



First United Methodist Church

Sunday, June 9, 2024

3rd Sunday After Pentecost/Communion
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Sermon: "Hang In There!"

Sunday, June 16, 2024

4th Sunday After Pentecost/Father's Day
Scripture: Mark 4:26-34
Sermon: "What Can Compare?"

Sunday, June 23, 2024

5th Sunday After Pentecost
Scripture: Mark 4:35-41
Sermon: "Storms"

Sunday, June 30, 2024

6th Sunday After Pentecost
Scripture: Mark 5:21-43
Sermon: Immediately!

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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

JUNE 2024

Greetings!

Summer is here! At least on the calendar. School is out, grills are being fired up, Annuals are being planted, and gardens are being cared for. This is the time of year that things are supposed to slow down...right? That doesn't always happen though, does it. When we get to September, we wonder where the Summer went!

I'm writing this in April, so that I don't have to worry about forgetting to write it in May, and thoughts are turning to putting seeds in the ground. When I was younger and helping my dad around the farm, this was the time of year that he was planning crop rotation and watching the weather so that as soon as possible when the threat of frost was over we could be getting the corn and beans in the soil. So of course the scripture passages of Jesus talking about seeds and plants come to mind. **"Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundred fold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen"** (Matthew 13:3b-9).

Then there is the mustard seed, the smallest of seeds, yet grows into a tree that birds can build nests in. Somebody had to plant Lilly seeds, if Jesus calls us to look at them when he talks about our worries. And then there is the discussion Paul was having with the Corinthians about splintering off and following humans when he tells them, **"What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together, you are God's field, God's building"** (1 Corinthians 3: 5-9).

Did you ever think of yourself as God's field? That God has planted seeds in you? Well you are! God has sown seeds in each of us, hoping that we will do our part and be the good soil that produces good fruit. We first start by tending to the soil, our spirits. What type of soil are you? God has sown the seed, are you a path and let the birds have the seed, or rocks where there is no nourishment, or thorns that have decided you have better things to do with your soil, only to fill it with weeds like striving for upward mobility, possessions, power, and the seed is choked? The seed gets planted and God will see to the growing, but we have a part to play as well. We need to have good soil that comes when we pay attention to our faith journey, when we participate in worship, Bible study, communion, remembering our baptisms, gathering together, prayer, and those who have ears listen to Jesus.

Just to plant a little seed...since I am writing this in April...keep watching for information about celebrating Christmas in July. Planning has begun for The Living Nativity to take place in December. There are several things that are needed, so a "Christmas List" of things needed for Living Nativity will be posted and we will start collecting these items during July. I'm really excited that Living Nativity is coming to fruition! It is an event that can plant a seed in someone who drives through.

May the seed God has sowed in you, bear good fruit for God, blessings will abound!

Shalom,

Pastor Mona



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Sundays
9:30 am Café Open
10 am Worship

Office Hours
Mon-Fri
8 am -4 pm

Grad Sunday
June 23
Before service

Newsletter articles
are due the 15th of
each month.

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

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Return
Service
Requested



June 23

Join in the Café before service to celebrate

Cassandra Gillett

Owosso High School graduate!

Casie plans to attend Lansing Community College in the fall. She's following a plan of study to allow her to transfer to Grand Valley State University and major in social work.

Congratulations !!!!

YARNSPIRATIONS ~

Sunday, June 9 - 3pm

An informal service, prayer, & fellowship group with a shared interest in creating knit, crochet, loom weaving, or any other yarn/string items. Open to everyone regardless of skill level. Bring your own crafting supplies and drink/snack. Invite your friends!

Childcare will not be provided at this time. We will plan to meet in the foyer in the comfy chairs. If needed, we can move to the café. Our vision is that we will begin to create items to be donated to the community. This is an option now, but you can keep your craft if you'd like, too!



Men's Breakfast
Sat., June 1 @ 8:30 am
in the church Café.
All men are welcome.
Please RSVP
to the church
office.
The cost is \$6.
Thank you!



The Church Library is open during office hours. It can also be accessed on Sunday mornings. There are adult fiction and non-fiction books, as well as studies, DVD's, Bibles, etc. There are several children's books and videos too! You are welcome to check items out! **Please do not donate or leave items in the library unless you contact Diane Allen at 989-277-2957 first.**
Thank you!



Noah's Ark Children's Center & Preschool



NACC will be getting into the full swing of summer! Our additional playground shade has been put back up, bike days will begin, and water days will help keep the kids cool during the week! Our beautiful playgrounds provide SO much fun and diversity for play; ample space to explore, run, and take healthy risks is so important in raising well rounded children.

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:

- 6/02 Ms. Sandy & Ms. Brandie
- 6/11 Ms. Claudia
- 6/19 Ms. Holly
- 6/21 Ms. Lilly

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

Mary Jo Pouillon, Director
Noah's Ark Children's Center

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PRAYER list...

