



First United Methodist Church

Rev. Sarah Elliott

July 6

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
Peace be with you!

July 13

Series: Our Shared Vision
Matthew 22:37-39 & Corinthians 12:4-8
Love Boldly

July 20

Series: Our Shared Vision
Psalm 11 & 1Peter 4:8-11
Serve Joyfully

July 27

Series: Our Shared Vision
Joshua 1:9 & Ephesians 6:10-18
Lead Courageously

Church Staff

Rev. Sarah Elliott
Karin VanderMolen,
Admin. Asst. &
Bookkeeper
Jon Carroll,
Building Supervisor
James Mullins,
Music & Audio/Visual
Coordinator
Jennifer Fuentes,
Noah's Ark Director

Leadership Team

Diane Allen
Karolyn Dawley
Fred Delcamp
James Downing,
Chair
Rev. Sarah Elliott
Cindy Helmker
Jerry Hitchingham
Larry Johnson
Emma Johnson
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.

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Tower Tidings - July 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

JULY 2025

Peace be with you!

New beginnings are kind of like the first day of school, filled with excitement and wonder. I am excited to join Owosso First United Methodist and get to know you individually and as a congregation. In preparation for our journey together, with the aid of the church directory, I have been praying for you and for where God is leading us together.

I have also been looking forward to getting to know you! One of my favorites ice breakers is the "All About Me" sheet. As a Girl Scout Leader, it was helpful to learn about the scouts. I thought I'd get us started by sharing some of my answers.

All About Me, Church Edition:

- Hello, my name is Pastor Sarah Elliott and I'm old enough to not put my age in writing, but my birthday is November 25th.
- My favorite scriptures are Matthew 25: 31-46; Proverbs 3:5-6; Psalm 28:7; Philippines 4 (especially verse 6-9, and 13); Psalm 19... and so many more.
- I was born in Saginaw Michigan, raised in Pinellas County Florida, and went to American University in Washington DC, and lived most of my life in Maryland with my husband Patrick and our three kids, Preston, Beth, and Maggie.
- My hobbies are puzzles, board games, photography, Girl Scouts, and community service.
- My favorite foods, as a pescatarian, are eggplant parmesan, grilled salmon, and sushi... but I enjoy anything made with love, especially if paired with a refreshing glass of iced tea.
- My favorite bible characters, at the moment, are Hannah, Ruth, Elizabeth, and Ananias.
- Interesting Fact: I have had some cool work experiences, including being a Inn Keeper, Nanny, and Comptroller. You'll hear about these in sermons.
- My ministry passion is sharing the transformative and redeeming love of Jesus Christ with those who need affirmation that God loves everyone, including them!

Best way to reach me? By email at PastorSarah@OwossoFUMC.org or by phone at 989-220-1710; or call the church office.

Now that I have gotten us started, I look forward to learning more about you as well!

Until then, many blessings,

Pastor Sarah



Men's Breakfast

Sat. July 12,
@ 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 July 1
@ noon
Culver's



- 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
- Elijah Delcamp 10
- Cindy Schluckebier 13
- Jim Downing 15
- Daniel Lawcock 15
- Larry Johnson 18
- Connie Voight 19
- Jodi 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

July 20 is our
monthly
summer
OUTDOOR
Worship
Service
at 10 am.
Please bring
a chair if you
are able.

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

*Please email the office with
your birthdate--*

firstumc@owossofumc.org

Dear Friends,
Thank you so much for the very
generous going away gift, I feel
loved and cared for. My note
cards are packed, but I want to
thank all of you who left bags
with lovely gifts on my desk, or
left a card with a monetary gift.
Thank you for the wonderful
lunch, it was all delicious. Lastly,
thank you for the hugs and kind
words. I will miss you all!
Please know that you are a per-
manent part of my heart, and I
will continue to pray for all of you
and for all that God has waiting
around the corner for you.
God love you and so do I, and
there is nothing you can do about
it!

Pastor Mona



Noah's Ark Children's Center & Preschool

We're excited to welcome some new faces to our team this summer:
Madalyn French, who will be with us for the summer season before heading
off to college. We are also excited to welcome Sabrina Hughes and Alyssa
Middleton, who have joined us as support staff to help keep our center run-
ning smoothly.



We're also thrilled to welcome back a familiar and much-loved presence,
Grandma Bev, who is returning through the Foster Grandparent Program with
AmeriCorps Seniors! If you or someone you know would enjoy working with
children and making a difference like Grandma Bev, we encourage you to explore this wonderful oppor-
tunity. For more information, contact: **Robyn M. Johnston** - FGP/SCP Director, AmeriCorps Seniors,
Family Service Agency of Mid-Michigan, Phone: 810-257-3769

Do you know a family with a 4-year-old child? We're still enrolling for our new PreK for All classroom,
a high-quality early education program right here in our church community.

