

## 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.

## LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY

### Worship Leaders

Dr. Douglas W. Vernon, Rev. Julie Kline, Dawn Wheaton

### Minister of Music

Jacqueline Stilger

### Organist

Bernie Foulk

### Acolytes

Sarah & Hannah Headapohl

## ASSISTING TODAY

### Ushers

Anthony Ertz (head usher), Lois Miles, Dan Macek, Michael Seals, Jim Treece, Jon Waldron

### Greeters

Max & Ellen Brinkley, Jill Christian

### Office

Dana Anderson

### Welcome Center

Peg & Keith Edmondson

### Van Driver

Daryl Ost

### Audio & Lighting

Greg Anderson & David Willson

**The flowers on the altar** given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Patricia Hogarth, given by the Hogarth family.

**Prayer concerns** may be written on a pink or green prayer cards and passed to the outside aisle where they will be collected by an usher, and shared in the pastoral prayer.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Fair Exchange coffee** is now being sold at the Welcome Center. Your purchase helps small farmers who grow the coffee and market without many middlemen and also helps the Hospitality Team provide Park Street Perks with supplies and purchase of tables and chairs. Price \$10 bag.

**Apple pies.** The youth are selling homemade apple pies for \$12 on Sundays in November to support youth mission projects. Buy your holiday pie TODAY!

**Poinsettia sale.** UMW will be selling poinsettia plants today and November 15. Plants come in a variety of colors and cost \$10 each. The plants will be available for pick-up on Dec. 6. They will also be providing poinsettia plants for shut-ins, you may wish to donate a plant for this purpose.

**Any Soldier.** The church will pack care packages for our soldiers this Thursday, November 12, at 1 p.m. in room 304. We really needs packers and we hope you can help! Donations and letter for the soldiers are also welcome.

**MFSM performance at First Church:** Thursday, November 12 @ 8 p.m. Techung, a Tibetan folk and freedom singer/songwriter presents a contemporary performance of original and traditional music using some traditional Tibetan instruments. Tickets are \$15/adults; \$12 seniors; \$5 students at the door.

**Holiday Parade.** UMW will be selling coffee, hot chocolate and donuts at the Park Street entrance before and during the 11 a.m. downtown holiday parade Saturday, November 14. We hope you will take time to enjoy the festivities and support UMW missions.

**Festival of Hymns November 22**

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**Russia Initiative dinner.** On Sunday, November 15, following the 11 a.m. service, Gil & Lil McWethy are putting together a delicious chicken dinner where proceeds will support the Russia Initiative Fund. Please make your reservation by Wed., Nov. 11 by calling the church office, 381-6340, or by signing up at the Welcome Center. Adults \$10, Children \$5, free for children under 8.

**Church Conference,** Tuesday, November 24 @ 7 p.m. Our annual church meeting is open to all. We will review the achievements and highlights of 2009, recognize leaders for their commitment of time and talent, and elect officers for 2010. A dinner will precede the meeting at 6 p.m. Make your dinner reservation at the Welcome Center.

**Vital Signs Mini-Retreat.** The church-wide retreat scheduled for November 7, has been postponed until Tuesday, December 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Watch for more info in upcoming bulletins and *The First Word*.

**Community Thanksgiving Eve Worship.** Wednesday, November 25, 7 p.m. First Church will host this annual service sponsored by Bronson Park Clergy and the Northside Ministerial Alliance. Festive music will include handbells and choirs from FUMC and Galilee Baptist Church.

**Thanksgiving Eve greeters needed.** We need three sets of greeters November 25. If you are willing to stand at our doors and welcome the Kalamazoo community to our church, please contact Jennifer Stupica, [jstupica@umc-kzo.org](mailto:jstupica@umc-kzo.org).

**Join the Handbell Choir.** The bell choir is looking for a few new members to round out our 3-octave handbell ranks. If you read music and are interested in joining us, we would love to have you. No experience is necessary, as we will gladly teach you the art. Please contact Minister of Music Jacqueline Stilger.

**Van drivers needed.** We are down to three Sunday van drivers. PLEASE help us make sure our friends who can not drive to church are still able to worship on Sundays. Call the church office if you are willing to step up to this ministry.



FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST  
CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

## Consecration Sunday

*Scarcity or abundance?*

*Which will it be?*



*It's up to you!#*

**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.*

**November 8, 2009**

**11:00 a.m.**

**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)**



# Welcome to Worship!

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

*Please silence cell phones.*

*If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you,  
it will be enough. ~Meister Eckhart*

In these opening moments, let us center our spirits on God. Prayers may be offered by filling out a pink or green card and passing it to the side aisle during the lighting of the peace candle. Please also register your attendance in the gray registration book.

