

First United Methodist Church

May 4 - 3rd Sunday of Easter
Communion & UMCOR Offering
Rev. Terry Euper

May 11 - 4th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
Rev. Terry Euper

May 18 - 5th Sunday of Easter
Rev. Terry Euper

May 25 - 6th Sunday of Easter
Graduation Sunday
James Downing

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
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.

989-725-2201
Church Office
Website: owossofumc.org
firstumc@owossofumc.org
dmjoslyn@owossofumc.org

Tower Tidings - May 2025
First United Methodist Church
1500 North Water Street
Owosso, MI 48867
Office Hours M-F @ 8-4
Sunday Worship 10 am



Tower Tidings

First United Methodist Church

MAY 2025

Greetings!

It is May! I'm looking forward to some warmer temperatures, April was still a little chilly! It is May and we have just celebrated the greatest day of the year, Easter. The day that Jesus Christ rose from the dead and has given us life everlasting!

We are still in this "Eastertide". the time between Easter and Pentecost (which is in June this year), and Jesus appears to his disciples from Easter Sunday until his ascension to heaven. My favorite passage of Jesus appearing to the Disciples after his resurrection is from Luke 24, "The Walk to Emmaus". You know the story, right? Two disciples are walking from Jerusalem to the town of Emmaus on the day Jesus was resurrected. They were talking, Jesus himself joined them on the road and walked with them. The disciples seemed surprised when Jesus asked what they were talking about and their reply was hadn't he heard what had happened in Jerusalem the past couple of days? After all, wasn't he coming from Jerusalem as well? They told him the whole story from the beginning of Jesus' ministry to his body not being in the tomb. Then Jesus takes over the conversation and interprets the scriptures that were about him. They arrived in Emmaus and the disciples invited their companion to eat with them. Jesus stayed and, "**When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, were our hearts not burning within us while he was opening the scriptures to us?**" (Luke 24:31-33). Then they got up and hurried back to Jerusalem to report to the other disciples that they had seen the Lord.

I am reminded in this passage that Jesus appears when we least expect it! Sometimes I don't realize that it is Jesus until I'm down the road a bit and looking back. I also think of this passage every time I take the bread, bless and break it, that I need to open my eyes and see Jesus. The Holy is everywhere! Are our eyes open? Do we see Jesus?

As the trees unfold their leaves and the flowers burst out with beautiful blooms, Jesus is there. As we hear children crying and laughing Jesus is there. As we visit hospitals, homes, and nursing care facilities, Jesus is there. As we gather with family, Jesus is there. As we come to the table to break bread, Jesus is there.

May we always keep our eyes open so that we may see Jesus wherever we may be.

Shalom,
Pastor Mona

May 4
UMCOR Special
Offering

May 4
YARNspirations
3 pm

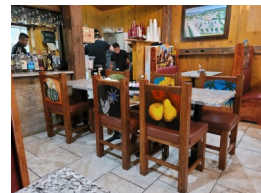
May 9
PIE Auction
5-7 pm

May 16
Noah's Ark PreK
Graduation

May 25
Graduation Sunday
Alex Kelley

Congratulations to Paul Schluckebier who was named to Forbes' 2025 Best-in-State Wealth Advisors list!

Paul is the managing director/ investments at Schluckebier Hood Wealth Management Group in Owosso.

**Men's Breakfast****Sat. May 3,
@ 8:30 am**in the church Café.
All men are welcome.Please
RSVP to the
church
office. The cost
is \$8. Thank
you!**Singles Over 60****Tuesday May 6****@ noon**Don Felipe Mexican
Restaurant, Chesaning

Arla Louks	2
Anne Kruger	5
Todd Wyzynajtys	5
Aubrey Lawcock	6
Richard Batchelor	7
Hannah Hollister	7
Jeannie Sprink	7
Krista Johnson	8
Ron Cassing	12
Jack Wing	15
Cathy Friess	17
Carson Ardelean	20
Esther Hitchingham	21
Brooks Baker	22
Chris Delcamp	22
Jason Johnson	23
Sue Gilman	24
Matt Smith	24
Patricia Agle	27
Wendy Lobb	27
Carolyn Barnes	30
Landon Drake	30
Brayden Nicholson	30

**Thank you for your
donations to
"Our Brother in
Christ",
a local person who
has cancer & family is
struggling
financially.**