Who's eligible?

- Children who turn 4 years old on or before September 1, 2025.
- Children who turn 4 between September 2 and December 1 may also qualify with a waiver!

Early childhood education can change lives, and you can be part of our mission. If you know someone
who may be interested, encourage them to reach out or stop by for more information. We look forward
to a fun and upcoming school year!

Jennifer Fuentes, Director

NEW EMAIL: director@naccpreschool.com

989-725-2202

First United Methodist:

Thank you all so much for the beautiful prayer quilt.
Your prayers and thoughtfulness mean so much to us and
we truly thank you for your kindness.

The entire family of Laura Norton
Jeremiah 29:11 - For I know the plans I have for you
declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and plans to
give you hope and a future.

We would like to thank those who came to
help with Alex's open house on June 14.
You are so appreciated!

Thank you to those who were able to
attend and celebrate with us.

Mark & Janet Keesler
and Alex Kelley



PRAYER list

- Those affected by war & disasters

Church Family

- Mark & Janet Keesler, health issues
- Family of Don Horton passed May 31
- Family of Judy Herron passed June 8
- Darlene Ustynek recovering from hip surgery
- Jackie Euper recovering from knee replacement surgery
- James Mullins, new health issues
- Betty Pudvay, health issues
- Ed Payne, home Hospice
- Carolyn Barnes, health issues
- Deb Bendall, breast cancer
- Sarah Finnen, kidney disease
- Faith VanderMolen, health issues
- Diane Allen, cancer
- Janet Sutton, health issues
- Kay Champion, health issues
- Rhonda Mullins, health issues

Family & Friends

- Monzelle Watson, ICU blood clots on lungs, 83 yrs old (Dave Watson's sister-in-law)
- Baby Millard due in Sept, water on lungs, (Euper's nephew & wife)
- Darlene Ustynek's daughter heart by-pass
- Larry Fries, Afib, stroke (Gail Rheaume's son-in-law)
- John Mullins, POTS, fell, head injury
- Emily Ernst, Cerebral palsy, ICU (granddaughter of Payne's)
- Dear Friend of Sharon Marsh, serious health concerns
- Ruth Tucker, severe lung disease (sister of James Mullins)
- Laura Norton, metastatic cancer (mother-in-law of Daniel Lawcock)
- Angela & Cody Dean, he has mass on colon
- John Downing, (brother of Jim D.)
- Ken Smith, stage 4 kidney failure (friend of Frank & Diana Thaler)
- 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
- Capt. Tim Mapley, MI National Guard, deployed to Kosivo

(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 Rheaume, 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



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.



"Onboarding" Saturday, July 19 9am - 7pm

Onboarding is a structured process designed to help new pastors and congregations build strong relationships and integrate effectively. It focuses on open communication, understanding the church's unique culture, and addressing concerns from the outset. This process aims to accelerate the integration of a new pastor, potentially saving months of relationship building and valuable time.

When a pastoral change comes about, a new pastor and a church typically spend their first year building enough partnership to move forward together in ministry.

"Onboarding," speeds up that process while it uncovers the unspoken aspects of a congregation's and a pastor's identities so that they can fit together better from the start.

- A church gains "deep knowledge" about its new pastor.
- An incoming pastor receives "early information" about the church's culture, hopes and dreams.

Groups of people will be scheduled for different sessions, it's not one long meeting :)

More information will be shared soon!

**Yarn-spirations !
Everyone is welcome to join us Sunday, July 20 @ 2pm in the Foyer. 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!!



SUMMER Praise! 2025

Owosso First Church of the Nazarene
1865 S. M52 - 7:30 pm



July 13
The Browders

July 20
New Destiny



July 27
Sheldon Family

August 3
3 Heath Brothers



August 10
Thurstons

August 17
Stronghold



An offering will be taken for each group.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Noon - Singles Over 60 at Culver's	2 8am-Coffee Club	3	4 Church Office & Noah's Ark CLOSED 7pm AA	5
	6 Pastor Sarah's First Sunday 10 am - Worship Welcome Reception Elliott Family	7 11:45 TOPS	8	9 8am-Coffee Club	10	11 7pm AA
13 10 am - Worship	14 11:45 TOPS	15 6:30 Stephen Ministry / Zoom	16 8am-Coffee Club 7 pm Worship Team Meeting	17	18 7pm AA	19 9am - 7pm Onboard- ing
20 10 am - Worship Outside, bring a chair 2 pm - YARNspirations	21 11:45 TOPS	22	23 8am-Coffee Club	24	25 7pm AA	26
27 10 am - Worship	28 11:45 TOPS	29	30 8am-Coffee Club	31		

