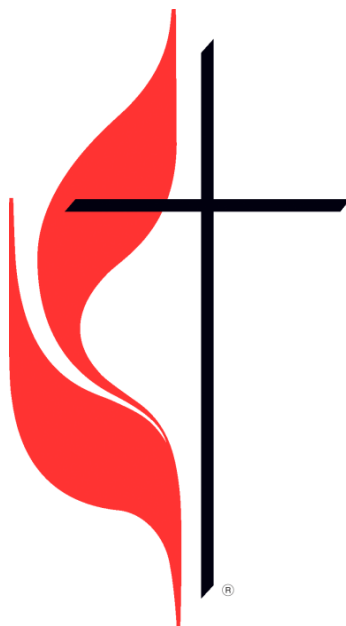


The Sunday Bulletin
First United Methodist Church of Mount Clemens

Transfiguration Sunday

March 6th, 2011

Welcome to Worship!



- ◆ Ministers ~ The Congregation ◆ Pastors ~ The Reverends Carman & Donna Minarik
 - ◆ Pastor Emeritus ~ The Reverend William Rickard
- ◆ Director of Music & Worship Ministries ~ Michael Emshwiller ◆ 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

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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 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.

- ◆ Flowers adorning the Chancel this morning are presented to the glory of God.
The Altar centerpiece is given in memory of Lloyd R. Strait by Linda Strait.

The other arrangements about the Chancel are given in memory of Audrey Shelson by Murray Shelson & Family & Friends.

- ◆ A calendar for dedicating flowers is located on the door of the Sacristy in the East Parlor which is on the right side of the front of the Sanctuary.
- ◆ A staffed nursery for infants and children to three years of age is just outside the doors on 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.

◆ All are welcome to Fellowship Hour for snacks, beverages, and, of course, fellowship!
Come to the Multipurpose Room between services on Two Service Sundays, or after service on Single Service Sundays.

<i>Serving as Greeters Today are:</i>	At the 9:15am Service	At the 11:00am Service	<i>Entrance</i>
	Bev & Jerry Lang	Barbara Matz	<i>East</i>
	Connie Hall	Jeremy Pointer & Seth Pointer-Trudel	<i>West</i>
	Doris Breitreuz	Jo Fowler	<i>Cass</i>

- ◆ If you'd like to greet before a service, please mark your Activity & Ministry Opportunity Sheet or speak with Joyce Wells.
- ◆ First Church's current and recent *Bulletins* are also available on the church's website (www.mountclemensumc.org).

Worship Notes

~ 9:15am Service ~

Praise Singing Led by Oasis Praise in Today's Service Includes:

<i>I'm Not Ashamed</i>	LeBlanc
<i>I Will Sing</i>	Baloche
<i>Surely the Presence</i>	Founds
<i>Everything that Has Breath</i>	LeBlanc

Scripture Lesson

Mark 9:2-9

Pew Bible, NT Pg. 44

Sermon

God's Luminous Presence

Rev. Donna Minarik

Also in Today's Service

Holy Communion

The United Methodist Church practices open communion, meaning that one need not be a member of the church to celebrate this sacrament. Everyone in worship today is welcome to participate! At the usher's invitation, please come forward and take a piece of bread and dip it into the juice as the words of Jesus are spoken. If you are immune-suppressed, sealed communion packets are available.

Especially for Children

This worship service includes a message especially for the children. The children are invited to come to the chancel steps and hear the message. Following the children's message, children from three years old to fifth grade are welcome to attend Sunday School. The teacher will lead the children to their class room downstairs following the message. Children are also very welcome in worship and may return to sit with their families if they prefer. A staffed nursery for infants and children to three years of age 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.

"Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving! Make melody to our God!" ~ Psalm 147:7

The musicians invite and encourage you to sing along, clap along, or participate in the music however the Spirit moves you when the words to the songs are projected on the screen.

Order of Worship

~ 11:00am Service ~

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Jesu, meine freude

Bach

* Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is Sovereign; let the people tremble in awe.

People: God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

Leader: The Lord is great in Zion, and is high above all the peoples.

