



# *First United Methodist Church*

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Monday through Thursday

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Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010

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## *Welcome to Worship!*

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First United Methodist Church is a welcoming, accepting, caring, and diverse Christian community committed to teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ to all people through faith-based worship, exciting programs and outreach ministry. We offer two opportunities for worship on Sunday mornings. The 9:15am service is a less formal, contemporary service of praise music. The 11:00am service is more traditional in its music and liturgy. Both services are designed to connect worshippers with God in a meaningful and relevant way, and the scripture and message are the same at each.

Your participation in worship today is truly a blessing. We would welcome an opportunity to talk with you about the ministries of this congregation, the Christian faith or United Methodist beliefs. If you are interested in baptism or making this community of faith your church home, please contact Reverend Carman Minarik or Reverend Donna Minarik at the Church Office.

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Ministers ~ The Congregation

Pastors ~ The Reverends Carman & Donna Minarik

Pastor Emeritus ~ The Reverend William Rickard

Director of Music & Worship Ministries ~ Michael Emshwiller

Director of Program Ministries ~ David Lafreniere

Administrative Assistant ~ Steve Loveland

Oasis Praise Coordinators ~ Rick Eldridge & Sue Rosso

Pianist ~ Bonnie Robbins-McCormick (Second Service)

Visual Director ~ Meribeth Bocker-Querio (First Service)

Head Usher ~ Keith Rosso

Child Care Provider ~ Karen Nemecek

*I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!' ~ Psalm 122:1*

# Order of Worship

~ 11:00am Service ~

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## Welcome & Announcements

### Prelude

*Prelude in C Major*

Lemmens

### \* Call to Worship

Leader: You are God's handiwork, and you are God's hands at work.

**People: You, O God give strength and inspiration for all that we do in your name.**

Leader: You are the church!

**People: We are the church together!**

### Response in Song

**I am the church. You are the church. We are the church together.**

**All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!**

### \* Opening Hymn

*Go, Make of All Disciples*

Hymnal #571

## Sharing of Celebrations & Concerns

### Silent Prayer

### Pastoral Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

### Anthem

The Music of Life  
The Chancel Choir

Martin

### Offertory

*Pastorale*  
Gertrude Segar, organ

Wesley

**\*Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Hymnal #94

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**We love you, O God, and we love your church. May our actions match our words, and may we give lovingly to the ministries to which you have called us. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Preparation** *Here I Am, Lord* Hymnal #593

**Scripture Lesson** Ephesians 3:7-12 Pew Bible, NT Pg. 193

**Sermon** *You are the Church* Rev. Donna Minarik

**\*Closing Hymn** *You Are the Seed* Hymnal #583

**\*Blessing & Sending Forth**

**Postlude** *Rejoice in the Lord ~ Toccata* Mansfield

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**\* Those able are invited to stand.**

◆ Flowers adorning the altar this morning are presented to the glory of God.

The centerpiece is given in celebration of Charlotte Randolph's birthday by Bob Randolph.

◆ A staffed nursery for infants and toddlers is located through the doors at the right side of the front of the Sanctuary.

◆ A "cry room" is located at the rear of the Sanctuary.

It is equipped with rocking chairs and quiet toys where you may comfort a child while hearing the service.

<i>Serving as Greeters today &amp; representing First Church's Wednesday Youth Club are:</i>	<i>At the 9:15am &amp; 11:00am Services</i>	<i>Entrance</i>
	Justine, Sydney, Jordan, & Gabrielle Olszewski	<i>East</i>
	Kimberly & Jessica Evans	<i>West</i>
	Rory Flanigan	<i>Cass</i>

◆ If you would like to help greet before a service, please mark your Ministry Opportunity Sheet or speak with Joyce Wells.

# *Parish News*

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## **Next Sunday is World Communion Sunday**

At worship on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will celebrate communion with “all who follow Jesus all around the world... Yes! We are the church together!” That morning, there will be one service only, at 10:00am, focusing on our ministries to and with our neighbors across the globe along with music from around the world. You are invited to bring your Pledge Card in support of our ministries for the coming year which will be gathered and blessed during the service. Following service, there will be a Celebration Brunch with food inspired by other cultures. Don't miss the celebration!