**GATHERING MUSIC**      *"Fantasia"*      Byrd

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

The gift of a new day,

**unlived, untried, ready to be opened.**

A new day of surprises and miracles,

**with love to be shared,**

Kindness to be offered

**and hope to be given.**

The gift of a new day,

**God's good gift to us.**

Let us receive it with joy,

**and worship with thanksgiving!**

**\*HYMN 87** *(red hymnal)*      *"What Gift Can We Bring"*

## **\*GREETING** *(all reading the bold)*

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

## **\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

This practice of the early church is an expression of unity, signifying that there is nothing between us but the love of Jesus Christ. The traditional greeting is "The peace of Christ be with you," with a response, "And also with you." IN THE MIDST OF COLD AND FLU SEASON, PLEASE GREET ONE ANOTHER AS YOU ARE COMFORTABLE

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *(praying together)*

**Creator God, we praise you, the giver of every good and perfect gift. We thank you for our life together and for the resources you provide for our sharing one with another, particularly with the poor for whom Jesus showed such special concern. As followers of Jesus, we are called to care with the caring of Christ, to give with the sacrificial giving of him who gave his all for us. Touch us with your compassion, and teach us to use the gifts you entrust to us according to your love and grace. Amen.**

## **SONG OF PRAISE 2195** *(black hymnal)*      *"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"*

*In the tradition of Taize, the song is repeated until the Spirit moves us to conclude.*

## **LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE**

We light this candle during every Sunday worship service to remember that Christ is in the world offering peace, and to pledge our part in receiving and sharing it.

## **TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN**

Following Time With Our Children, Bible Buzz for ages 4 through early elementary is provided on the secure 2nd floor. Parents can pick up children at the 2nd floor check-in desk following worship (take the west stairwell or elevator).

**EPISTLE READING**      Philippians 2.5-11 (NT p. 197)

**\*GOSPEL READING**      Mark 12.38-44 (NT p. 49)

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**      **A Vital Faith ~ Well and Whole: "Enough!"**

**\*HYMN 408** *(red hymnal)*      *"The Gift of Love"*

**STEWARDSHIP INVITATION**      Roger Williams

## **OFFERING OF SUPPORT FOR 2010 MISSION AND MINISTRY**

Please complete your Estimate of Giving card and bring it forward as the Spirit leads you.

## **CONSECRATION OF PLEDGES** *(praying together)*

**Generous God, we offer these gifts to honor you and to serve our neighbors. Out of the abundance with which you have blessed us, we affirm there is more than enough to do the work of your kingdom. We give thanks for all the opportunities to share our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness, and pray your continued blessing upon us and the world you love, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**SUNG PRAYER 2278** *(black hymnal)*      *"The Lord's Prayer"*

## **OFFERING INVITATION**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**      *"Praise the Lord from Heaven"*      Steven Beck

Praise the Lord from heaven; Praise Him in the heights. Praise Him, all his angels; Praise Him, all his host. Praise him sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light. Praise Him, heaven of heavens and you waters over the heavens. Let them all praise the Name of the Lord. For He spoke the word and they were created; He established them forever with an ordinance which shall never pass away.

**\*DOXOLOGY 94** *(red hymnal)*      *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

## **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(praying together)*

**Gracious God, we can't do everything. We can't feed all the world's hungry. We can't clothe all the naked. We can't teach all the illiterate. We can't shelter all the homeless. But we can do something—and that's why we give. Strengthen and confirm your kingdom through us, we pray for Jesus' sake. Amen**

**\*HYMN 102** *(red hymnal)*      *"Now Thank We All Our God"*

## **OUR SHARED LIFE**

## **BLESSING**

**GOING FORTH**      *"Offertorio"*      Zipoli

*As a welcoming congregation, we invite you to be seated for this final musical response to our worship experience; then, go into the world offering gracious hospitality to all!*

## **UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**Sunday, November 15**  
**8:30 and 11 a.m.**

Rev. Julie Kline  
A Vital Faith ~ Well and Whole Sermon Series  
"Blessed"  
Matthew 5.1-12

**Sunday, November 22**  
**8:30 and 11 a.m.**

Festival of Hymns  
Christ the King Sunday  
New Member Reception

## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

### **Bronson Park Food Pantry**

Monday through Friday, 1-3 p.m.

### **SUNDAY, November 8**

8:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m.—1 p.m. Consecration Sunday Brunch

9:30 a.m. Child care ages 6 weeks thru 3 years - 206

9:30 a.m. Java & Jive - Youth Center

9:30 a.m. 3Cs - Room 310

9:30 a.m. Bible 101 - Room 304

9:30 a.m. Inquirer's - Chapel

9:30 a.m. Living the Questions 2.0 - Parlor

10:00 a.m. College Students Gathering - Fellowship Rm.

11:00 a.m. Festival Worship - Sanctuary

11:20 a.m. Bible Buzz - 2nd floor

12:30 p.m. Children's Choir - 203

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

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

5:30 p.m. Youth Tribe Hay Ride

### **MONDAY, November 9**

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

10:00 a.m. UM Co-operative - Westwood UMC

6:45 p.m. BRAVO Auditions - Sanctuary, Parlor,  
Choir Rm.

### **TUESDAY, November 10**

12:00 p.m. All Staff Meeting - Parlor

1:30 p.m. Worship Planning - 305

4:15 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry - 310

### **WEDNESDAY, November 11**

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

5:30 p.m. Simple Supper - Youth Center

6:15 p.m. Bible 101 - 304

7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

7:00 p.m. Lay Leadership - 305

7:00 p.m. Lou Gehrig's Support - Parlor

7:00 p.m. MOP/Justice Team - Allen Library

### **THURSDAY, November 12**

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

1:00 p.m. Any Soldier Packing - 304

1:30 p.m. Prayer Group - Chapel

5:30 p.m. First Care Board - Allen Library

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

6:30 p.m. NA - Wesley Hall

7:00 p.m. GLBT Youth - Youth Center

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

8:00 p.m. MFSM Concert: Techung - Sanctuary

### **SATURDAY, November 14**

9 a.m.. Prep for Holiday Parade Refreshments