People: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God, and worship God upon the holy mountain!

* Opening Hymn

Christ, upon the Mountain Peak

Hymnal #260

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* Coates
The Chancel Choir

Offertory *Concerto in c minor* Marcello
Sarah Escamilla, oboe

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of glory and light, your Son went to the mountain-top, where the prophets witnessed to him, and you proclaimed him your Son. May these gifts also bear witness to your transforming power, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn of Preparation** *Surely the Presence of the Lord* Hymnal #328

Scripture Lesson Mark 9:2-9 Pew Bible, NT Pg. 44

Sermon *God's Luminous Presence* Rev. Donna Minarik

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***Closing Hymn** *O Jesus, I Have Promised* Hymnal #396

***Blessing & Sending Forth**

Postlude *Exultemus* Emshwiller

*Those able are invited to stand.

Parish News

First UMC's Collection for the Father Bob Food Shelf Today

This collection is held on First-Sundays. If you have brought items to donate to the Food Shelf, please place them in the shopping cart that is parked near the Sanctuary's East Entrance. Many thanks!

Book Club Meeting Tomorrow

First Church's Book Club will gather tomorrow, Monday, March 7th, at 7:00pm. The book up for discussion will be *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert. The Club meets on First-Mondays and all are welcome.

Ash Wednesday Service *This Wednesday*

Ash Wednesday is coming up on Wednesday, March 9th. This is the first day of the season of Lent, and is a traditional time of introspection, confession, and forgiveness. Plan now to attend our Ash Wednesday worship service, with imposition of ashes for those who wish it, at 7:30pm on the 9th.

Programs on Break for Ash Wednesday

Please note that there will be no gathering of Wednesday Youth Club this week. There will also be no Oasis Praise Rehearsal.

Spring Forward This Coming Saturday Night or Sunday Morning

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00am next Sunday. Remember to set your clocks forward one hour!

Multipurpose Room Renovation

Over the past few years, this congregation has worked hard to maintain and improve our beautiful, historical facilities. We have renovated our Chancel area, replaced outdated office technology, and freshened our Cry Room and Fellowship Hall. Now, we are embarking on the most ambitious project so far... renovating our Multipurpose Room. Picture that wonderful, flexible space with fresh paint, new ceiling tiles, new flooring, attractive yet functional storage cabinets along two walls, a dedicated Bible study area, and, if funding permits, updated bathrooms. Thanks to some very generous memorial and estate gifts designated for this project, we have the financial resources to begin making this dream a reality. You can be part of this project in two ways. For those who are handy with a paint brush or tools, watch for volunteer requests from the Trustees ~ work we can do with volunteers saves significant money. You can also make financial contributions toward this project by making a donation beyond your regular giving using the "Multipurpose Room Renovation Offering" envelopes available in the East Parlor ~ our goal is to raise at least \$8,000 to complete this project. Your support will allow us to fully prepare our Multipurpose Room to house amazing ministries for years to come... to energize ministry for both present and future generations!

The Chancel Choir is Looking for You!

Have you thought about singing in the choir for the Palm Sunday Cantata? If so, here is your opportunity! Come to the Music Room on Thursday evenings at 8:15pm and join in the fun with the choir. Who knows, you may want to stick around for more! We look forward to seeing YOU on Thursday night!

What an Orchestra!

Do you play an instrument? Have you thought about offering your talents to the First Church Orchestra for the Palm Sunday Cantata? Now is your chance to come and play! Please contact Michael Emshwiller for more information on the orchestra. Keep your eyes open for rehearsal dates in the *Bulletin's Parish Week Calendar*.

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

Later this year you could be sailing the Mediterranean Sea while seeing the sites of Paul's travels, including visits to Italy, Greece, Turkey, Israel, and Egypt. Revs. Carman and Donna will lead a group for this amazing journey. We will depart on Saturday, November 5th and return on the 17th. Brochures with a detailed itinerary are available in the Multipurpose Room. Speak with Rev. Carman or Rev. Donna for further information.

