



First United Methodist Church

August 4, 2024
11th Sunday after Pentecost/Communion
Scripture: Psalm 119:105
Sermon: Scripture

August 11, 2024
12th Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4-9
Sermon: Tradition

August 18, 2024
13th Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture Romans 12:1-2
Sermon: Reason

August 25, 2024
14th Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture: John 3:3-8
Sermon: Experience

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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

AUGUST 2024

Greetings!

It's August! Hard to believe that it is back-to-school season. The stores have been stocking up on school supplies since school was out, but now the sales are on! I have a cousin who is in charge of an elementary school cafeteria in South Carolina, and they were back in school in July! Time flies when you're having fun?!?!

I have to admit that when the advertisements for the back-to-school sales start, I get a bit nostalgic. Going back to school when I was in elementary, middle, and high school meant I got to see my friends five days a week, which was, of course, more important than what I was learning. When I started college, back-to-school meant I was closer to my degree and making money. When it was time to go back to seminary, I looked forward to seeing my friends, of course, but the expectation that I would learn something profound overtook. Oh, I still complained about writing three papers every night, but what I was learning was incredible! The way I experienced the change of my relationship with the Holy was at times mind-blowing, and I grew deeper and deeper in love with God.

One of the requirements to graduate from a United Methodist seminary is history, doctrine, and polity of The United Methodist Church. My very first Methodism class was history and doctrine, and I experienced Jesus Christ in so many ways as I studied the history of John and Charles Wesley and how Methodism was born, and how the Wesley's developed a theology that still guides me today. I did take the required polity class, and then I took every other class on Wesleyan theology and Methodist history that was offered as my electives.

Deuteronomy instructs the Hebrew people, "**Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates**" (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

Jewish people have done that over the ages. They have the "Shema" which are the words of verses four and five. They are to teach these words to their children every day. So they have Mezuzahs that contain these words on the doors of their homes and touch it when they leave and when they return, reminding them to teach them. When they pray, you will see leather boxes on their foreheads or around their arms, which contain the words from Deuteronomy. Jewish parents have continued to teach their children these words.

We have confirmation, where young people are taught about the Christian faith and maybe about The United Methodist Church, but what about adults? Before becoming a member, one needs to go through a "New Member" class. I can say in my new member class, I learned about the polity of the church, and John and Charles Wesley started the movement, but I didn't hear a lot about the doctrine of the church. I often wonder what we might become if we learn and share what United Methodists in the Wesleyan tradition think and believe?

As I was praying about what I would preach in August, Wesleyan thoughts kept coming to my mind. Well, I have preached some of Wesley's sermons before and there are a lot more that can...and probably should be preached. But there didn't seem to be a confirmation from God on that. Then the thought of the Wesleyan Quadrilateral came to mind. God seemed to continue to affirm that thought. So for the month of August, I will be preaching the Quadrilateral, don't know what that is? Join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 in August and find out. We don't have to wear these words in a leather box on our foreheads, or touch a container on our doors whenever we leave or come home, but wouldn't it be wonderful if we can share some of what makes Methodism what it is? As a very intelligent person once told me, you are never too old to learn something new, something valuable, something life-changing.

Hope to see you in church!

Shalom,
Pastor Mona



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Sundays
9:30 am Café Open
10 am Worship

Office Hours
Mon-Fri
8 am -4 pm

August 24
11 am-1 pm
CAR WASH

Newsletter articles
are due the 15th of
each month.

Tower Tidings - August 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



Men's Breakfast Sat., August 3 @ 8:30 am

in the church Café.
All men are welcome.



Please RSVP to the church office. The cost is \$6. Thank you!

Singles Over 60 Tues., August 6 @ noon at Showboat Restaurant in Chesaning



To the Kitchen Crew:

Thank you so much to everyone who worked on Kirk's funeral luncheon. It was so nice and we appreciate all of you.
-- JoAnn & Lucas Messmer

Owosso First UMC has the honor of hosting the East Winds District Lay Servant workshops on Friday and Saturday, October 18 & 19; AND the East Winds District Annual meeting on Saturday, November 2. Meals will be coordinated by volunteers from First UMC. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office.