## **New Member Orientation Today**

If you are interested in joining the church or just want to learn more about this congregation, we'd love to have you as part of today's gathering. It will be from 2:00pm to 4:30pm in the Multipurpose Room

## **Ministry Opportunity Fair Today**

Today between services, First Church will be holding a Ministry Opportunity Fair in the Multipurpose Room. You are the church and the Ministry Opportunity Fair focuses on the programs of the church supported by your giving, reaching outside our walls to impact the world around us. If you have been thinking about getting involved with one of our church ministries, this is the time to see what's going on here at First Church and talk with some people involved in our various ministries. See what's available, get your questions answered and find a ministry to volunteer with and be a part of as we kick off another season of programming and outreach.

## **WE CARE Collection Begins Today**

Our church is preparing to send packages this October to our college students and military personnel to show that WE CARE. Donations of items for the packages such as hot chocolate, microwave popcorn, cereal bars, individually wrapped candy or other fun-size snacks or even sticky notes and fun desk items are most appreciated and can be placed in collection boxes at the Sanctuary entrances. The boxes will be sent out in time for Halloween. Monetary gifts are also needed for postage. If you have updated addresses for students or military personnel, please contact the Church Office and mention it is for WE CARE. We are happy to include addresses of grandchildren! If you have questions, please call the Church Office or speak with Joyce Wells.

## **Youth Club Begins Anew This Wednesday**

All youth in our church and community, Pre-K through High School, are encouraged to register for this year's Wednesday Youth Club. WYC runs from 4:15pm to 7:00pm on Wednesdays beginning on Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, and wrapping up on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Our K-thru-5 kids will focus on B.I.G. (Believe in God) ideas ~ that we believe that God chooses ordinary people to make a difference in God's world; that by choosing to be faithful we set an example for others; and that we can trust God's guidance and care, knowing that God is always with us. Our grades 6-thru-12 Crossfire Youth will focus on “service learning,” a process of learning and doing, doing and learning. They will engage in acts of neighborly love, hospitality and justice, and will find a place to acknowledge their own struggles and see them in a broader social context.

**Volunteers are needed to make this year another successful year for our youth. Please see the many ways you can be a volunteer by checking the Volunteer Sign-Up Board in the Multipurpose Room.**

## **Father Bob's Food Shelf Collection Next Sunday**

The first Sunday of every month is your opportunity to contribute toward First Church's continuing commitment to Father Bob's Food Shelf, Grace Episcopal Church's outreach providing emergency food to people referred by the Macomb County Food Program. Non-perishable items can be left in the shopping cart that will be parked near the Sanctuary's East Entrance. Cereal, rice, and other boxed foods, and canned foods such as fruits and vegetables are accepted. Thanks to all for their support!

## **Good Shepherd's Paper Pantry Collection Next Sunday**

The Good Shepherd Coalition Paper Pantry provides assistance to those in need with essential household paper products, allowing scarce dollars to be used for keeping individuals and families in their home. Clients are screened to ensure their need is real and to identify where they can be connected to social services. If you would like to contribute, donations collected on the first Sunday of each month include: Paper Towels, Kleenex, Toilet Paper, Bars of Bath Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Dental Floss, Razors, Shaving Cream, Deodorant, Feminine Products, Laundry Detergent, Disinfectant Cleaners, Dish Soap, Lunch Bags, Freezer Bags, and Garbage Bags. These can be placed in the shopping cart that will be parked near the Sanctuary's East Entrance. Thank you all!

## **Central United Methodist Church Bicentennial Homecoming Service Next Sunday**

All are invited to share in this commemoration of the Two-Hundredth Year Anniversary of Protestantism (and Methodism) in Michigan. There will be diverse music, African drums, liturgical dancers, and the guest preacher will be Bishop Jonathan Keaton, resident bishop of the Michigan Area of the United Methodist Church. Please join us in celebrating our common heritage: Two-Hundred Years of Witness for Peace and Justice. As the oldest Protestant congregation in Michigan (along with First UMC of Dearborn), Central United Methodist Church is the place (located at 23 East Adams in Detroit next to the Detroit Tigers' Comerica Park). Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, is the date. And 4:00pm is the time! For more information, call 313.965.5422 or visit [www.centralumchurch.com](http://www.centralumchurch.com).

## **Book Club on First-Mondays**

The First Church Book Club gathers in the Church Library again on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm ~ this time to discuss *Then We Came to the End* by Joshua Ferris. For more information, speak with Elaine Walton or Linda Strait, or contact the Church Office during office hours.