Bible Study Opportunities

Pastors' Lenten Bible Study

Revs. Carman and Donna will be leading a Bible study during Lent focusing on the words of Jesus from the cross. The study will be held on Sunday evenings from March 13th through April 17th, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Pick up a study guide from the bulletin board in the Multipurpose Room and join in this spiritual journey. **The room in which the Lenten Bible students will gather may vary based on the work flow around the Multipurpose Room Renovation. Stay tuned.**

Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School begins following the Children's Message during the 9:15am service. We ask that all parents, grandparents, or guardians bring their children to the Sunday School Room on their first visit to Sunday School and complete a registration form. After your children are registered, they are welcome to follow their teacher to the Sunday School Room from the Sanctuary.

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. This group gathers in the Multipurpose Room on Second- & Fourth-Mondays. The study runs from 9:30am to 11:00am.

Men's Bible Study

All men of the church are invited to this study on First- & Third-Mondays from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. It takes place in the Multipurpose Room. The men are studying along with James W. Moore's book *Lord, Give Me Patience and Give It to Me Right Now!*

Ministry Opportunities

Next Pasty Bake

Help! We need YOU! There are jobs for everyone. We need twenty people to chop vegetables on Tuesday, April 12th. Thirty people are needed for both Wednesday, April 13th, and Thursday April 14th, to make dough, mix the filling, and fill the pasties ~ plus wrappers and pan washers. Please speak with Sue Tregembo, or contact the Church Office during office hours, or sign up on your Ministry Opportunity Sheet by Sunday, April 3rd, so that we know the size of this bake's crew and can determine the right amount of food products to purchase ahead of time. Come join the fun!

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 the Church Office 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.

Photographs & Photographers Needed Now More than Ever!

If you have or can take photographs of church activities, please contact the Church Office. We are eager to build up a stock of images (recent, historical, and for all future events) that could be used for church publications **and for the soon-to-be-published First UMC Photo Directory**. Video and audio clips would be great as well! Call the Church Office for more information.

Fellowship Hour Volunteers Needed

If you would like to help out with setting up juice, coffee, pastries and the like on Sundays, please give a call to the Church Office during office hours. Thanks!

On-Going Activities

Wednesday Youth Club

This program is designed for all youth, Pre-K through High School. The 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 youths are exploring questions about God. WYC runs from 4:15pm to 7:00pm on Wednesdays. **The final dates for Youth Club this season are as follows: March 16th, March 23rd, March 30th, and the big wrap day is April 13th.**

The Prayer Quilters

This group gathers for quilting every Tuesday from 10:30am to 3:30pm in the Multipurpose Room. Their quilts are given to members of the church who need encouragement in prayer and strength, and to the Turning Point shelter for abused women. Everyone is welcome for sewing and fellowship. The Quilters eat lunch around noon, so bring your lunch and come see what's happening. For more information, you can speak with Linda Strait, Marsha Lynch, Junia Querio, Joyce Wells or any of the other Quilters, or contact the Church Office.

The Men's Koffee Klatch

This group gathers every Thursday at 9:45am in the Multipurpose Room. There is always fresh coffee, donuts, and lots of discussion. All First Church men and their friends are welcome.

Knit, Crochet, & Chat

This group gathers every Thursday at 9:30am in the Church Library. Folks just wanting to visit are always welcome too. If you have a project you're wanting to finish, bring it along! Besides being creative, they try to solve the problems of the world! For more information, speak with Elaine Walton or contact the Church Office.

Yoga

Yoga can help you to deepen your spiritual practice, live a healthier life-style, be more patient and worry less. And it is easier than you think. You don't need to be in-shape or flexible to start. Poses will be adjusted to fit You. A Basic/Basic+ Yoga class is held in First UMC's Fellowship Hall on Second- & Fourth-Thursdays from 12:00pm to 1:00pm and First- & Third-Saturdays from 9:45am to 10:45am. **These classes are free to all adults who attend First UMC.** Please pre-register with the teacher, Deb Chymiak-Isanhart, at least twenty-four hours before your first class by calling her at 248.506.9076, between 10:00am and 8:00pm, Monday through Friday. The next Yoga dates are: Thursday, March 10th, Saturday March 19th, and Thursday, March 24th.

