

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 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

Joe Konrad, jkonrad@umc-kzo.org

LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Douglas W. Vernon, Rev. Julie Dix, Rev. Julie Kline, Rev. Sandy Elfring, Rev. Gary Keene

Minister of Music

Jacqueline Stilger

Organist

Bernie Foulk

Trumpet

Scott Cowan

ASSISTING TODAY

Ushers

Dan Bunker (head usher), Derek Geerlings, Greg Gill, Andrew Gill, Ken Hall, Nic Aranda, Christopher Aranda, Michael Deaton, Dorian Murphy

Greeters

Kim & Larry Taylor, Day & Kylee Adams

Office

Jeanne Plott

Van Driver

Daryl Ost

Welcome Center

Sharon Dougan & Terry Mishler

Audio & Lighting

Gordon Bundy

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

Wesley Foundation students

The flowers on the altar are to the glory of God and in celebration of Nancy and Early Hyde's 45th wedding anniversary.

The flowers on the pulpit table are in celebration of Rev. Douglas Vernon's 43 years of ministry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Rev. Gary Keene to our worship this morning. On this special day when we honor and celebrate the ministry of Doug Vernon, we welcome home Rev. Gary Keene. Son of Dick and Avis Keene, Gary grew up and was nurtured in our church. An active youth leader during Doug's time here as Youth Pastor in the 1970s, Gary received his seminary training at Claremont School of Theology in California. His ministry has included service in Montana, Colorado and southern California. He currently serves as Executive Assistant to Bishop Mary Ann Swenson of the Los Angeles Area and also as Executive Director of Connectional Ministries for the California-Pacific Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. How good it is to have you with us today, Gary!

Be an ASP Prayer Partner. The ASP Team will be lacing up work boots every day as they journey to serve God's people in Chapmanville, WV from June 19-26. You can be a prayer partner with an ASP Team member. They will be "selling" shoe laces today in the Marketplace. Use these laces daily and pray for your "missionary" as he/she travels and works to share God's abundant love.

VBS is June 21-25, 9am—noon. This year's Bronson Park VBS will be held at First Presbyterian Church. The theme is the HIGH SEAS!! The VBS program needs crew leaders during VBS week (no teaching involved). Crew leaders act as chaperones for the kids so they get to their activities in a timely and organized manner. Crew leaders get a VBS t-shirt and music CD! Stop at the VBS table in the Marketplace if you would like to volunteer.

First United Methodist Church

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Resurrection Singers

From Resurrection UMC in Voronezh, Russia
in concert
TODAY @ 6 p.m.
at
Westwood United Methodist Church
538 Nichols Road, Kalamazoo
Freewill offering and refreshments

Vocalists, instrumentalists needed. We are looking for artists who would like to offer their gifts and talents this summer during our 10 a.m. worship service. If you would like to be involved, please contact Jacqueline Stilger at the church or e-mail at jstilger@umc-kzo.org. We are open to the gifts of vocalists, instrumentalists, liturgical dancers, poets, etc.

KLUMP softball. To sign up, please call John Winchell, 381-4927. This is an easy and fun league, so join us! Games are played at Portage FUMC on S. Westnedge Avenue. Our next game is scheduled for Tuesday, June 15 @ 7:45 p.m. vs. Cherry Creek Blue.

Summer Children's Chapel will resume next week, June 20, for children ages 4 to grade 2.

Join us this afternoon

as we honor

**Senior Pastor Rev. Doug Vernon
and Jane Vernon**

Schedule of Events

3:00 p.m. Retirement program in the sanctuary honoring Doug with remembrances, music, video memories, good fun, and more.

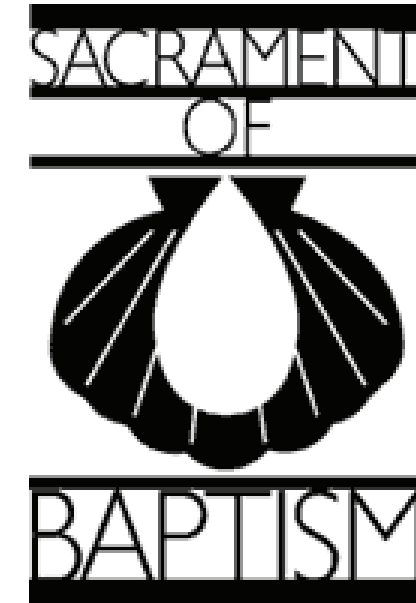
4:30 p.m. Reception for Doug and Jane in Wesley Hall and a time to greet and talk with them personally and wish them well.

*Free childcare will be provided from
2:45 - 5:00 p.m.*



FIRST UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

June 13, 2010
10 a.m.



The Heart of Christian Ministry

"The heart of Christian ministry is Christ's ministry of outreaching love. Christian ministry is the expression of the mind and mission of Christ by a community of Christians that demonstrates a common life of gratitude and devotion, witness and service, celebration and discipleship. All Christians are called through their baptism to this ministry of servanthood in the world to the glory of God and for human fulfillment. The forms of this ministry are diverse in locale, in interest, and in denomination accent, yet always catholic in spirit and outreach."

~ The 2008 Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, ¶125

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.*