## **Audio/Visual Ministry Training Opportunity**

Were you or are you one of those folks in school who really enjoyed running the movie projector? Do you like having lots of gadgets for your home stereo system? Do you like the newest technology? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, there is a spot for you in this valuable ministry. Helping run the soundboard and projector are vital to the life of First Church. Without you, no one can be heard and words cannot be seen. On Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00pm, a training session will take place in the Sanctuary on the basics of the soundboard and projection systems. This session will last about an hour. If you are interested in taking part in this training, please contact Michael Emshwiller at the church.

## **Next Gathering of Women With Faith**

Women With Faith will again meet on the second Thursday of the month for October instead of our usual First-Thursday. We will be having an in-gathering of packages of baby diapers and welcoming a speaker who will also be coordinating the program, so we would like as many ladies as possible to attend the meeting. It will be on Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00pm at the Mount Clemens Library. All sizes are needed but the facilitator of the program said they are often short of the larger size diapers. This is a very worthwhile outreach program. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would like to contribute, please contact the Church Office.

## **Church Clean-Up Day**

It's time again for a Church Clean-Up. Join the Trustees on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30am to 3:00pm. We have a variety of areas to focus on and can happily accommodate all skill and activity levels. We will be working on outdoor clean-up, cleaning and organization of the kitchen, cleaning of the Fellowship Hall, and completion of indoor painting in the East and West Stairwells. There will be a Trustee member who will coordinate each area and provide any direction required. A pizza lunch will be provided!

## **The Ninth Numinous Fine Arts Series**

The Fine Arts Series is pleased to welcome Norma Gentile in concert on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00pm. Norma offers the music of Hildegard of Bingen as well as her own compositions. The music of Hildegard is nearly a thousand years old and yet is enjoying a great revival for its ethereal qualities and the deeply spiritual dimensions that it touches upon. Come and hear this splendid music as we welcome Norma (who also happens to be the niece of Chuck & Elaine Walton!) to First Church. Tickets cost \$12.00 for adults, or \$10.00 for students and seniors, and are available in the Church Office or between services on Sunday mornings at the Ticket Desk in the Multipurpose Room.

## **Yoga on Thursdays in September/New Schedule Beginning in October**

A Basic/Basic+ Yoga class (free to First UMC members) is held at First UMC on Thursdays in September from 12:00pm to 1:00pm (please come 15 minutes early to your first class). **Beginning in October the schedule will change to Second- and Fourth-Thursdays from 12:00pm to 1:00pm and First- and Third-Saturdays from 9:45am to 10:45am.** Yoga can be done by any body size or shape. Poses are adjusted to meet your ability and medical needs. The practice has many physical and mental health benefits. Many people have found that it deepens their faith by helping them quiet their mind so they can connect with God without the distractions of worrying about the past or thinking about the future. If possible, please review *Getting the Most Out of Your Yoga Experience* and complete the *Health Questionnaire & Waiver of Liability* form before your first class. Both forms are available on the church's website under "Activities." These forms will also be available at the class. If you have questions, please call the instructor, Deb Chymiak-Isanhart, at 248.506.9076 between 10:00am and 7:00pm, Monday through Friday.

## **Seven Cities, Five Countries, Three Continents, One Great Trip**

Join the ten who have already registered for the *Journeys of Paul* cruise encompassing the route of the Apostle Paul's second and third missionary journeys and visiting Italy, Greece, Turkey, Israel, and Egypt. Revs. Carman and Donna are leading a group on this amazing journey. We will depart on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011, and return on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Brochures with a detailed itinerary are available in the Multipurpose Room. Speak with Rev. Carman or Rev. Donna, or contact the Church Office during office hours, for further information.

# *Bible Study Opportunities*

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## **Pastors' Bible Study ~ Special Notice**

**Please note that there will be no meeting of the Pastors' Bible Study on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, but you are welcome to join the pastors at the Bicentennial Celebration at 4:00pm at Central UMC in Detroit.**

This Fall, the Pastors are leading a study on the Gospel of John entitled *Invitation to John*. Reading just two chapters of John a week, we will discover the life-altering stories that invite us to follow Christ as true disciples. We will experience the magnificent passages in John including the "I am" statements ("I am the way, the truth and the life," "I am the living water," and more). Revisit stories told only in John's gospel including those of Nicodemus, of Mary Magdalene, and of the raising of Lazarus. No previous Bible study experience necessary ~ this study includes a participant book outlining daily reading assignments for group preparations, and a video component providing interpretation and context for the biblical texts. The study group is meeting on Sunday evenings in the Multipurpose Room and all are welcome! Contact the Church Office during office hours if you would like more information on this fun and exciting study.