Our Annual Church Conference is set for Saturday, Sept. 14, at 3:00 p.m. at Faith Community UMC 12821 Warner Rd, Perry, MI 48872 as part of the Mission Zone 10 churches.

The SPRC will have a Zoom meeting with the DS on Wed. Sept. 4 at noon.

August 11 Great Sunday for a Great Sundae



We are having our wonderful afternoon of fellowship and ice cream at Terry & Jackie Euper's home. 11463 S. State Rd., Morrice

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

NEW: A handrail up the few steps of the front porch.

Times are 2:00, 3:00, or 4:00 pm There is sign-up sheet in the foyer. OR, you can call the church office to sign up. 989.725.2201

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

Kay Champion	1
Larry Wilt	1
Aaron Lobb	5
Jacob Clarke	6
Marie Lawson	7
Linda Thorsby	7
Polly Lobb	8
Bob Marsh	8
Amanda King	9
Carolyn Wing	11
Allison Grubb	14
Sarah Finnen	17
JoAnn Goodson	19
Paul Schluckebier	19
Cindy Oeschger	28
Cindy Helmker	29
Teri Delcamp	30



Noah's Ark Children's Center

Our kids have been enjoying all of our summer activities! Our staff have been making LOTS of fun lessons around summer things including: camping, watermelons, vacations, 4th of July, and more! The kids have also been enjoying bike and water days outside. We have multiple kinds of sprinklers and toys to rotate and keep it fun. Our Zoo Crew (school age group) has been going on lots of fun field trips including: Potter Park Zoo, DeVries, Cone Zone, Emerson playground, and more!



What Our Parents Are Saying: "Thank you so much for the care you have provided to Josephine. She started in the Little Lamb room at 7 weeks old and traveled through every room at Noah's Ark. It has been a second home to her throughout the years. Many of the individuals that have cared for her still say hi to her as she travels the halls in the mornings and afternoons, and it is a comfort to Joe and I knowing she was so loved and cared for all these years. Even during her school years, you swiftly provided care during the pandemic, snow days, and are always thinking of creative and fun activities to do with the school-age kids. We are so grateful. Noah's Ark is truly something special."

Staff Birthdays: 8/07 Ms. Monica, 8/25 Ms. Tami, 8/30 Ms. Teri

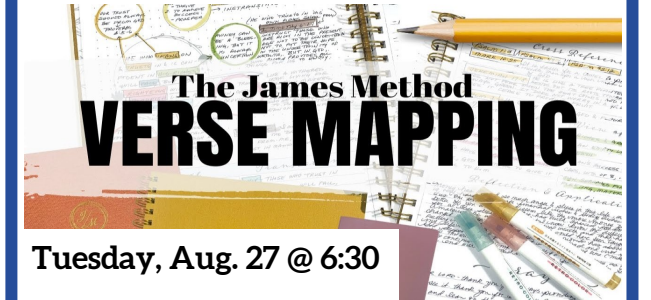
Wish List: Disinfecting Wipes, Fragrance Free Baby Wipes Bulk chocolate (for staff) - Our classroom and center Amazon wish lists can be found on our website: www.naccpreschool.com/lists

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Noah's Ark Children's Center

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



FUMC Fundraiser
Sat. Aug 24
at Advance Auto Parts
1020 E. M21, Owosso @ 11am-1pm
Come get your car washed.
We need volunteers!
Can't get down & dirty?
Sit in chair & hold a sign.



Tuesday, Aug. 27 @ 6:30

Everyone is welcome to meet in the Café on for Bible Study. Anyone 16 & older is welcome.

Bring: Bible (print or digital), pens, markers, highlighters, snack/drink, friends & family. Additional items if you have them: phone/tablet, washi tape, pencils, stickers.