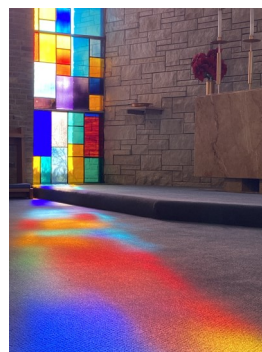
- Haiti, Israel / Palestine, Ukraine
- Family/Helen Stanton passed away
- Lewis Helmker, Hospice
- JoAnn & Lucas Messmer, Kirk Messmer passed away
- Don Horton, fell, skull fractures, home
- Family of Caren Jones/passed away
- Nancy Shellenbarger, final radiation (Terry Euper's sister)
- Peggy Davis, (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
- Bill & Judy Norman, health issues
- Kay Champion, health issues
- Delores Simpson, femur surgery
- Greg Huckins major heart surgery
- 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)
- Dorothy Woodworth, mass on brain
- John Mullins, medical issues
- Scott Hancock, home, multiple serious health issues (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 Rheaume, 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)
- Billie Sisson, 406 Dean Dr. Owosso
- 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. Francis Home of Saginaw 915 N. River Rd., Saginaw, MI 48609



Sanctuary Video Projection System

Todd Wyzynajty's and Simoni Systems Inc. made a presentation to the Leadership Board on May 22.

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.

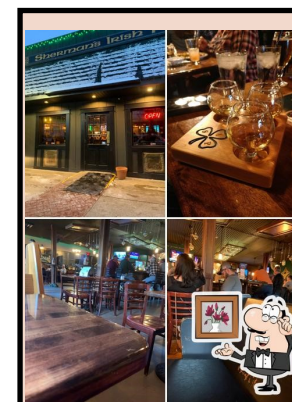
Presentation Video System Upgrade: \$19,485.31
Sanctuary Streaming Camera System: \$17,980.92

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, June 4th at noon we will eat at Sherman's Irish Pub in Vernon. If you have any questions, please contact coordinator Linda Welch at 989-627-3116.

MISSIONS

Did you know that we still receive Kroger Rewards money every quarter? That money goes to the Homeless Angels program in Owosso.

Please check on your Kroger receipt and see if you are still set up with your rewards going to our church.

If you aren't set up, you just need to set up an online account with Kroger with your email and a password.

Then go to More (the 3 dots) and go to Rewards. You can search for First United Methodist Church in Owosso. Call me if you need help.



February \$43.14
May \$41.04

Thank you,
Karolyn Dawley



Family Ministry & Outreach Team

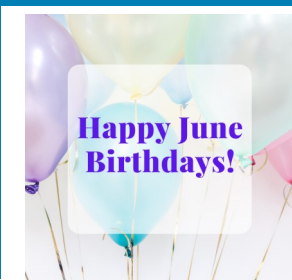
Thank you for another wonderful dinner and pie auction! The committee appreciated all of the help we had the day of the dinner. Also, many thanks to those that provided goodies to auction. We'd also like to thank Teri for preparing our sloppy joe meal. We cleared \$1,612.69. These funds will be put in the family ministry account. From these funds we will be replacing the pads in the AED machines.

Graduation Sunday will be held on June 23. Refreshments will be served in the café prior to the service. We have one graduate this year, and that is Casandra Gillett.

Breakfast Bags for the Homeless

Family Ministry/Outreach are continuing to provide 20 breakfast bags every week to the Salvation Army. Suggested items to donate: instant oatmeal packets, peanut butter/cracker packs, breakfast bars, granola bars, pop tarts, small waters, juice boxes. There is a box in the foyer for your donations. Thank you!

Kencil Barnes	1	Pete Schluckebier	9	Don Horton	26
Sandy Clarke	2	Logan Schoenfield	9	Elaine Shepard	26
Jerry Hitchingham	2	Kathy Watson	11	Cheryll Warren	29
Keegan Gute	3	Bonnie Cohoon	13	Dave Watson	30
Connor Drake	4	Alison Alderman	18		
Emily Stewart	4	Max Nicholson	18		
Devin Gill	6	Rev. Terry Euper	20		
Chris Sprink	7	Margie Moorehead	22		
Judy Freeman	9	Kevin King	25		



Women's Circle

The Women's Circle would like to host a July picnic / potluck, inviting other area women's groups to join us for fellowship (similar to past Lenten Brunches). We need 1 or 2 women to coordinate this event with help from other volunteers.

If you are willing to lead this event, please notify Karin 989-725-2201 by Monday, May 13 so a planning meeting can be scheduled. Thank you for serving!

Thank you to Jim, Linda, J.net, Todd, & Sue for volunteering in the church office in May while I was on vacation and at Annual Conference. You are appreciated! ~ Karin VanderMolen



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:30 am Men's Breakfast
2 9:30 am Café Open 10 am - Worship in Sanctuary	3 9-11 Pickleball 11:45 TOPS	4 12:00 pm SOS at Sherman's Irish Pub in Vernon	5 8 am - Coffee/Chat 7 pm Pickleball	6 9-11 Pickleball	7 9-12 Noah's Ark Café Reserved for Teacher Professional Development	8
9 9:30 am Café Open 10 am - Worship in Sanctuary 3 pm YARNspirations	10 9-11 Pickleball 11:45 TOPS 6 pm Family Ministry 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry / Zoom	11	12 8 am - Coffee/Chat	13 8:30-10:30 am Food Distribution 9-11 Pickleball	14 Flag Day	15
16 Father's Day 9:30 am Café Open 10 am - Worship OUTSIDE	17 9-11 Pickleball 11:45 TOPS 1:00 pm JOYful Beginnings 6:30 pm Noah's Ark Board	18	19 Juneteenth 8 am - Coffee/Chat 7pm Worship Team	20 1st Day of Summer 9-11 Pickleball	21	22
23 Graduation Sunday 9:30 am Café Open 10 am - Worship in Sanctuary	24 9-11 Pickleball	25	26 8 am - Coffee/Chat 6:00 pm Leadership Board	27 9-11 Pickleball	28 John Wesley's Birthday	29
30 9:30 am Café Open 10 am - Worship in Sanctuary						