



First United Methodist Church

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Monday through Thursday

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

October 31st, 2010

Welcome to Worship!

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.

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 ~

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

None But the Lonely Heart

Tchaikovsky

*Call to Worship

Leader: Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound!

People: **God's grace saves even me.**

Leader: We once were lost but now we are found!

People: **Thanks, God, for finding me!**

*Opening Hymn

Amazing Grace

Hymnal #378

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

Amazing Grace

Shaw

The Chancel Choir, with Eric Campbell, *tenor solo*

Offertory

Ye Servants of God

Croft/Kendall

DoxologyPraise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Hymnal #94

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of mercy and of grace, your gift of life is free for the asking. Help us to live and to give, so that your grace can be known to the least, the last, and the lost. Amen.

Hymn of PreparationThere's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Hymnal #121

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 14
Luke 15:1-7

Pew Bible, OT Pg. 495
Pew Bible, NT Pg. 78

Sermon*No, Not One!*

Rev. Donna Minarik

Closing HymnNo, Not One!*

Insert

Blessing & Sending Forth*Postlude***Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power*

Paxton

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

◆ 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 are:</i>	At the 9:15am Service	At the 11:00am Service	<i>Entrance</i>
	Joyce McDaniel	Barbara Hanna	<i>East</i>
	Candy & Lloyd Job	JoAnn Brush	<i>West</i>
	Doris Breitreuz	Irene Cloud	<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

All Saints Day Service Next Sunday

During worship on Sunday, November 7th, we will celebrate the lives of those in our congregation who have joined the Church Triumphant in the past year. Family and friends of our saints are most welcome to be part of this meaningful time together.

Daylight Savings Time Ends Next Sunday

Before bed? The moment you wake up? Sometime between? Whatever your personal clocking-setting style, be sure to set yours back an hour around 2:00am next Sunday, November 7th!

Phone Cards for Military Personnel Drive in Honor of Our Veterans Today

In honor of the veterans and active military personnel who are affiliated with this congregation, we are collecting funds to purchase phone cards for our active military men and women overseas. This collection will be taken today and next Sunday, November 7th, ONLY to assure that the cards can be sent out in time for the holidays.

First Church's Book Club Gathers Tomorrow

The club's book for their Monday, November 1st, gathering is *Riding Lessons* by Sara Gruen. The club meets in the Church Library for these First-Monday discussions and all are welcome!

Women With Faith Gather This Thursday

The Women With Faith group will meet Thursday, November 4th, at 1:00pm at the Mount Clemens Library. Their program for this gathering will focus on the recent trip the ladies took to Amish Country in Ohio. All women are welcome.

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 of household and personal hygiene products to support the Paper Pantry will be collected on the first Sunday of each month. Items being collected 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. Thank you all!

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!

Crossfire Youth Thanksgiving Fundraiser

Stock up for the holidays and assist our youth in meeting their fundraising goal for *Youth 2011*, by purchasing restaurant-quality pies, cookie dough, and other food items. All the delicious items are delivered frozen, making them convenient for stocking up for Thanksgiving (and Christmas) meals. Please see any of our youth, our Director of Program Ministries, David Lafreniere, or stop by the Church Office to place an order. Please also consider taking an order form and selling items to friends and family. All orders will be delivered on Sunday, November 21st. You can also check out the article at the bottom of this page for more information on *Youth 2011*.

Hanging of the Greens & Potluck Lunch

The Hanging of the Greens is the name of the old English custom of decorating one's own home with evergreens and other festive trappings. On Sunday, November 21st, the First Church family will share in a single worship service at 10:00am, followed by a potluck lunch at 11:00am, and our own traditional version of the Hanging of the Greens at 12:00pm ~ decorating this, God's, house in preparation for the Advent Season. Come enjoy the fellowship and fun. If you're not ready for a whole lot of decorating, you can still bring some tasty morsels, good stories, songs, and pep-talk to help keep the rest of the crew energized and motivated. Please sign up at the Volunteer Board in the Multipurpose Room to see what potluck delights others are already bringing. Likewise, if you want to deck the halls, trim the trees, string lights and garland, and set the stage or, every bit as important, do cookie decorating and crafts with the kids, you should sign up there too!

An Invitation to Sing & Play at Christmastime

The Chancel Choir and Orchestra are pleased to announce the offering of this year's Christmas Cantata *A Midnight Clear*. This joyous work will be offered to the congregation on Sunday, December 19th, at that day's 10:00am single service. This is where the choir can use your help...have you thought about joining the choir to sing at some point, and just weren't sure when to jump in? Well, now is your chance! This is the perfect time to come and sing with the ensemble. Do you play an instrument? That is good news as there are parts to go around in the orchestra. If you have experience and would like to participate in the orchestra or choir, please contact Michael Emshwiller at the church for more information.

Crossfire Youth to Attend Youth 2011

Our local church youth group, Crossfire Youth, will be attending *Youth 2011* at Purdue University in Indiana next Summer. *Youth 2011* is the national youth gathering for the United Methodist Church. It is an event that only happens every four years and is the largest single gathering of UMC youth in existence. This four-day conference will bring together top United Methodist leaders as well as the best ecumenical speakers, bands, and talent with thousands of youth from all around the nation for what is sure to be a life changing event. While at *Youth 2011*, Crossfire Youth will work with *Stop Hunger Now*, an international hunger-relief organization that coordinates the distribution of food around the world. The organization is driven by a vision to end world hunger in our lifetime. We will be among two-hundred volunteers who will package dehydrated, high protein, and highly nutritious meals that are used in crisis situations and in school feeding programs in developing countries around the world. Our goal is to send a minimum of ten youth from our church to *Youth 2011*, and to do this we have set a fundraising goal of \$4000. Please watch for up-coming fundraisers and support our youth on their spiritual journey.

