



First United Methodist Church

Rev. Sarah Elliott

Nov. 2 - All Saints' Sunday

Luke 19:1-10
"Stand Firm and hold Fast"

Nov. 9 - Stewardship

Haggai 2:1-9
"The Days are Surely Coming"

Nov. 16 - Stewardship

Isaiah 65:17-25
"The Days Surely Coming"

Nov. 23 - Stewardship

Jeremiah 23:1-6
"The Days Surely Coming"

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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 - NOV 2025
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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Pastor's Page

"I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High." (Ps.9:1-2, NRSV)

Blessing Church!

THANK YOU for the generous Pastor Appreciation gifts in October. From kind words and pumpkins to delicious treats and flowers, your kindness is a good gift that is sending me into November, the month we focus on thankfulness, with a heart overflowing. Thank you!

In just a few days, on November 9th, 2:30 PM, at Corunna UMC, we will complete this year's church conference and move into the beautiful fall days that lead to the season of Advent, which quickly turns to the joy of Christmastide.

But before we get to that place, let's spend time this month enjoying each other's company and extending gratitude for all the ways God is present with us. One of those places is the opportunity to serve our community, in partnership with the Salvation Army. October 26th we decided as a congregation to collect 10 grocery carts full of food for our neighbors who are hungry. I am confident that by working together we can achieve this goal. Please see the list of foods needed in this newsletter.

Another opportunity is by participating in First UMC's potluck on November 23rd after worship, before attending the Community Thanksgiving Service at First Congregational UCC at 4 PM. Invite your friends, family, and those you meet to join both activities for blessing of body and spirit. Our very own choir members will be singing in the joint choir. I can't wait to celebrate God's blessings with all of you!

Finally, I challenge you to get to know something new about those around you each day. Ask what they are thankful for? Ask about favorite Thanksgiving memories. Ask about special moments of fall that give them encouragement. I promise you, if we spend time getting to know each other a bit more deeply, we will also encounter the love of Christ in those moments. And that is something to be exceptionally thankful for in the season of giving thanks!

I am thankful to be your pastor, and I am honored to be entering the season celebration with you.

Many blessings!

Pastor Sarah



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SUNDAY AT 10 AM

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SARAH
ELLIOTT,
PASTOR



The Seniors' Food Distribution will continue, but in a different way. Greater Lansing Food Bank will deliver non-perishable food boxes on the 2nd Thursday of the month to be stored in the foyer for correct temperature control.

The boxes will be distributed on the 2nd SATURDAY of each month 9-11 am with the 2nd senior commodities distribution November 8.

WOW! SO MANY PEOPLE SHOWED UP in October. Thank you! We were overwhelmed. We had great fellowship with each other, got to know each other better, and helped seniors in our community. We had enough people to make a rotating schedule. Those scheduled for November 8 are: Karin, Chris & Teri Delcamp, Fred & Debbie Delcamp, Cindy Thompson, Jerry Hitchingham and Deb Bendall.

We have left over boxes of food for any senior over 60. If you have not already picked one up, you may do so--just leave your name, address, & phone number on the sheet provided so we can let Greater Lansing Food Bank know who received boxes.

Thank you! -- Karin VanderMolen



- Art Flanagan 1
Katelyn Clarke 4
Jared Gill 5
Gary Slocum 5
Janet Wilt 6
Lola Lobb 9
Ben Delcamp 12
Karin VanderMolen 12
Sydney Baker 20
Dave Maurer 22
Pastor Sarah Elliott 25
Shirley Lyon 27
Evelyn Gillett 30

November Food Collection

The entire month of November, we are collecting the following items for the Salvation Army food pantry:

- Cereal, Canned meats, Tuna, Canned spaghetti, Canned soup, Canned stew, NO BEANS or LENTILS please, Peanut butter & jelly, Instant oatmeal, Pasta sauce with meat, Anything with protein, Things that can be cooked with only water



Let us give thanks for the abundant blessings of God, and share His goodness with others, that they too may feel the warmth of His love.

Annual Church Conference Sunday, Nov. 9 2:30 pm At Corunna UMC

All church family are encouraged to participate, members have voting privileges.

Noah's Ark Children's Center & Preschool

Scholastic Book Fair ~ December 1st-8th

We'll be hosting our annual Scholastic Book Fair all week long. Church members are invited to stop by and shop for great books, they make wonderful Christmas gifts! Sandy will be available on Sunday for anyone who'd like to browse the selection before the fair closes on Monday.