Tai Chi

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.

Employment Opportunities

Opening for Director of Children's and Youth Ministries

First United Methodist Church is seeking a Director of Children's and Youth Ministries to join our staff in this four-hundred member congregation. This is a part-time salaried position responsible for such areas as Sunday School, midweek education program, and youth group. Commitment to the Christian faith is required, as is relevant educational background or work experience with children. Contact Rev. Carman for a more detailed job description regarding this position. Please send your resume by Tuesday, March 15th, to: applications@mountclemensumc.org.

Employment Opportunities (Continued)

Opening for Director of Facilities Maintenance

First United Methodist Church is seeking a Director of Facilities Maintenance to join our staff in this four-hundred member congregation. This is a part-time salaried position responsible primarily for cleaning and light maintenance of our historic building. Prior custodial experience is desired. Contact Rev. Carman for a more detailed job description regarding this position. Please send your resume by Tuesday, March 15th, to: applications@mountclemensumc.org.

Odds & Ends

If You Appreciate Beautiful Flowers, Take Note!

The calendar for dedication of altar flowers in honor of a person, in celebration of an event, or in memory of a loved one is waiting for you on the door of the Sacristy (at the north end of the Sanctuary's East Parlor). You may choose to dedicate the vase arrangements, the centerpiece, or both. Of course, the flowers are yours to take after Sunday Worship Services. The cost is \$20.00 for both side vases and/or \$20.00 for the centerpiece. Payment can be placed in the offering plate, or mailed to or dropped off at the Church Office.

