

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

Rev. Julie Dix, Rev. Julie Kline, Dorian Murphy

Minister of Music

Jacqueline Stilger

Organist

Bernie Foulk

French Horn

Lin Foulk

Drummers

Barret Eminhizer, Nathan Karnemaat, Riley Lundquist, Mitchell Severson

ASSISTING TODAY

Ushers

Dan Bunker (head usher), Jeff Swenarton, Derek Geerlings, Ed Torrance, Greg Gill, Andrew Gill, Ken Hall

Greeters

Bob & Martha Schinderle, Eli & Christine Lake

Acolytes

Jonah Bolton, Noah Gross

Office

Janet Hanson

Welcome Center

Don & Harriet Chalker

Van Driver

Tom Willson

Audio & Lighting

Bob Lane

The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hazel & Oliver Jensen, and Bessie & Frank Hogarth, parents of Deanna and Gary Hogarth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Communion Sunday is a time to be in communion with Christians all over the world and enable us to serve God in life-changing ministries. 50% of the offering goes to the World Communion Scholarship Program, persons outside the U.S. or from ethnic and racial minorities in the U.S., to help them prepare for leadership in mission in church and society.

Magnetic Name Tags. All members and friends are urged to purchase a NEW magnetic name tag. Please use the green envelope that can be found in pew pockets or at the Welcome Center to place your order and check. Tags cost \$5/each, \$15/family max.

Youth Tribe Council TONIGHT at 6 p.m. Youth and their parents will gather for dessert and conversation, move into a time of devotion and then do some planning and brainstorming about the upcoming year of youth ministries. Rev. Julie Kline hopes to receive lots of input on potential activities, events and fundraising, so please come ready to be involved. The youth go on adventures and trips during the year, so this will also be the time to get the paperwork done that is required to go on these trips.

Blessing of the Animals. You are invited to attend the Blessing of the Animals today at 3 p.m. in Bronson Park.

Martha's Table. Rev. Julie Kline will lead worship today at Martha's Table at 4 p.m., located at First Congregational United Church of Christ (our neighbor on 129 S. Park Street). Sermon title: "The Temple Storm." The Wesley Band will provide music. All are welcome to attend worship and the meal that follows.

FRB Harvest Celebration. Sunday, October 18, 1-3 p.m. Wesley Hall and Fellowship Room. This is going to be a wonderful afternoon. Potluck begins at 1 p.m. with our partners at Otsego and Plainwell UMCs. Please bring a dish to pass and your own place setting. An outstanding program follows at 1 p.m. To provide adequate child care for preschool children, plenty of materials for activities for school age children and proper setup, we need reservations by Monday, October 12. Reservations can be made by calling Fay Woolrich, 269.382.4303 or miwoolps@aol.com.

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First Church Staff

The staff is here to empower and equip the congregation for ministry and mission. Email FUMC clergy and office staff by entering their first initial, entire last name and then @umc-kzo.org (dvernon@umc-kzo.org).

Dr. Douglas Vernon	Senior Pastor
Rev. Julie Dix	Pastor of Spiritual Formation
Rev. Sandy Elfring	Pastor of Visitation
Rev. Julie Kline	Pastor of Youth Ministries
Jacqueline Stilger	Minister of Music
Bernie Foulk	Organist
Joe Konrad	Church Business Administrator
Jennifer Stupica	Communications Coordinator
Christi Landreville	Administrative Assistant
Linda Lueth	Financial Assistant
Kelly Green	Office Assistant
Darryl Poplar	Custodian
Bruce Sackett	Custodian
Walter Walker	Evening Security
Julie Meyers	FIRST CARE Director
Dr. Jonathan Keaton	Bishop of Michigan Area – The United Methodist Church
Rev. Neil Davis	Kalamazoo District Superintendent

Any Soldier Packing. Volunteers and donations needed to pack boxes for our soldiers this Thursday, October 8. Packing occurs the 2nd Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. in room 304.

Children's Choir Rehearsals

Beginning October 18 - Children ages 4 through 2nd grade - rehearsal will be in room 203 on Sundays following the 11 a.m. worship (1/2 hour rehearsal is planned).

Beginning October 20 - Children grade 3 and up - rehearsal will be on Tuesdays, 4:15 – 5:30 p.m. in the choir room.

Trunk or Treat Halloween Fun. Sunday, October 25, 5-7 p.m. in our parking lot. We'll start the evening with hot dogs and drinks and the fun will begin after that. Adults are asked to decorate the trunk of their car, dress up, and pass out candy! If you have questions, please contact Joyce Moore, 553-9802.

2010 Offering Envelopes. Offering envelopes will NOT be mailed next year, but will be available on a table in December for all those that request them. Please contact Linda Lueth if you previously did not receive envelopes, and you wish to have them in 2010; or you have received envelopes in the past and will not need them in 2010.

New Children's Books Needed! Donate \$20 to the Allen Library in honor of your child or grandchild and the librarian will purchase a book in honor of them. A bookplate will be placed in the book to commemorate the birthday, too!