Not So Silent Night - Friday, December 5th

To prepare for our special family event, the center will close early at 5:00 PM on December 5th. Please join us that evening from 6:00-7:00 PM for Not So Silent Night, a joyful celebration filled with music, fun, and festive spirit!

Jennifer Fuentes Director Noah's Ark Children's Center 989-725-2202 Work EMAIL - director@naccpreschool.com

www.naccpreschool.com "Imagination is more important than knowledge." ~Albert Einstein



November Food Drive - Let's Fill the Cart!

This November, we are partnering with First UMC to collect food for those in need. Our goal is to fill the shopping cart 10 times by month's end! Every donation helps share God's love with our neighbors during these challenging times.

Drop items in the cart in the church lobby.

"Do not forget to do good and to share with others." - Hebrews 13:16

Advent Study

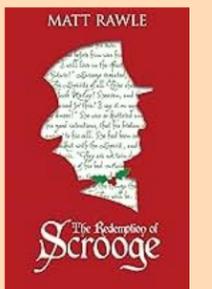
Thursdays in December

1:00 pm in-person

7pm by Zoom

"The Redemption of Scrooge" by Matt Rawl

You are invited to purchase a book for \$13.



Men's Breakfast Sat. Nov. 1, @ 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, Nov. 4 @ noon

Fortune House



212 W. Main St. Owosso

Tuesday, Nov. 25 11:30am - 1:30pm

Bring a bag lunch to the café

Fellowship with Pastor Sarah and others. Bring your heart for Jesus and ideas for connection.

DESSERT PROVIDED :)



PRAYER list

- Those affected by violence, war & disasters

Church Family

- Roger Elford, at Sparrow, Mary Free Bed, Lansing for rehab
- Mark & Janet Keesler, health issues
- Ed Payne, home Hospice
- Diane Allen, cancer, home
- Jean Stanton, health issues
- Kay Champion, health issues
- Rhonda Mullins, health issues
- Sarah Finnen, kidney health issues
- Faith VanderMolen, POTS & hyper-mobile Elher's Danlos Syndrome

Family & Friends

- Dean West, cancer (nephew of Cathy Burkitt)
- Michelle Ardelean, kidney cancer and cowden syndrome (daughter of Clays)
- Carol Hunt, cancer (friend of Kathy Watson)
- Gloria Danek, COPD, Hospice (JoAnn Messmer's sister)
- Moncelle Watson, Hospice (Dave Watson's sister-in-law)
- Jim Valentine, fell, rehab at Mary Free Bed (friend of Eupers)
- Baby Millard DeVos Children's Hospital, fluid around lungs (Euper's nephew & wife)
- Elaine, heart by-pass (Darlene's daughter)
- 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)
- 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)

Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office by phone 989-725-2201, or email firstumc@owossofumc.org Or on our website owossofumc.org

Military

- Todd Hofacker, California
- Kory Alliton, Marine, Ft. Sam Houston, TX (Sutliff)
- Yuka Peters, Washington State
- Cody Rozell
- John Schlaud, Marines, 5th
- Ryan Weaver, Army Reserve
- Capt. Tim Mapley, MI National Guard, deployed to Kosovo

(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
- Betty Pudvay, Oliver Woods, 1330 W. Oliver St., 1-17, Owosso, 989-277-2822 - Husband Pat at Oliver Woods also
- 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
- June Helvie, Memorial Healthcare LTC 826 W. King St. Room 474



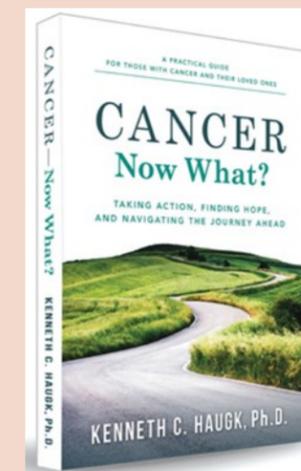
If you or someone you know is facing a cancer diagnosis, we have a helpful resource available in the library.

Cancer - Now What? by Dr. Kenneth C. Haugk

is a practical guide for those with cancer and their loved ones.

Drawing from his experience supporting his wife through her battle with cancer—and the insights of more than 3,500 cancer survivors, caregivers, and medical professionals—Dr. Haugk offers compassionate, practical guidance for navigating the medical, emotional, relational, and spiritual challenges that cancer brings. There are currently **two copies** of *Cancer - Now What?* available for

sign-out in the glass case outside the library. Please help yourself.



