



# First United Methodist Church

## Sunday, July 7, 2024

Communion Sunday  
Rev. Terry Euper Preaching  
(Pastor Mona participating in 150th Anniversary at Simpson UMC)

## Sunday, July 14, 2024

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6-7  
Sermon: "Promise"

## Sunday, July 21, 2024

Scripture: John 1:1-5, 10-14  
Sermon: "Beginning"

## Sunday, July 28, 2024

Scripture: Luke 2:8-16  
Sermon: "Glory"

### Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Mona Joslyn,  
Pastor

Karin VanderMolen,  
Admin. Asst. &  
Bookkeeper

Jon Carroll,  
Building Supervisor

James Mullins,  
Music & Audio/Visual  
Coordinator

Mary Jo Pouillon,  
Noah's Ark Director

### Leadership Team

Diane Allen  
Karolyn Dawley  
Fred Delcamp  
James Downing,  
Chair

Sherry Elwell  
Cindy Helmker  
Jerry Hitchingham

Larry Johnson  
Emma Johnson  
Rev. Mona Joslyn  
Karin VanderMolen

The **MISSION** of  
Owosso First United  
Methodist Church is to live  
out our faith in Jesus Christ  
through acts of love with  
honesty, integrity, and  
respect.

The **VISION** of  
Owosso First United  
Methodist Church is to be  
Christ-centered, a welcome  
and loving environment,  
service-oriented, and  
respectful of ALL creation.



# Tower Tidings

First United  
Methodist Church

JULY 2024

Greetings!

A star shone bright, guiding Wise Men from a distance to meet the King. And there were shepherds in a field just going about their daily and nightly duty, watching over the flocks of sheep. Then there was an angel, who told them not to be afraid. There is great news to be heard! A baby has been born in Bethlehem. Not just any baby, this baby is God's own Son, the Savior, the Messiah! Then there was a multitude of angels singing glory to God! What a night to be a first century shepherd in the hills of Bethlehem!

No I haven't looked at the wrong month on my calendar! Christmas is still only five months away. So why am I talking about The Christmas Story in July? It's warm, sunny, the leaves on the trees are green, flowers are blooming, why would we want to even think about the cold temperatures and possible snow in July? I don't know about you, but the hot humid weather we had in June didn't bother me to think about snow, (of course I have been watching the Stanley Cup Finals and thinking about being in a cold ice rink)! Well if the Hallmark Movie Channel can celebrate Christmas in July...so can the church!

I know, July means Independence Day...celebrating the Fourth of July and we certainly will do that. Celebrating Christmas in July can remind us that a Savior has been born, a child has been given, setting in motion Easter Sunday and resurrection. When Jesus was born, the Prince of Peace, Wonderful Councilor, Mighty God broke through the heavens and the world would learn a whole new way of living! This child born in Bethlehem over two thousand years ago, brought us liberty! Freedom from the wages of sin and death, something that we should be celebrating every day of the year, not just December 24th and 25th. Peace on earth, good will toward humans is a message that Christians should be living every day!

This 2024 Christmas in July is also an opportunity to raise awareness, funds, and participation for a very special event in early December--The Living Nativity. Everything is underway and moving forward with help from a couple of other churches in our community. You all know far better than I, that volunteers are needed to make this powerful event come to life, so circle December 7, 2024, on your calendar. That is the day scheduled for the *Journey to Bethlehem* to take place and Jesus needs you to participate in whatever way is best for you. Through July you will see a tree out with stars. On each star is a need (whether it is monetary or material). You are encouraged to take a star and provide what is on it. This of course is a mission of love for the Owosso community and beyond! May we jump in and allow the fireworks to begin--those flashes of beautiful light that brighten our spirits and allow us to know the beauty of God's creation.

