

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

Worship Leaders

Rev. John Boley, Rev. Julie Kline, John Geisler

Minister of Music	Organist	Trumpet
Jacqueline Stilger	Bernie Foulk	Rich Neckerman

Ushers

Roger Williams (head usher), Kim Taylor, Larry Taylor, Marian Starbuck

Greeters

Lou Bradley, Gordon & Jan Bundy

Van Drivers

Andrew Lehman, Scott Willoughby

Welcome Center

Ginnie Hessler

Audio & Lighting

Nic Aranda

The flowers on the pulpit table are given to the glory of God and in honor of the November 18th birthdays of Riley and Georgia Lundquist.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship Sunday & Hymn Festival of Thanksgiving and Praise. Today we celebrate Stewardship Sunday through word and song and dedicate our time, talent and offerings to God and to one another. Our stewardship theme this year is "Living a God-Pleasing Life."

Ministry Showcase. Please take a few minutes to stop at the ministries showcasing today in the Marketplace to see what they are all about! These ministries are always looking for new participants to join them. Showcasing today are: Pew Patrol, Companions in Christ, Martha's Table, SPRC, Worship Committee, Prayer Group, "A Classroom in the Life."

Young People Ministry Group. This group for ages 18-35 meets TODAY after the 11:00 worship in the lower level lounge. Amber Walker will lead reflection and conversation about environment, abortion, capital punishment and other "hot" topics of the day. "Young People" meets the 2nd Sunday of every month (except May 2012) for fellowship and/or community building.

Apple Pie Sales. The youth are selling homemade apple pies in the Marketplace today. They will continue to be sold on Sundays until they are all sold. Proceeds from the sale will go to the youth mission fund. Suggested donation is \$12. Pies are frozen and can be kept until you need them for the upcoming holidays!

Christmas Card Sale: Martha's Table Fund Raiser. The Outreach Team is selling holiday cards by local artist Randy Walker. The sale of these cards will help serve Martha's Table throughout the year. Cards are beautiful and sell \$15/box for 12 cards.

Poinsettia Plant Sale. UMW is selling poinsettias for the upcoming holiday season today, Nov. 20 & 27. Pick-up of plants is Dec. 4. The cost is \$10 for a 6.5" foil-covered pot and are offered in red, white, pink and burgundy. You can also purchase a plant for a shut-in.

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Blessing Bags are now available to take home and fill! Please take home a "blessing bag" and look over the items that are listed on the sheet stapled to the bag. These are items most needed by our food pantry. Return the bag filled with food next Sunday, Nov. 20, and we will bless them before we take them to our food pantry.

Family Fun Night. On Friday, Nov. 18 everyone is invited to join in some Thanksgiving fun from 6-8 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Meal donation \$15/family.

Church Charge Conference. The annual business meeting of the church will take place in the Sanctuary on Monday, Nov. 21 @ 7 p.m. with Rev. Neil Davis presiding. All members are invited to attend. "Thank you" cake and coffee will be available before the meeting in the Perks area.

First Church Hosting Martha's Table Sunday, Nov. 27 @ 4 p.m. with a Thanksgiving meal. We need lots of help to cook, set-up, serve, clean-up and be in fellowship for this event that will take place at First Congregational Church. Please sign up for any of these duties at the Welcome Center or contact Donna Duniyak (meal) or Sue Eden (fellowship friend/hosting).

Michigan Festival of Sacred Music. First Church will be hosting three events highlighting the talents of noted composer/clinician/organist Richard Webster: two choral workshops on Saturday, Nov. 19 @ 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. (children's choirs) as well as a Hymn Festival on Sunday, Nov. 20 @ 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The public is invited to join in singing or to just listen.

New Member Sunday. On Sunday, Nov. 20 we hope you will join us in welcoming a new group of members to our church.

Help Decorate the Church for the Advent Season. Saturday, Nov. 26, 9am—noon.



FIRST UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

November 13, 2011

8:30 a.m.

Experience, Celebrate and Share God's love

Living a God-Pleasing Life



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.*