

The Sunday Bulletin
First United Methodist Church of Mount Clemens

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 10th, 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
- ◆ Oasis Praise Coordinators ~ Rick Eldridge & Sue Rosso ◆ Pianist ~ Bonnie Robbins-McCormick (Second Service)
- ◆ Visual Director ~ Meribeth Brockner-Querio (First Service) ◆ Head Usher ~ Keith Rosso
- ◆ Child Care Provider ~ Karen Nemecek ◆ Administrative Assistant ~ Steve Loveland

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 centerpiece is given in memory of Blanche Payne by Cindy Lakes.

The vases are "given in honor of my Mom" by Barb Knuth.

- ◆ 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. For more information see the *Odds & Ends* Section.

- ◆ 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>
	Kim & Jessica Evans	Jan & Tony Hudock	<i>East</i>
	Connie Hall	Kim & Jessica Evans	<i>West</i>
	Toshi Arketa	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 website (www.mountclemensumc.org).

Worship Notes

~ 9:15am Service ~

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

<i>Because of Your Love</i>	Baloche
<i>It is Well with My Soul</i>	Spafford/Bliss
<i>Jesus You Are My Healer</i>	Moen
<i>Trading My Sorrows</i>	Mark

Scripture Lesson

Luke 13:10-17

Pew Bible, NT Pg. 76

Lent Sermon Series: *Journeys in the Wilderness*

Burdens

Rev. Carman Minarik

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

I'm Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger
The Chapel Bells with Christine Dewey, flute

Arr. Morris

* Call to Worship

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

People: Come to us in our wilderness.

Leader: Come to persuade us in our doubting;

People: Come to encourage us in our failings;

Leader: Come to strengthen us in our fears;

People: Lift us up in all our times of struggle;

Leader: Come to renew us, O God, as we worship.

People: Fill us with abounding hope in your power and grace.

* Opening Hymn

It Is Well with My Soul

Hymnal #377

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 *Draw Me Nearer* Crosby/Sheets, Rhodes
The Chancel Choir

Offertory *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* Arr. Miller

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Take these gifts, our Lord, as symbols of our whole love for you; transform with them the whole lives of those for whom they are used. Amen.

***Hymn of Preparation** *Leave It There* Hymnal #522

Scripture Lesson Luke 13:10-17 Pew Bible, NT Pg. 76

Lent Sermon Series: *Journeys in the Wilderness*

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***Closing Hymn** *Shout to the Lord* TFWS #2074

***Blessing & Sending Forth**

Postlude *Listen, God is Calling* Krentz-Organ

*Those able are invited to stand.

Parish News

Date Change for the Next New Member Orientation

The next New Member Orientation has been moved to Sunday, May 15th, (still from 2:00pm to 4:30pm) in the Multipurpose Room. 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 this gathering. Please mark your Ministry Opportunity Sheet to let us know, or contact the Church Office.

Thank You Again for Your Earthquake/Tsunami Relief Gifts

Thanks to all who have contributed towards our part in helping the United Methodist Committee on Relief help those who have been affected by the devastating Japanese/Pacific earthquake and tsunami. We have sent a total of \$2095 to UMCOR to aid in this cause. We will not be collecting any more funds for Japan here at church at this time, but if you want to contribute further you can do so by visiting www.umcor.com. Contact the Church Office if you need any assistance doing so.

Come & HEAR the Music! Fine Arts Series Finale Today

Yes, it is our final concert of the season, and what a treat we have for you. Singers from the Michigan Opera Theatre will perform music of Jerome Kern and selections from *My Fair Lady*, *Phantom of the Opera*, and *South Pacific* as well as other Broadway music. Tickets are available between services and at the door for \$12.00 for adults and \$10.00 for seniors and students. We look forward to seeing you there for the final concert in this, our *Ninth Numinous Season!* Doors open at 3:30pm and a reception follows the concert!

WYC Season Finale This Wednesday

Don't miss out on the excitement at this week's Wednesday Youth Club gathering! Be here April 13th, at 4:15pm for uplifting songs, activities, and fellowship! This will be the last Wednesday Youth Club date for this season.

LUNCH & DINNER FRIDAY FISH FRY! Fifth & Final Fry of the Season This Friday!

See page 10 for the FRIDAY FISH FRY Flier and be sure to share it with family and friends! Thanks!

The Cantata is Coming! The Cantata is Coming! Single Service Next Sunday!

The Chancel Choir, First Church Orchestra, Chapel Bells, Wesley and Youth Choirs, Narrators, and Sound Technicians are excited to announce the Easter Cantata *On A Hill Too Far Away*, next Sunday, April 17th, at 10:00am, yes, 10:00am! Come and enjoy over seventy musicians who will offer glorious texts, melodies and harmonies that will inspire and intrigue your soul. Follow the path of Jesus during his last days on earth as you are invited to follow this journey with us. We look forward to seeing you next Sunday, April 17th at 10:00am!