**\$740.00
plus \$125 in Walmart
gift cards was
donated.**

**Thank you for your
generosity!**

**Haven't seen your
birthday in the monthly
newsletter?**

**Please email the office
with your birthdate--**

**firstumc@owossofumc
.org**

**SPECIAL
SUNDAY**

**"For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
I was a stranger and you welcomed me."**

- MATTHEW 25:35

**UMCOR SUNDAY****Sunday, MAY 4**

Gifts given on UMCOR Sunday
strengthen the church's global
humanitarian response by
underwriting UMCOR's
administrative costs. This
allows UMCOR to use 100% of
additional funds for specific
programs like **U.S. disaster
response, international disaster
response,
and global migration.**

**Noah's Ark Children's Center & Preschool**

May 5-9 is teacher appreciation week. We wanted to take this opportunity to give a HUGE SHOUT OUT to our staff!

THE HAND HOLDER ~ A Tribute to Childcare Providers

There is no job more important than yours, no job anywhere else in the land.

You are the keepers of the future; you hold the smallest of hands.

Into your care you are trusted to nurture and care for the young,
and for all of your everyday heroics, your talents and skills go unsung.

You wipe tears from the eyes of the injured. You rock babies brand new in your arms.

You encourage the shy and unsure child. You make sure they are safe from all harm.

You foster the bonds of friendships, letting no child go away mad.

You respect and you honor their emotions. You give hugs to each child when they're sad.

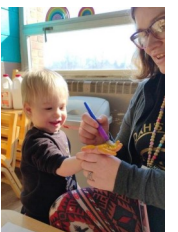
You have more impact than a professor, a child's mind is molded by age four;

so whatever you lay on the table so whatever that child will explore.

Give each child the tools for adventure, let them be artists and writers and more;
let them fly in the wind and dance on the stars and build castles of sand on the shore.

It is true that you don't make much money and you don't get a whole lot of praise,
but when one small child says, "I love you," you're reminded of how this job pays.

~ Dori Rossmann



Staff Birthdays: 05.27 Ms. Michele & 05.28 Ms. Ashley

Wish List: Craft Supplies (new or left over from your projects), Facial Tissue (regular and/or travel size), Rolls of Paper Towel, Free & Clear Laundry Detergent (safe for infants) -- 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
989-725-2202 Work
989-666-1352 Cell
989-729-1721 Fax
www.naccpreschool.com
"Imagination is more important
than knowledge."
~Albert Einstein





PRAYER list...

- Those affected by war & disasters
- Frank & Diana Thaler serious car accident with another family, there was a death
- James Mullins, new health issues
- Betty Pudvay, health issues
- Ed Payne, back at home, Hospice
- Carolyn Barnes, home after rehab, flu
- Deb Bendall, breast cancer
- Mary Dean Brown, palliative care (sister of J.net Gaitskill)
- Ruth Tucker, severe lung disease (sister of James Mullins)
- Laura Norton, metastatic cancer (mother-in-law of Daniel Lawcock)
- Rick Wheeler, serious health concerns, (brother-in-law Sharon Marsh)
- Family of Betty Braschwitz, passed away, sister/Sarah Finnen
- Kim Wiedbusch, serious cancer issues (relative of Sharon Marsh)
- Aubriella, 10 yr old, leukemia
- Sarah Finnen, kidney disease
- Faith VanderMolen, health issues
- Diane Allen, CHEMO
- Joshua Janes, hit by car frac. spine (son of Cathy Burkitt)
- Janet Sutton, health issues
- Kay Champion, health issues
- Rhonda Mullins, health issues
- John Downing, back in hospital (brother of Jim D.)
- Ken Smith, stage 4 kidney failure (friend of Frank & Diana Thaler)
- John Mullins, medical issues
- Todd Cohoon, end stage ALS, (son of Bonnie Cohoon)
- Cody Wheeler, rec. critical car accident (Bob & Sharon Marsh's nephew)

Military

- Todd Hofacker, California
- Kory Alliton, Marine, Camp LaJone
- Yuka Peters, Washington State
- Cody Rozell
- John Schlaud, Marines, 5th
- Ryan Weaver, Army Reserve