## **Men's Bible Study**

All men of First UMC are invited to attend this study on the first and third Mondays of each month from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in the Multipurpose Room, beginning on Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. The men will begin this season studying along with Bob and James Moore's book *Lord, Give Me Patience and Give It to Me Right Now!*

## **Women's Bible Study**

All women of the church are welcome to be part of this study. The group gathers in the Multipurpose Room on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. The women are studying along with the book *Longing to Pray ~ How the Psalms Teach Us to Talk with God* by J. Ellsworth Kalas. The study begins at 9:30am and ends at 11:00am.

## **Children's Sunday School**

Sunday School for Pre-K through Fifth Grade children begins following the *Children's Message* during the 9:15am service. For each child's first class of this season, we ask that their parents, grandparents, or guardians bring their children to the Sunday School Room after the *Children's Message* to complete a registration form. This will enable us to provide a nurturing and safe environment for our children and teachers. For all classes after their initial registration, your children are welcome to follow their teacher to the Sunday School Room from the Sanctuary after the *Children's Message*.

# *Ministry Opportunities*

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## **Help Needed with Bread Donations**

Drivers are needed to pick up bagels and bread on Saturdays and Mondays at Panera and Starbucks and Sundays at Panera only. If you can help out, please speak with Mike Miller or contact the Church Office during office hours.

## *Ministry Opportunities (Continued)*

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### **Help Needed with Delivery of Father Bob Donations**

Can you offer a half hour of help getting the food donations to Father Bob's on one or any Mondays after 'First-Sunday' Food Shelf Collections? If so, please sign up on your Ministry Opportunity Sheet, and someone will get back to you.

### **Church Nursery Volunteers Needed**

First UMC is looking for volunteers to work in our nursery during the 9:15am and 11:00am services, and when our nursery is open in support of church events. For our nursery to function properly, we need a minimum of two caregivers at any time and possibly more, depending on the ages and number of kids who attend the nursery. Contact Director of Program Ministries, David Lafreniere, for more information. If you would like to help with this valuable ministry, please sign up at the Ministry Opportunities Board in the Multipurpose Room.

### **Fellowship Hour Volunteers Needed**

There is still a need for folks who would be interested in helping set up the juice, coffee, snacks, etc. for the Fellowship Hour between Sunday services. If you would like to help with this valuable ministry, please sign up at the Ministry Opportunities Board in the Multipurpose Room. To learn more about this ministry, please contact David Lafreniere at the Church Office.

## *Community News*

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### **Town Hall Meetings**

Mount Clemens residents are invited to attend Town Hall Meetings regarding an up-coming millage proposal. Meeting dates, locations, and times can be found on a bright yellow notice in the Multipurpose Room.

### **Habitat for Humanity Needs Immediate Help**

Macomb Habitat for Humanity needs volunteers to help us meet their deadline. Their first LEED certified home on Erdmann Street in Sterling Heights will be dedicated on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00pm, and there is a lot of landscaping yet to do beforehand. Please visit us at [www.macombhabitat.org](http://www.macombhabitat.org) to sign up for this or other projects. Please feel free to contact Susan Starkweather at Habitat with questions at 586.263.1540 or [ssarkweather@macombhabitat.org](mailto:ssarkweather@macombhabitat.org).

### **Seventeenth Annual Historic Homes Tour**

This year's Mount Clemens Historical Commission Homes Tour is on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$12.00 in advance (available at the Mount Clemens Public Library located at 150 Cass Avenue) or \$15.00 on the day of the tour (available at its starting point, the Roskopp Parking Lot located next to the Anton Art Center at 125 Macomb Place in Mount Clemens). Tourists are taken by bus to each home site with buses departing at 9:00am and running every twenty minutes through 2:00pm and each tour lasting about two hours. Get your tickets early in order to get the tour time you want. Tickets are also available by mail; for tickets-by-mail contact Joan Foglyano at 586.465.1538 or visit [www.mountclemenshistory.org](http://www.mountclemenshistory.org). Contact Joan or visit the website if you have any questions as well.