Holy Week Worship

Mark your calendars now for the wonderful range of worship opportunities here at First UMC for Holy Week.

<i>Palm Sunday Cantata</i> ~ Sunday, April 17 th , at 10:00am (single worship service)
<i>Holy Tuesday Healing Service</i> ~ Tuesday, April 19 th , at 7:00pm <i>Laughter is the Best Medicine</i>
<i>Holy Thursday Service</i> ~ Thursday, April 21 st , at 7:00pm Dramatic Presentation <i>After the Passover</i>
<i>Good Friday Service</i> ~ Friday, April 22 nd , at 7:00pm
<i>Easter Sunday Services</i> ~ Sunday, April 24 th , at 9:15am & 11:00am

Easter Flowers Orders Now Being Taken

This is your opportunity to help make our beautiful Sanctuary even more so on Easter morning! How do I do this, you may ask? The answer is easy ~ purchase some Easter flowers to add color, glory, and beauty to this most joyful day of the Christian year. Please use the order form that can be found by the Sanctuary Entrances. We thank you for your continued support of this opportunity to add to the beauty of this day.

The Chancel Choir is Looking for You!

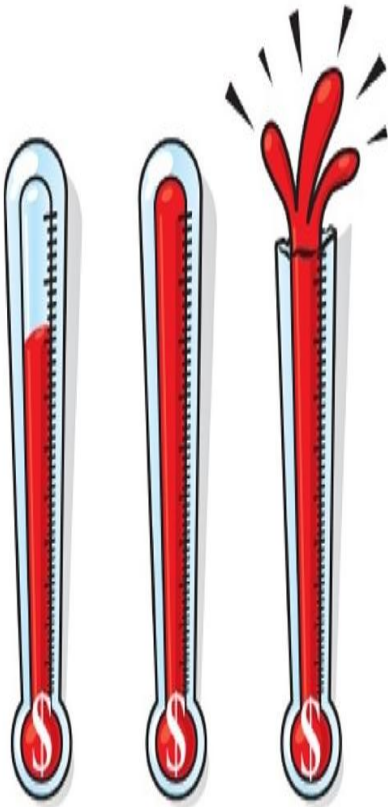
Have you thought about singing in the choir for the Palm Sunday Cantata? If so, here is your opportunity! Come to the Music Room on Thursday evenings at 8:15pm and join in the fun with the choir. Who knows, you may want to stick around for more! We look forward to seeing YOU on Thursday night!

Women With Faith Now Collecting Items for *June's Treasures Resale Shop*

Women with Faith will continue with *June's Treasures* in memory of June Winbigler. If you have any items for the resale shop, please save or bring them to church, during office hours or on Sundays. We will accept anything except clothing. Your donations can be left by the door in the South-West Storage Room (located off the Fellowship Hall). This sale will be held in conjunction with our traditional Maurice Salad Luncheon which is on Saturday, May 14th, this year.

Changes to Our Food Shelf Collection

Today and every Sunday can now be your opportunity to contribute toward First Church's ongoing 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 one of the baskets marked "Father Bob's Food Shelf" in the Multipurpose Room 'Collections Area' that is now located right at the top of the stairs that lead down to the Office Lobby. Cereal, rice, and other boxed foods, and canned foods such as fruits and vegetables are all eagerly accepted. You can also drop off your donations during office hours or any time there are programs going on that the building is open. Thanks to all for their support!



Multipurpose Room Renovation

THE THERMOMETER'S BURST! We're at \$10,538!

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 was to raise at least \$10,000 to complete this project.** Your support will allow us to prepare our Multipurpose Room to house amazing ministries for years to come... to energize ministry for both present and future generations!

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 (which is on the right side of the front of the Sanctuary). 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.

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

Bible Study Opportunities

Pastors' Lenten Bible Study

Revs. Carman and Donna are leading a Bible study all through Lent focusing on the words of Jesus from the cross. The study will be held on Sunday evenings through April 17th, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. The Bible students meet in the Multipurpose Room and all are welcome.

Children's Sunday School (No Classes Next Week on Palm Sunday or on Easter)

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. This group gathers in the Multipurpose Room on Second & Fourth-Mondays. The study runs from 9:30am to 11:00am. The women are studying along with the book *Longing to Pray ~ How the Psalms Teach Us to Talk with God* by J. Ellsworth Kalas.

Men's Bible Study

All men of the church are invited to this study on First & Third-Mondays from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. This study takes place in the Multipurpose Room. Contact the Church Office for more information.

Ministry Opportunities

Cookies are Needed for Today's Concert Afterglow

It is our last concert for the season, and we need your help to offer the tantalizing treats all have come to enjoy following a concert at First UMC! Please bring your sweets with you before the concert and leave them in the Multipurpose Room Kitchen and mark them "Fine Arts." We thank you so much for your donations!