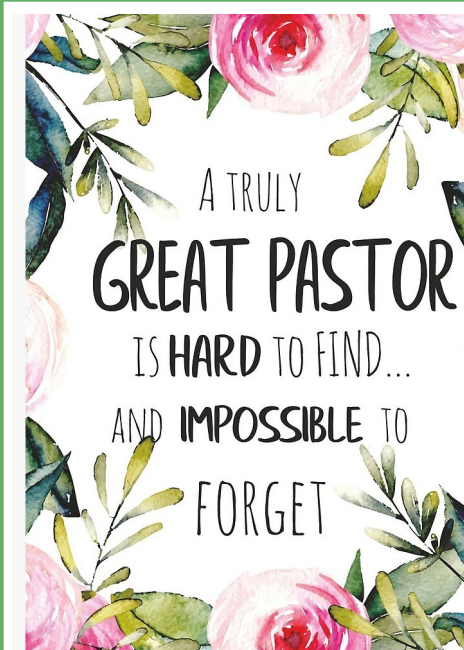
(any updates on military members would be appreciated: additions, those no longer active, etc.)

Homebound

- Elaine Shepard, Oliver Woods, 1330 W. Oliver St., 3-12, Owosso, 989-723-3074
- Gail Rheume, The Meadows, 245 Caledonia Dr., Owosso
- Judy Helmker, 1694 N M52 #221, 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

Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office 989-725-2201 or email firstumc@owossofumc.org

Any updates on those on the prayer list would be appreciated: additions, those that can be removed, etc. Thank you.



Farewell Pastor Mona Sunday, June 8

Pastor Mona's last Sunday at Owosso First UMC is June 8.

We will have a potluck in the Fellowship Hall after the 10 am service. Please rsvp using the form below.

LOVE GIFT - Let's show our appreciation to Pastor Mona for her 4 years of ministry with us. Donations can be sent to the church office or placed in the offering plate. Please note "Love Gift" on the envelope or check. Thank you!

☐ Meat dish (A-D)

☐ Vegetable (E-H)

☐ Fruit (I-K)

☐ Salad (M-P)

☐ Dessert (Q-Z)

Name _____

Attending _____

Please bring passing dish according to first letter of your last name and rsvp by June 1st. Thank you.

Yarn-spirations !
Everyone is welcome to join us Sunday, May 4 @ 3pm in the Cafe Bring your yarn/string project to work on while we fellowship and pray with each other. Bring a snack/drink. Bring a friend, or two!



Breakfast Bags for Homeless

Because of your continued generosity, we are still donating 20 breakfast bags per week to the Salvation Army for distribution.

Items you can donate:

- Oatmeal packets
- Small waters
- Fruit cups
- Juice boxes
- Granola bars
- Breakfast bars
- Cheese crackers
- Peanut butter crackers
- 1 gallon Ziploc bags with sliding closure
- Plastic cups

There is a collection basket in the foyer under the large bulletin board.

THANK YOU!!



Friday, May 9, @ 5-7 pm

Grilled Koegel's hot dog, coleslaw, chips, & drink for a donation.

Auction begins at 6pm

*Pies, cheesecakes, cookies & other desserts.
ALL welcome.*



Tower Tidingsowossofumc.orgMAY 2025						Page 5	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
				1	2 7pm AA	3 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 1-4 FH Rental	
4 UMCOR Offering 9:00 am Adult SS 10 am - Worship 3:00 pm-YARNspirations	5 11:45 TOPS	6 Noon - SOS at Don Filipe Rest. 6:30 Stephen Ministry / Zoom	7 8am-Coffee Club	8 9-11 am Food Dist. 11 am Older Adult Min. Team	9 5-7 pm Hot Dog Dinner & Pie Auction 7pm AA	10	
Karin on vacation - volunteers in office							
11 Mother's Day 9:00 am Adult SS 10 am - Worship	12 11:45 TOPS	13	14 8am-Coffee Club	15	16 7pm AA Noah's Ark PreK Graduation Sanctuary & Café	17	
18 9:00 am Adult SS 10 am - Worship	19 11:45 TOPS 1pm JOYful Beginnings 6:30 pm Noah's Ark Board	20 6:30 Stephen Ministry / Zoom	21 8am-Coffee Club	22	23 7pm AA	24	
25 Graduation Sunday 9:00 am Adult SS 10 am - Worship Celebrate our graduate Alex Kelley	26 Memorial Day Church Office & Noah's Ark Closed	27	28 8am-Coffee Club 10 am Noah's Ark Chapel Time 6pm Leadership Board	29	30 7pm AA	31	
Michigan UM Annual Conference Pastor Mona & Karin VanderMolen attending							



THANK YOU to all who signed up to maintain the church grounds. The parking lot island weeds will be sprayed with an environmentally-friendly spray. Also, please watch your footing when working on the islands, as the stone and barrier can be slippery. Thanks!