FIRST UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

A Vital Faith ~
Well and Whole



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.*

October 4, 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.*

*“There is nowhere you can go and only be with people who are like you.”
~ Bernice Johnson Reagon*

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 *“Sonata in D”* Telemann

CALL TO WORSHIP *(all reading the bold)* *from United Theological Seminary, Bangalore, India*
“Saranam” is an Indian word meaning “refuge.”

Saranam, Saranam, God of the universe
Saranam, Saranam, God of the heart
Saranam, Saranam, Fullness of Joy
Saranam, Saranam, Maker of Good
Saranam, Saranam, God of life
Saranam, Saranam, God of all beings
Saranam, Saranam, Wise Father
Saranam, Saranam, Compassionate Mother
We praise you now with grateful hearts!

***HYMN** *(see insert; choir only will sing verse 2)* *“We Are Marching”* *Zulu song from South Africa*

***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 THIS FLU SEASON, HAND SHAKES AND HUGS ARE NOT RECOMMENDED.**

RESPONSE *“In Love You Summon”*

words and music: John L. Bell

In love you sum - mon, in love we fol - low, liv - ing to -
day for your to - mor - row. Christ to re - lease us, Christ to en -
fold us, Christ to re - strain us, Christ to up - hold us.

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.

OPENING PRAYER *from the Africana Worship Book, 2007 (adapted)*

Eternal God, Jesus prayed that we might be one. **One in spirit. One in mission. One in union and communion with each other and with You.** Today, Holy One, we confess our fumbleings and failures to live in unity, even as we worship this hour. **On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the eyes of believers everywhere. Give us minds to accept and celebrate our differences. Give us hearts big enough to love your children everywhere. Thank you, thank you, thank you for setting a table with room enough for us all! Amen.**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

EPISTLE READING *Philippians 2:1-5 (NT p. 197)*

***GOSPEL READING** *John 17:6-11; 20-23; 26 (NT p. 111)*
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON *A Vital Faith ~ Well and Whole: “One”*

A TIME OF SILENCE

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please turn to page 15 in the red hymnal for congregational responses to Communion liturgy. Communion this morning will be served in the pews. Music during Holy Communion: “Prayer” (Dixon), Hymn 2260 (black hymnal), “Let Us Be Bread.” Choir will sing verses, congregation will join for refrain.

Invitation to the Table
Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord’s Prayer
Giving the Bread and Cup

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(praying together)*

We thank you, loving God, that you have refreshed us and united us at the table of Jesus. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING RECEIVED

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY 94** *(red hymnal)* *“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(praying together)*
Generous God, for the diversity we share and for your love that binds us together, we give you thanks. Take these gifts, given in love, that they may serve in drawing together all creation in love and unity. Amen.

***HYMN # 547** *“O Church of God United”*

***OUR SHARED LIFE**

***BLESSING**

GOING FORTH *“Gavotta”* Corelli

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, October 11
8:30 a.m. 11 a.m.
Rev. Dr. Douglas W. Vernon
Vital Faith ~ Well and Whole Sermon Series
“Grow”
Matthew 11.28-30; Philippians 2.12-13

Sunday, October 18
8:30 and 11 a.m.
Rev. Dr. Douglas W. Vernon
Laitiy Sunday
Sick Shilts
Vital Faith ~ Well and Whole Sermon Series
“Shine”

THE WEEK AHEAD

Bronson Park Food Pantry
1-3 p.m.

SUNDAY, October 4
9:30 a.m. Child care ages 6 weeks thru 3 years - 206
8:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Java & Jive - Youth Center
9:30 a.m. Saying Yes to No - Room 307
9:30 a.m. 3Cs - Room 310
9:30 a.m. Bible 101 - Room 304
9:30 a.m. Servant Leadership - Allen Library
9:30 a.m. Living the Questions 2.0 - Parlor
11:00 a.m. Festival Worship - Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Martha’s Table - First Congregational Church
6:00 p.m. Youth Tribe - Youth Center
6:00 p.m. First Singers - Choir Room

MONDAY, October 5
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Patrol - Fellowship Room
3:30 p.m. Stephen Leaders - Chapel
7:00 p.m. The Way of Prayer - Chapel

TUESDAY, October 6
12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting - Conference Room
1:30 p.m. Worship Planning - Conference Room
6:00 p.m. SPRC - Parlor

WEDNESDAY, October 7
7:30 a.m. Dawn Patrol - Fellowship Room
9:30 a.m. UMW General Board - Parlor
5:30 p.m. Simple Supper - Wesley Hall
6:15 p.m. Bible 101 - 304
7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room
7:00 p.m. KDPS Chief Hadley Presentation - Sanctuary

THURSDAY, October 8
9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room
1:00 p.m. Any Soldier Packing - Room 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

FRIDAY, October 9

SATURDAY, October 10
5:00 p.m. First Care Potluck & Auction - Wesley Hall