Pasty Makers Wanted This Week

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 sign up on your Ministry Opportunity Sheet today! Come join the fun! **Did we mention our terrific hours (9:00am to 12:00pm with a 10:00am coffee break and a 12:00pm gourmet lunch)?** Join us for an hour or three of fun, mild exercise, and a great time. Veggie cutters meet Tuesday, April 12th... show up any time between 6:00pm and 8:00pm.

Ministry Opportunities (Continued)

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 and to sign up to help with this ministry.

On~Going Activities

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.

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.

No 'Pretzel Yoga' Here!

If you've avoided yoga because you "can't twist into a pretzel," you should know that First UMC's yoga class is a gentle class where poses are adjusted to meet your abilities and medical needs. We use props to make our poses easier. If a pose is too hard or doesn't feel right, we substitute a different one. Class meets First & Third Mondays (6:00pm to 7:00pm) and Second & Fourth Thursdays (12:00pm to 1:00pm). **The class is free to all adults attending First UMC.** Please contact the instructor, Deb Chymiak-Isanhart, before your first class, by calling 248.506.9076, Monday through Friday, between 10:00am and 7:30pm. Upcoming class dates include: Thursday, April 14th (12:00pm to 1:00pm), Monday, April 18th (6:00pm to 7:00pm), and Thursday, April 28th.

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. This class is open to all. If you have any questions, contact the Church Office. All are welcome.

Lunch & Dinner at Our Final FISH FRY of the Season... This Friday!

On April 15th, dine-in or take-out, enjoy a fish and chip dinner with coleslaw, roll and dessert at First Church's FRIDAY FISH FRYs. If you would prefer baked fish and/or a baked potato, please let us know when you purchase your ticket in advance. Dinners for adults cost \$8.00 in advance or \$10.00 at the door. Dinners for children ages 6 through 12 cost \$4.00 in advance or \$5.00 at the door. Dinners for children ages 5 and under are free. All dinner prices include one serving. **Meals are available from 11:00am to 7:00pm this time!** Tickets are available at the Church Office during office hours or between services on Sundays in the Multipurpose Room. Proceeds from the FISH FRYs support the general operation of the church, its facilities and ministries. **Volunteers are needed; please sign up at the window of the Church Library!** *SPECIAL REQUEST:* Would you like to help boost our FRY success and take a packet of tickets or to around to sell to friends and family? If so, contact the Church Office as soon as possible and we'll get you all set up!



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- ◆ Office Hours ~ 8:30am to 12:00pm & 12:30pm to 4:00pm, Monday through Thursday

The Parish Week

Sunday, April 10th

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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 ~ ALL ARE WELCOME!

11:00am ~ Worship

1:00pm ~ Cantata Orchestra Rehearsal, Sanctuary

1:30pm ~ Community Meals, Fellowship Hall

4:00pm ~ Michigan Opera Theatre's Fine Arts Series Appearance, Sanctuary

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

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

The Parish Week (Continued from Previous Page)

Monday, April 11 th	9:30am ~ Women's Bible Study, Multipurpose Room
Tuesday, April 12 th	8:30am ~ Bread Ministry Wrapping Session, Fellowship Hall 10:30am ~ Prayer Quilting Session, Multipurpose Room (until 3:30pm) 11:00am ~ Sunday Bulletin Submissions & Flower Dedications Due 6:00pm ~ PASTY VEGGIE CHOP, Fellowship Hall 6:00pm ~ Carillon Bells Rehearsal, Music Room 7:00pm ~ First UMC Board of Trustees Meeting, Conference Room 7:30pm ~ Narcotics Anonymous, Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, April 13 th	8:00am ~ PASTY BAKE & SALE, Fellowship Hall (Hot Pasties for Sale from 10:30am until 4:00pm!) 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 Season Finale, beginning (and finishing) in the Fellowship Hall 7:00pm ~ Oasis Praise Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thursday, April 14 th	8:00am ~ PASTY BAKE & SALE, Fellowship Hall (Hot Pasties for Sale from 10:30am until 4:00pm!) 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
Friday, April 15 th	11:00am ~ Final (Lunch & Dinner) FISH FRY of the Season, Fellowship Hall (until 7:30pm)
Saturday, April 16 th	9:00am ~ Cantata Dress Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Sunday, April 17th	<i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:00am ~ Bread Ministry Wrapping Session, Fellowship Hall 9:00am ~ Cantata Orchestra Warm-Up, Sanctuary 10:00am ~ Worship/Palm Cantata After Service ~ Fellowship Hour, Multipurpose Room ~ ALL ARE WELCOME! 1:30pm ~ Community Meals, Fellowship Hall 6:00pm ~ Pastors' Bible Study, Multipurpose Room

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

Open Heart, &... Open Minds... Open Doors... in This and Every Season,