Speaking of fireworks, as you watch them light up the night sky this Fourth of July, may we celebrate the hard fought independence that our forefathers brought to this nation. May we also celebrate the freedom that was brought to us on a dark night, with a bright star in the sky, Angels singing, and shepherds gazing on the face of God. The light of the world born, bringing liberation from our sins and from the fear of death. As the sparklers light up, looking like snowflakes, may the sparkle of that baby in a manger in Bethlehem bring the sparkle of resurrection into your spirit.

Blessed Fourth of July! Shalom,

*Pastor Mona*



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Sundays  
9:30 am Café Open  
10 am Worship

Office Hours  
Mon-Fri  
8 am -4 pm

July 7  
Luncheon after  
service

Newsletter articles  
are due the 15th of  
each month.

Tower Tidings - July 2024  
First United Methodist Church  
1500 North Water Street  
Owosso, MI 48867  
Office Hours M-F @ 8-4  
Sunday Worship 10 am

Return  
Service  
Requested

Non-Profit Org  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Owosso, MI  
48867  
Permit # 18





Men's Breakfast  
 Sat., July 6 @ 8:30 am  
 in the church Café.  
 All men are welcome.  
 Please RSP to the church  
 office.  
 The cost is \$6. Thank you!



Thank you to all who helped with the Ice Cream  
 Social Fundraiser on June 14 for Noah's Ark.  
 Everyone had a god time,  
 and we raised over \$445.

There were people from Owoso Fist,  
 Trinity UMC, Noah's Ark, and othes from the  
 community. Thank you!



Ed Payne	3
Jackie Drake	5
Tony Moore	5
J.net Gaitskill	6
Hannah Ardelean	7
Jalen Waters	7
Julie Ardelean	8
Dick Herron	8
Darlene Ustynek	8
Brendan Gute	9
Dorothy Woodworth	9
Elijah Delcamp	10
Slim Groeneveld	12
Cindy Schluckebier	13
James Downing	15
Daniel Lawcock	15
Shawn Ardelean	17
Larry Johnson	18
Jillian Stewart	18
Connie Voight	19
Jodelle Groeneveld	23
Sandy Elford	24
Janet Sutton	25
Cindy Thompson	26
Fred Delcamp	27
Linda Schmidt	27
Tonja Ellis	29
Trenda LaMotte	30
Jean Stanton	30



**Sunday, July 7**  
**Princess Jusu, missionary serving in**  
**Liberia, will be here.**  
**You're invited to a luncheon after the**  
**10 am service.**  
**Sandwich fixings and beverages will be**  
**provided. Please bring a salad or dessert**  
**to share.**

Princes M. Jusu is a misionary with the Board of Global  
 Ministries of The United Methodist Church serving in Mon-  
 rovia, Liberia, as an instructor at the United Methodist  
 Women's Leadership Training Center. Ms. Jusu's ministry  
 includes teahing skills which entail tailoring, tie-dying, knit  
 ting and home economics for women and girls who, for  
 various reasons, have dropped out of schol. Princes also  
 asists with the village health outreach program for women.



# Noah's Ark Children's Center & Preschool



These days, kids spend much more time inside, mostly thanks to technology. Spending time outdoors isn't just enjoyable — it's also necessary. Many researchers agree that kids who play outside are happier, better at paying attention and less anxious than kids who spend more time indoors. Spending time in nature can build their confidence. There's a lot less structure than most types of indoor play and they can choose how they interact with the nature around them. This gives them practice managing their own actions and encourages creativity and imagination. Being outdoors can also teach them responsibility. For example, if they are in charge of watering a plant, they can learn that they must take care of living things to keep them alive. Being outside gets kids moving, too. Regardless of what they're doing, there's usually more exercise involved than if they were sitting on the couch. Not only is exercise good for kids' bodies, but it seems to make them more focused. This is especially helpful for kids with ADHD. Being outside also helps kids feel less stressed.

**Early Childhood Fun Fact:** Cases of heat stroke spike during the summer months, and this can be life-threatening in children. Prior to heat stroke, kids often show milder symptoms such as heat cramps and heat exhaustion. Make sure children take water breaks and wear lightweight clothing when playing outside.

