



## 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](mailto:jkonrad@umc-kzo.org)

## LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY

### **Worship Leaders**

Rev. Terry Euper, Rev. Sandy Elfring, Vickie Winfield

### **Minister of Music**

Jacqueline Stilger

### **Organist**

Bernie Foulk

### **Women's Trio**

Cari Miller, Amber Walker, Jacqueline Stilger

## ASSISTING TODAY

### **Ushers**

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

### **Greeters**

Nancy & Rob Hillard, Andrea McCubbin

### **Office**

Dolores Heidanus

### **Welcome Center**

Miriam Downey

### **Van Driver**

Tom Willson

### **Audio & Lighting**

Riley Lundquist

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

Eli & Chloe Lake

**The flowers on the altar** are to the glory of God and in memory of Gordon Bundy and Edwin Tierney, fathers of Jan and Gordon Bundy.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We welcome Rev. Terry Euper as our pulpit guest.** Terry will retire June 30 after a distinguished 39-year career in the Detroit Conference of the UMC. He has served as a local church pastor, District Superintendent, and most recently as Clergy Assistant to Bishop Jonathan Keaton.

**Today's special offering supports the United Methodist Community House.** The UMCH is owned by the United Methodist Women and operates in Grand Rapids. Your gift will help serve more than 3,000 at-risk people who count on the love, faith, prayers and services provided by Community House to break the cycle of poverty and take ownership in creating a better life for themselves. This mission reaches those at every stage of life. Gifts will directly impact the lives of infants who are provided nurturing day care and developmental education, to women needing support to break cycles of abuse and addiction, to seniors needing health care, warm meals and companionship. These are but a very few of the ministries UMCH provides. Government cuts has resulted in critical operating deficits for UMCH. Please be generous in your support for this outreach of the United Methodist Church.

**Christmas in July.** Beginning in July, we will have a Christmas tree displayed in the hall with "house" tags. On these tags will be listed items needed by the Housing Resources Family Shelter, a short-term emergency lodging for homeless families. Please take as many "house" tags as you feel called to take and return the item(s) by the end of July. The Outreach Team will deliver them to the shelter. Thank you for your support!

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**Pick-Up Choir needed to sing July 11.** We will have a summer "pick-up" choir to help celebrate John Boley's first Sunday here at First Church. On July 11 we will gather at 9am to rehearse, and then we will sing for the 10am service. You need not be a regular member of Chancel Choir or First Singers to come and join us. All are welcome.

**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. The next game is scheduled for Thursday, June 24 @ 6:15 p.m. vs. Cherry Creek Gold.

**Outreach Ministries.** Have you picked up your copy of our 2010 Outreach Ministries brochure? Copies are available at the Welcome Center. There are many ministry opportunities listed that will help others in our community, so pick up your copy today. Your time and talents offered in service to our neighbors are needed and appreciated!

**Summer Reading Book Sale.** Clean off your bookshelves for a good cause. Bring gently-used, clean books to the church over the next few weeks and deposit them on a cart in the Youth Lounge at the foot of the stairs. The youth will then have a book sale on Sunday, July 18 to help pay for 2011's ASP trip.

**MOP Nehemiah Assembly.** Thursday, July 1 @ 7 p.m. at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center on Lake Street. This is our congregation's big justice event of the year! Join our Justice Team and MOP members from all over the county, policy makers and candidates for city, county, state and national government as the drama of making justice happen unfolds in one evening. Stand against anti-immigrant state legislation. Hear the answers of Kalamazoo City Commissioners to the proposed wage theft ordinance MOP is setting before them on behalf of low-wage workers. Support housing for the homeless and help for released prisoners in seeking jobs. Your presence will make a difference!



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

June 27, 2010

10 a.m.

There can be no vulnerability without risk;  
There can be no community without vulnerability;  
There can be no peace —  
and ultimately no life —  
without community.

~ M. Scott Peck

Our first task in approaching another people,  
another culture, another religion,  
is to take off our shoes,  
for the place is holy.

Else we may find ourselves treading  
on people's dreams.

More serious still,  
we may forget that God was there  
before our arrival.

~ John V. Taylor

### **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.*