Mapping sheets provided. Limited pens and markers will be available to borrow. Artistic talent is NOT required.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. -- James 1:2-4



PRAYER list...

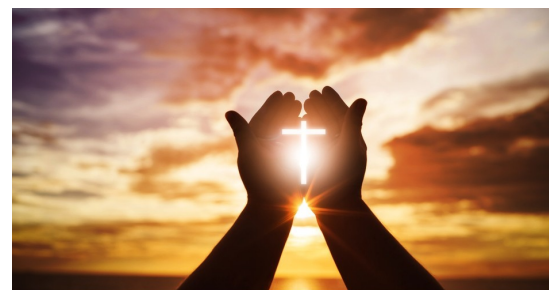

- Haiti, Israel / Palestine, Ukraine
- Lewis Helmker, Hospice
- Diane Allen, recovering from surgery, colon cancer
- Don Horton, fell, skull fractures, home
- Janet Sutton, health issues
- Cheryl Warren, stroke, blood clots at St. Frances Home, Saginaw
- Sherry Elwell, cancer, treatments
- Ed Payne, health issues
- Bob Marsh, cancer treatments
- Kay Champion, health issues
- Rhonda Mullins, health issues
- Mike Bagwell (& Midge), in ICU for 2 months, multiple health issues
- Linda Caverly, pituitary gland surgery 7/30 (sister Terry Euper)
- Peggy Davis, (neighbor of Don Horton)
- Betty Braschwitz, in nursing home (Sarah Finnen's sister)
- Bernadine Resner, broken femur
- Rosie Tkaczyk, stomach issues, no cancer (friend of Kathy Watson)
- Jody Tyler, chemo (friend of Cindy Thompson)
- Robin Chandler cancer treatments (sister of Cindy Helmker)
- 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 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)
- 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

living Nativity Work Day
Thursday. Sept. 26 @ 6pm
Sewing and making luminaries.
Yes. you can do it!

First United Methodist Church
Owosso, MI



Greetings in the name of the Living Christ! The one that sustains us and provides for us daily. I can't begin to think how blessed we are as a congregation in all that Christ continues to supply us with on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis! **Philippians 4:19** *"And my God will supply all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."*

With that in mind, I announced to the congregation that Rev. Dr. Mona Joslyn is being appointed to our congregation for another year, and hopefully two.

Pastor Mona has brought so much stability, care, love, and pastoral leadership to our congregation! We are truly blessed to have her continue to be our shepherd.

Pastor Mona will be appointed only to Owosso First and no longer be serving Owosso Trinity as she has in the past. With this comes additional responsibility and opportunity as a congregation to surround her with our love and support for her compensation package.

We have the opportunity to come alongside Pastor Mona and really blossom as a congregation in sustaining her compensation, insurance, and pension package. The total for July through December 2024 is \$45,562.50. (Previously, First UMC was funding 75% and Trinity UMC was funding 25%). Our mission is to get as close to \$7,593.75 a month for the remaining five months.

I truly believe that this time Pastor Mona is being appointed to Owosso First has been ordained by God. Just as all of us together who continue to support, volunteer and sustain God's church have been placed together for this time. God is using this time for all of us to respond and bring His church even closer to His people and grow it all to His Glory! **Romans 13:1** *"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that are ordained of God."*

Joshua 24:15 *"But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."* As the Chair of the Leadership Board, I can tell you now that I will be supporting Pastor Mona and coming alongside her in this mission as we continue to build up God's Kingdom here at Owosso First United Methodist Church! I invite you all as well to come alongside her ministry.

May the peace and grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Bless you and your family as you prayerfully consider how you might respond to this challenge.