**Staff Birthdays:** 07.06 Ms. Destaney; 07.26 Ms. Vanessa; 07.27 Mr. Fred; 07.30 Ms. Trenda

**Wish List:** Disinfecting Wipes; Fragrance Free Baby Wipes; Bulk chocolate (for staff); Our classroom and center Amazon wish lists can be found on our website: [www.naccpreschool.com/lists](http://www.naccpreschool.com/lists)

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 "Imagination is more important than knowledge."  
 ~Albert Einstein







# PRAYER list...

- Haiti, Israel / Palestine, Ukraine
- Todd Wyzynajtys & family, his father, Bob Christensen passed away
- Family/friends of Bob Davis-passed away
- Family/friends of Billie Sisson-passed away
- Family/friends of Dorothy Woodworth-passed away
- Family/Helen Stanton passed away
- JoAnn & Lucas Messmer, Kirk Messmer passed away
- Janet Sutton, health issues
- Lewis Helmker, Hospice
- Don Horton, fell, skull fractures, home
- Peggy Davis, (neighbor of Don Horton)
- Cheryl Warren, stroke, blood clots at St. Frances Home, Saginaw
- Sherry Elwell, cancer, treatments
- Ed Payne, health issues
- Betty Braschwitz, fell at home, in nursing home (Sarah Finnen's sister)
- Bernadine Resner, broken femur
- Rosie Tkaczyk, stomach issues, no cancer (friend of Kathy Watson)
- Linda Wightman, heart problems (neighbor of Darlene Ustynek)
- Jody Tyler, chemo (friend of Cindy Thompson)
- Bob Marsh, cancer treatments
- Kay Champion, health issues
- Robin Chandler cancer treatments (sister of Cindy Helmker)
- Rhonda Mullins, health issues
- Blake King, bad motorcycle accident (great nephew of Diane Allen)
- John Downing, poor circulation, health concerns (brother of Jim D.)
- Ken Smith, stage 4 kidney failure (friend of Frank & Diana Thaler)
- John Mullins, medical issues
- Cheryl Hancock & family, Scott passed away (nephew of Wilt's)
- Todd Cohoon, end stage ALS, (son of Bonnie Cohoon)
- Ken & Pat Beebe, Ken new diagnosis pending for stroke-like symptoms (friends of Wilts)
- Cody Wheeler, rec. critical car accident (Bob & Sharon Marsh's nephew)



## Military

- T Sgt Tyler Ardelean, Idaho
- Todd Hofacker, California
- Kory Alliton, Marine, Camp LaJune, NC
- Yuka Peters, Washington State
- SPC Brady Watts, Ft. Campbell, KY
- Cody Rozell, home fm Syria w/ new baby
- Kamerin DeWulf, Air Force
- Corp. Jonathan Heath, Ft. Wainwright, AK
- SGT Joseph Heath, Wahiawa, HI
- John Schlaud, Marines, 5th
- Ryan Weaver, Army Reserve
- MSG Jason Cassing

## Homebound

- Elaine Shepard, Oliver Woods, 1330 W. Oliver St., 3-12, Owosso, 989-723-3074
- Gail Rheau, The Meadows, 245 Caledonia Dr., Owosso (989-720-8823)
- Judy Helmker, 1694 N M52 #221, Owosso (989-723-1044)
- Genny Jennings, The Meadows, 245 Caledonia Dr. #110, Owosso (989-277-3695)
- Gaile Passmore, Memorial Healthcare, LTC 826 W. King St. 5th Floor, #578-1 Owosso
- Ann Ferden, The Woodlands, 910 Woodlands Dr. DeWitt, MI 48820 (517-668-6559)
- Terry Gulick, 6410 Simpson Rd., Ovid, MI 48866
- Cheryl Warren, St. Frances Home of Saginaw, 925 N. River Rd. Saginaw, MI 48609