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

Join the fourteen 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 5th, 2011, and return on November 17th. 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

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. The men are currently 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 women are studying along with the book *Longing to Pray ~ How the Psalms Teach Us to Talk with God* by J. Ellsworth Kalas. The group gathers in the Multipurpose Room on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. The study runs from 9:30am to 11:00am.

Pastors' Bible Study

The Pastors are leading a study on the Gospel of John entitled *Invitation to John*. Reading just two chapters of John a week, we discover the life-altering stories that invite us to follow Christ as true disciples and experience magnificent passages in John that 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. The study group gathers on Sunday evenings at 6:00pm in the Multipurpose Room and all are welcome!

Children's Sunday School

Sunday School for Pre-K through Fifth Grade children begins following 9:15am service's *Children's Message*. 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 enables us to ensure 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.

On-Going Activities

Tai Chi on Wednesdays

Tai Chi classes are offered at First Church on Wednesdays at 9:00am at a cost of \$5.00 per hour class. Tai Chi is great for physical health and mental growth. It's slow pace and tempo are perfect for adults of all ages. The group gathers in the Multipurpose Room. This class is open to all. If you have any questions, speak with Jocelyn Prevost or contact the Church Office during office hours. All are welcome.

Yoga at First UMC

A Basic/Basic+ Yoga class is held in First UMC's Fellowship Hall on Second-Thursdays and Fourth-Thursdays from 12:00pm to 1:00pm and First-Saturdays and Third-Saturdays from 9:45am to 10:45am. The class is free to First UMC members. If you have questions, call the instructor, Deb Chymiak-Isanhart, at 248.506.9076 between 10:00am and 7:00pm, Monday through Friday. **Up-coming dates include November 6th, 11th, and 20th.**

Wednesday Youth Club

All youth, Pre-K through High School, are encouraged to register for WYC. Our K-thru-5 kids 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 are focusing on "service learning," a process of learning and doing, doing and learning. WYC runs from 4:15pm to 7:00pm on Wednesdays.

Ministry Opportunities

Phone Prayer Chain Seeking Links

If you would like to be part of the Prayer Chain phone group, please speak with Euella Thomas or call the Church Office during office hours.

Calling All Pasty Makers!

Tuesday, November 9th, at 6:00pm, Wednesday, November 10th, at 8:00am, and Thursday, November 11th, at 8:00am, the pasty building begins anew. If you haven't already, you can sign up on your Activity & Ministry Opportunity Sheet. Join these choppers and scoopers, pressers, fillers and folders, bakers and baggers, movers and shakers and enjoy the satisfaction of good work and fellowship with friends old and new!

Other Important Ministry Opportunities

Help is still needed in the Church Nursery and during Fellowship Hour (on Sundays for both). Check out the sign-up sheets in the Multipurpose Room or contact David Lafreniere at the Church Office for more information.

The Parish Week

Sunday, October 31st

Halloween

9:15am ~ Worship

After the 9:15am Service's *Children's Time* ~ Children's Sunday School, Sunday School Room

Between Services ~ Bread Ministry Wrapping Session, Fellowship Hall

Between Services ~ Fellowship Hour, Multipurpose Room

11:00am ~ Worship

1:30pm ~ Community Meals, Fellowship Hall

6:00pm ~ Pastors' Bible Study, Multipurpose Room

The Parish Week calendar continues on the back of the Bulletin.

The Parish Week (Continued)

Monday, November 1 st	8:30am ~ Bread Ministry Wrapping Session, Fellowship Hall 7:00pm ~ Men's Bible Study, Multipurpose Room 7:00pm ~ Book Club, Church Library
Tuesday, November 2 nd	8:30am ~ Bread Ministry Wrapping Session, Fellowship Hall 10:30am ~ Prayer Quilting Session, Multipurpose Room (until 3:30pm) 11:00am ~ Sunday Bulletin Submissions & Altar Flower Dedications Due 6:00pm ~ Carillon Bells Rehearsal, Music Room 7:00pm ~ Trustee Meeting, Conference Room 7:30pm ~ Narcotics Anonymous, Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, November 3 rd	9:00am ~ Tai Chi Class, Multipurpose Room 10:00am ~ First Church Crew serving Meal at Salvation Army of Mount Clemens 4:15pm ~ Wednesday Youth Club, beginning (and finishing) in the Fellowship Hall 7:00pm ~ Oasis Praise Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thursday, November 4 th	8:30am ~ Bread Ministry Wrapping Session, Fellowship Hall 9:30am ~ Knit, Crochet, & Chat Group Meeting, Church Library 9:45am ~ Men's Koffee Klatch, Multipurpose Room 1:00pm ~ Women With Faith Meeting, Mount Clemens Library 6:00pm ~ Chapel Bells Rehearsal, Music Room 7:30pm ~ Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
Saturday, November 6 th	9:45am ~ Open Yoga Class (free to First UMC members), Fellowship Hall
Sunday, November 7th <i>Daylight Savings Time ENDS at 2:00am This Sunday Morning! Fall Back One Hour!</i>	<i>All Saints Sunday</i> Collections for Father Bob's Food Shelf & Good Shepherd's Paper Pantry 9:15am ~ Worship After the 9:15am Service's <i>Children's Time</i> ~ Children's Sunday School, Sunday School Room Between Services ~ Bread Ministry Wrapping Session, Fellowship Hall Between Services ~ Fellowship Hour, Multipurpose Room 11:00am ~ Worship 6:00pm ~ Pastors' Bible Study, Multipurpose Room



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

Large-Print Bulletins are Available... Just Ask a Greeter!