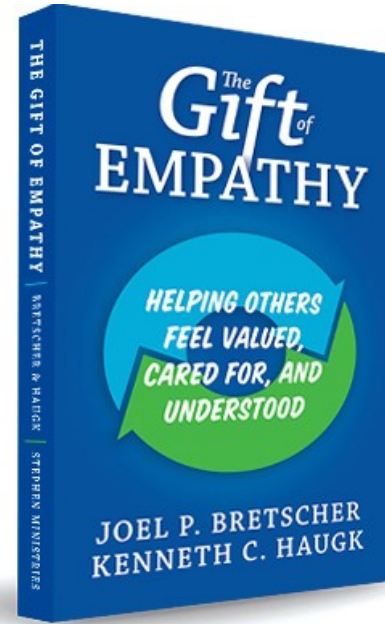
Your Co-Servant in Christ,
 James M. Downing, Chair of Leadership Board



YARNSPIRATIONS ~ Sunday, August 11 at 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!
 Our vision is that we will begin to create items to be donated to the community.



JOYful Beginnings - Book Club



The monthly fellowship group, JOYful Beginnings will meet Monday, September 23, at 1:00 pm in the Café. The chosen book is "The Gift of Empathy" by Joel P. Bratscher and Kenneth C. Hauck, the newest book published by Stephen Ministries of St. Louis, MO. It is designed to be used apart from the Stephen Ministry program, for any type of group or individual--Christian or not.

The Gift of Empathy: Helping Others Feel Valued, Cared For, and Understood presents a fresh approach to a familiar concept, providing practical insights and real-life examples that equip readers to relate in empathetic ways that make a difference in the lives of all those they encounter.

The books are \$14.95 each plus shipping. We do have 3 used books that can be borrowed. If you are interested in being part of this discussion and fellowship group, please call Carolyn Barnes at 989-723-7515 before August 19.

Everyone welcome!



First UMC is hosting a Back-to-School Mom-to-Mom Sale. We are looking for sellers! One table is \$30, 2 for \$50; each additional table will be another \$20. We are primarily looking for sellers who have children/maternity items. We are willing to also host Multi-Level Marketing sellers, but they will be limited. Please email Mary Jo at nacc.preschool@gmail.com if you would like to reserve a spot or if you have any questions.

TACO BAR
Friday, August 23
6:30 - 8:00 pm
Fellowship Hall
Cost = Donations

The Noah's Ark Board of Directors is hosting as a fundraiser for Noah's Ark.

Everyone welcome!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9-11 Pickleball	2	3 8:30 am Men's Breakfast
4 9:30 am Café Open 10 am - Worship in Sanctuary	5 9-11 Pickleball 11:45 TOPS	6 12 - Singles Over 60 at Showboat Restaurant	7 8 am - Coffee/Chat	8 8:30-10:30 am Food Distribution 9-11 Pickleball	9	10 9 am - 2pm Mom to Mom SALE - FH
11 9:30 am Café Open 10 am - Worship in Sanctuary 3:00 Yarn-spirations 2:00, 3:00, or 4:00 Great Sundae	12 9-11 Pickleball 11:45 TOPS 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry / Zoom	13	14 8 am - Coffee/Chat 10 am - Noah's Ark Chapel Time with Pastor Mona	15 9-11 Pickleball	16	17
18 9:30 am Café Open 10 am - Worship <u>OUTSIDE, bring lawn chair</u>	19 9-11 Pickleball 11:45 TOPS 6:30 pm Noah's Ark Board	20	21 8 am - Coffee/Chat 7pm Worship Team	22 9-11 Pickleball	23 6:30 - 8 pm Taco Bar Fundraiser for Noah's Ark	24 11 am - 1 pm CAR WASH At Advance Auto
25 9:30 am Café Open 10 am - Worship in Sanctuary	26 9-11 Pickleball 11:45 TOPS 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry / Zoom	27 6:30 pm The James' Method Bible Verse Mapping / Café	28 8 am - Coffee/Chat 10 am - Noah's Ark Chapel Time with Pastor Mona 6:00 pm Leadership Board	29 9-11 Pickleball	30	31