# Sanctuary Video Projection System

*In order to continue to provide adequate video services for worship services, funerals, weddings, etc., upgrades are needed. This technology is also used to livestream our services for online viewers.*

*Video equipment has been experiencing failures as of late and it is leading to issues for the church audio/visual techs as well as visually.*

*The old system is from 2011 (pre-High Definition).*

*A new widescreen system is being requested.*

*Presentation Video System Upgrade: \$19,485.31*

*Sanctuary Streaming Camera System: \$17,980.92*

*Both of these upgrades are intended to go hand in hand.*

*The Leadership Board is requesting donations to help fund the 2nd part of the project. Endowment Fund interest will be used as well.*

*If you can donate, please mark your contribution on the envelope and/or check **video system**.*

*Donations can be placed in the offering plate or given in the office.*

*All single men and women who are 60 years or over are invited to monthly luncheons. Tuesday, July 2nd at noon we will eat at Granny's Kitchen in Oakley. If you have any questions, please contact coordinator Linda Welch at 989-627-3116.*



## MISSIONS

August 11  
Great Sunday for a  
Great Sunda

**We are having our wonderful afternoon of fellowship and ice cream at Terry & Jackie Euper's home on August 11.**

**We will be in their fun Coca-Cola room and make whatever ice cream concoction we desire.**

**We will have "servers" who will be happy to take your order and go to the basement and make your dessert and serve you upstairs.**

**Several people commented this feature allowed them to attend, because they are not able to go to the basement.**

**Times will be 2:00, 3:00, or 4:00. There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer.**

**The cost is a donation, to be used for missions.**





First United Methodist Church  
Owosso, MI

# Cheers to 30 years! Living Nativity 1994-2024

This year Owosso First is partnering with other churches in our community to bring the *Journey to Bethlehem* to life once again.

## December 7

### How will YOU participate?

The Journey takes you through over 1,000 brightly lit luminaries visiting 9 Biblical scenes: Caesar Augustus' Palace, Joseph & Mary on the Road, The Angel Gabriel, The Travelers, The Shepherds, The Inn, The Heavenly Hosts, The Wise Men, and The Nativity & the newborn Christ Child. Along the way, you'll see live camels, donkeys, and sheep!

It takes MANY volunteers to present this gift to the community. Which area would you like to help with?

- Casting/Casting Manager
- Cast Member/Character
- Costumes
- Greeters
- Grounds Crew
- Lighting and Electrical
- Luminaries
- Make-Up
- Music & Sound
- Publicity
- Refreshments
- Set & Scene Enhancements
- Sets / Set-Up
- Traffic

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please select your area(s) of interest and return to this form to the church.

Thank you!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9-11 Pickleball 11:45 TOPS	2 12:00 pm SOS at Granny's Kitchen in Oakley	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6
		Karin V. vacation July 1 at noon thru July 5th			Noah's Ark Closed July 3, 4, 5	
7 9:30 am Café Open 10 am - Worship in Sanctuary <b>Luncheon</b>	8 9-11 Pickleball 11:45 TOPS 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry / Zoom	9	10 8 am - Coffee/Chat 10 am - Noah's Ark Chapel Time with Pastor Mona	11 8:30-10:30 am Food Distribution 9-11 Pickleball	12	13
14 9:30 am Café Open 10 am - Worship in Sanctuary	15 9-11 Pickleball 11:45 TOPS	16	17 8 am - Coffee/Chat 7pm Worship Team	18 9-11 Pickleball	19	20
21 9:30 am Café Open 10 am - Worship OUTSIDE, bring lawn chair	22 9-11 Pickleball	23	24 8 am - Coffee/Chat 10 am - Noah's Ark Chapel Time with Pastor Mona 6:00 pm Leadership Board	25 9-11 Pickleball	26	27
28 9:30 am Café Open 10 am - Worship in Sanctuary	29 9-11 Pickleball	30	31 8 am - Coffee/Chat			

