margaret's address is: Friendship Village, 1400 N. Drake Rd., #126, Kalamazoo, MI 49006.

**Can and Bottle Drive.** The Youth Tribe will be collecting pop cans and bottles to raise funds for local missions and the ASP trip. On Sunday, February 12, a truck will be in the parking lot ready for your can and bottle donations. Please save your cans and bottles and help us to change lives for the better!

**2012 Altar Flowers.** Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary for the Sunday of your choice if you wish to honor a loved one or commemorate a special blessing with altar flowers. Cost is still \$40. Please include your phone number next to your name so Kristy Lepley can contact you for details.

**ASP.** If you are interested in going on the ASP trip this summer (June 23-30), please submit a check for \$100 made out to the church (memo: ASP) before February 19. ASP trips are open to ages 14+. We are committed to taking a max. of 42 volunteers this year, so respond soon!

**Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner.** Join us for a hearty pancake dinner on Tuesday, February 21 from 5-7 p.m. in Wesley Hall. This is a youth missions fundraiser.

**Lenten Organ Concerts.** Mark your 2012 calendar for our upcoming organ concerts during Lent featuring talented organists from the SW Michigan area. The first concert is February 23 at noon. Concerts will run through March 29.



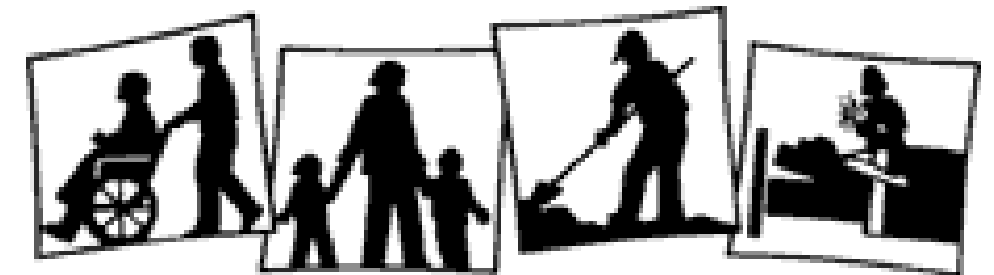
FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST  
CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

January 22, 2012

8:30 a.m.

*Experience, Celebrate and Share God's love*

# Healing and the Call to Service



**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.*