

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. Sandy Elfring, Rev. Julie Dix, William Vorbrich

Minister of Music

Jacqueline Stilger

Organist

Bernie Foulk

First Singers Director

John Leeger

ASSISTING TODAY

Ushers

Roger Williams (head usher), Tom, Diana and Riley Lundquist

Greeters

Bill & Christi Landreville, Tom & Karen Simpson

Office

Fay Woolrich

Welcome Center

Kristy Lepley

Van Driver

Tom Willson

Audio & Lighting

Jacob Texel

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

Ken, Ellen, Brennan & Brian Mange

The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Betty & Bill Donaldson and Rosemary & Alden Lepley, parents of Roger and Kristy Lepley.

Today's WKZO radio broadcast is underwritten in memory of Franklin & Edna Douglas and Ellen Sue Douglas by the Fred Douglas 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

District Conference. Help us as we host United Methodist sisters and brothers from around the Kalamazoo District on Sat., February 6. Use the enclosed insert to register today for the annual District Conference and Training Event, to be held here at First Church.

Share the Supper. Next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month, when we celebrate Holy Communion and bring non-perishable food donations for Loaves & Fishes. Instead of bringing your food to our food pantry on your way to worship, please bring it into the sanctuary and place it at the kneeling rail. The youth will be leading us in worship and supporting Souper Bowl of Caring in support of Loaves & Fishes (see insert in today's bulletin).

"Hear the Cry" and respond... Sunday, February 7 @ 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.

2010 Financial Perspective Update. Since the January 13 *First Word* 2010 Financial Perspective insert, we have received additional pledges of \$19,34 from 26 families, representing 23 increased pledges and 3 new pledges. Our goal is \$46,500. We now have a grand total of 335 pledging units pledging \$805,418. The very optimistic goal is \$850,000.

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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.

A Valentine Dinner for Palestine. Rev. John McNaughton, a member of a Michigan Peace Team traveling to Palestine this spring, invites you to a Palestine Dinner fundraiser on Friday, February 12 @ 6 p.m. at Skyridge Church of the Brethren, 394 S. Drake, Kalamazoo. Please RSVP by Feb. 5 to Hildy Kerney, 381-5881, or Lowey Dickason, loweyd@lodisnet.com. Suggested tax deductible donation is \$30/person. If you are unable to attend, a tax deductible donation can be mailed to Michigan Peace Team, 1516 Jerome Street, Lansing, MI 48912-2220.

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) Church-wide small group Lenten study will include guest speakers and will also be available on Wednesday evenings.



FIRST UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

January 31, 2010

8:30 a.m.



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.*