East Winds District Conference

“Hospitality”

Inside and Outside the Local Church

November 1, 2025 @ Bad Axe: First UMC

Panel discussion with Rev. Jeremy Peters and Flint: Court Street; Keynote Speaker Dr. Tara Gay
Check-in starting at 9:30 am
Cost \$12 per person and includes lunch.

Register online at [2025 East Winds District Conference](https://www.eastwinds.org/2025-East-Winds-District-Conference)

If you need help registering, please contact Karin in the church office.

A sincere and heartfelt “THANK YOU” to my church family and friends for the many phone calls, cards, and hugs during my recent health concerns. I’m recovering from surgery well and will not need further treatment—just periodic check-ups. Thanks, too, for helping me to stay positive.
Love, Sharon Marsh

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 & spoons

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

THANK YOU!!



Community Craft Camp

Sat Nov 15 @ 10am-4pm

First UM Church, 1500 N. Water St. Owosso

FUNDRAISER FOR MISSIONS

\$20 gets you a table, lunch, snacks, beverages.

BRING YOUR OWN projects and supplies.

Make & Take
Card Project



- Knitting
- Crocheting
- Scrapbooking
- Card-making
- Quilting
- Sewing or other projects!

Limited
electricity
available

Call or email to reserve
your space

PHONE & EMAIL = 989.725.2201 firstumc@owossofumc.org

"We have started receiving feedback from the neighbors, property managers, and other community partners regarding the launch of our new senior box program and I want to say that the response has overwhelmingly been one of gratitude and success. Thank you all so much for your assistance in continuing to feed some of our most vulnerable neighbors. I'd like to share a few quotes with you that we have received just this past week:

"Please tell the lady that left the food box at my door thank you for me. I was down to my last can of soup"

I will be reaching out to many of you individually next week with updates, specific questions, etc, but for now I also just want to say a personal thank you. This project was my first foray into researching, designing, and implementing a new program to better feed our neighbors and it has certainly been both a learning experience and one of the most meaningful things that I have been a part of. It would not have been a success without all of you.

Thank you,

Brittany Kelley
Outreach Specialist
Greater Lansing Food Bank

Please read the full letter on the bulletin board.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 1 8:30 am Men's Breakfast - Café 9:30 District Conference / Bad Axe |
| 2 All Saints' Sunday 9 am - Adult Sunday School 10 am - Worship | 3 10:30 TOPS | 4 Noon - Singles Over Sixty at Fortune House | 5 8am-Coffee Club 11:30 Noah's Ark Chapel time w/ Pastor Sarah 6:30 Missions - Zoom | 6 4:30 pm Winter Warming Meeting at St. John's UCC | 7 7pm AA | 8 9-11 am Senior Food Distribution |
| 9 9 am - Adult Sunday School 10 am - Worship 2:30 pm Annual Church Conference, Corunna UMC | 10 <i>Read a Book to a Kid Day</i> 10:30 TOPS 12 Women's Circle, Café | 11 10:30 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry / Zoom | 12 8am-Coffee Club | 13 11 am - Older Adult Min. Team | 14 7pm AA | 15 10am-4pm CRAFT CAMP - FH |
| 16 9 am - Adult Sunday School 10 am - Worship 11:30 am Membership Class | 17 10:30 TOPS | 18 6:30 pm Noah's Ark Board | 19 8am-Coffee Club 11:30 Noah's Ark Chapel time w/ Pastor 7 pm Worship Team Meeting | 20 | 21 7pm AA | 22 |
| 23 9am - Adult Sunday School 10 am - Worship 11am THANKSGIVING POTLUCK after worship in Fellowship Hall 4 pm Community Thanks- giving Service at First Congregational UCC | 24 10:30 TOPS | 25 11:30-1:30 Brown Bag Lunch with Pastor Sarah 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry / Zoom | 26 8am-Coffee Club 6pm Leadership Board | 27 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> | 28 7pm AA | 29 |
| 30 First Sunday of Advent 9 am - Adult Sunday School 10 am - Worship | | | | | | |

Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner, Nov. 23

After worship, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a special meal together! We'll be providing turkey, mashed potatoes, and gravy. Please RSVP and let us know what dish you'd like to bring—vegetable, stuffing, salad, rolls, or dessert. You can RSVP by signing up on the sheet in the foyer, or by filling out this form and returning it to the church.

Donations toward the cost of the turkey are gladly accepted and appreciated.

Name _____ Number _____

My passing dish _____