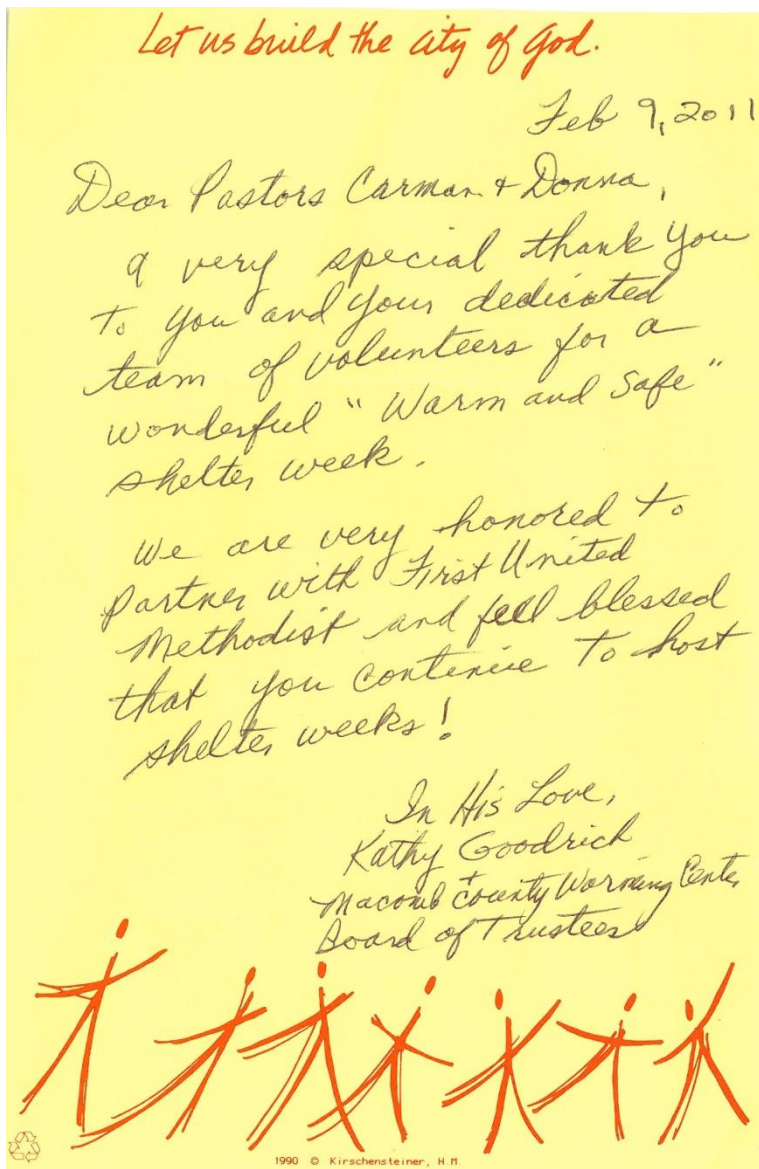
Winter Weather Guidelines

Here are some guidelines that apply to Sunday worship and office hours in the case of bad weather. Where Sunday morning is concerned, your pastors have the blessing of living within walking distance of the church and also have a four-wheel drive vehicle, and so will be here on Sunday morning as long as the snowfall is less than, say, five feet. In other words, we will be here in any weather and there will be a worship service and we will praise God with those who are able to be here. This, of course, does not mean that you should take any risks to be here. All roads and driveways are different, so safety should be the deciding factor as to whether or not you venture out. In regards to weekdays, if the Mount Clemens Schools are closed due to snow and ice conditions for the day, the Church Office will be closed and all programs and meetings scheduled for that day will be cancelled as well. You can dial 586.469.6100 (extension 2) to confirm Mount Clemens Schools' closings.

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 - ◆ Website ~ www.mountclemensumc.org
 - ◆ General E-Mail ~ office@mountclemensumc.org
 - ◆ Office Phone ~ 586.468.6464 ◆ Office Fax ~ 586.468.6845
- ◆ Office Hours ~ 8:30am to 12:00pm & 12:30pm to 4:00pm, Monday through Thursday

A Thanks from the Warming Center



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

The Parish Week

<p>Sunday, March 6th</p>	<p><i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i> Collection for Father Bob's Food Shelf 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, Youth Lounge Between Services ~ Fellowship Hour, Multipurpose Room ~ ALL ARE WELCOME! 11:00am ~ Worship</p>
<p>Monday, March 7th</p>	<p>7:00pm ~ Book Club, Church Library 7:00pm ~ Men's Bible Study, Multipurpose Room</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 8th</p>	<p>8:30am ~ Bread Ministry Wrapping Session, Youth Lounge 10:30am ~ Prayer Quilting Session, Multipurpose Room (until 3:30pm) 11:00am ~ <i>Sunday Bulletin</i> Submissions & Flower Dedications Due 6:00pm ~ Carillon Bells Rehearsal, Music Room 7:30pm ~ Narcotics Anonymous, Multipurpose Room</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 9th</p>	<p><i>Ash Wednesday</i> 9:00am ~ Tai Chi Class, Multipurpose Room 10:00am ~ First Church Crew serving Meal at Salvation Army of Mount Clemens 7:30pm ~ Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary (No Youth Club or Oasis Praise Rehearsal Today)</p>
<p>Thursday, March 10th</p>	<p>8:30am ~ Bread Ministry Wrapping Session, Youth Lounge 9:30am ~ Knit, Crochet, & Chat Group Meeting, Church Library 9:45am ~ Men's Koffee Klatch, Multipurpose Room 12:00pm ~ Open Yoga Class (free to all adults attending First UMC), Fellowship Hall 6:00pm ~ Chapel Bells Rehearsal, Music Room 7:30pm ~ Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Room</p>
<p>Saturday, March 12th</p>	<p>Daylight Savings Time Begins at 2:00am Sunday Morning ~ Spring Ahead One Hour!</p>
<p>Sunday, March 13th</p>	<p><i>First Sunday of Lent</i> 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, Youth Lounge Between Services ~ Fellowship Hour, Multipurpose Room ~ ALL ARE WELCOME! 11:00am ~ Worship 1:00pm ~ Cantata Orchestra Rehearsal 6:00pm ~ Pastors' Bible Study, Meeting Room To Be Determined</p>

Also see First Church's Calendar at the Church Website (www.mountclemensumc.org).