



# First United Methodist Church

Rev. Sarah Elliott

**5-Oct-25**

World Communion Sunday:  
Rev. Terry Euper preaching.

Worship Series: Choosing Faith

**12-Oct-25**

Luke 117:11-19 Whole Faith

**19-Oct-25**

Luke 18:1-8 Persistent Faith

**26-Oct-25**

Luke 18:9-14 Humble Faith

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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.

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



# Tower Tidings

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## Pastor's Page

*"You who live in the shelter of the Most High who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress; my god, in whom I trust.'"*  
(Ps. 91:1-2, NRSV)

On Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, Psalm 91 was our focus text of the day. We talked about the importance of knowing God is our sanctuary, our refuge, not a specific place. As we left worship, I received a text that broke my heart, another church shooting had occurred, this time in Grand Blanc, while we praised God in our own sanctuary.

Since that time, I've attended a prayer vigil to honor the heart break and tension associated with the loss of life and the shift in the communal sense of security, I've heard survivors accounts of shooting and fire, comforted members of my own family who worship with that congregation, and I offered encouragement to clergy shouldering much.

I have also been lifting thanksgiving that God saved so many from physical harm as shots rang out and a fire raged. I have been thankful to see the helpers God sent to aid the victims. I have been blessed to hear the prayers of others for the church, the community, and even the family of the gunman. All these things are ways of affirming the sanctuary of God's love amid devastating tragedy.

It is my hope that we will all continue to seek ways of living as disciples of Christ, caring for our hurting community and modeling the healing power of God's love. What might that look like? By working towards changes in our behaviors, that model love and inclusion of the most vulnerable in our community. Extending grace and compassion to those who are hurting. Listening with thoughtfulness to those expressing ideas that do not align with our own ideas and leaning into how we understand God to be at work with respect that not everyone will agree with our understanding.

Let us strive to live as disciples who know our God is with us always and leading us in faithfulness despite the dangers we may encounter along the way.

In close, I offer this prayer adapted from the United Methodist Hymnal, no.531.

**Lord, we pray not for tranquility, nor that our tribulations may cease; we pray for thy spirit and thy love, that thou grant us strength and grace to overcome adversity and love your children as you love us; through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

May it be so,

*Pastor Sarah*

On Sunday, October 26th, we'll talk about All Hallows Eve during the children's time. Costumes are encouraged for this service, but not required. \*Any one in a costume will receive a special treat after worship.\*



WORSHIP  
SUNDAY AT 10 AM

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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 first one on October 11.

Volunteers are welcome to help move and load boxes of food.

Thank you!



Youth trip to Uncle John's Cider Mill



Youth at pool party



- Denise Dunkin 1
- Russ Friess 1
- Harvey Clay 2
- Hadley Baker 6
- Kailey Grubb 6
- Tom Louks 7
- Tyler Drouillard 9
- Linda Welch 11
- Zach Nicholson 12
- Gail Rheaume 12
- Beth Elliott 15
- Maggie Elliott 15
- Chris Ellis 15
- Ellie Lobb 17
- Steve Hollister 18
- Josh Fagan 22
- Cassie Gillett 30
- CJ Downing 31



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

We still have a few openings in our PreK4All GSRP classrooms! This free program is available to qualifying families and runs Monday through Thursday, 8:30 AM-3:30 PM. To be eligible, children must be 4 years old on or before December 1st.



NACC's Trick-or-Treat event will be held on October 30th from 6-7 PM (open only to enrolled children and their families). We gratefully accept donations of candy or fun, non-food items like slap bracelets, bubbles, and stickers to share with our students and their siblings. The Khvosky family has generously agreed to donate pumpkins to each of our students for this event.

We're also thrilled to welcome Pastor Sarah into our bi-weekly routine. She has begun leading chapel time with the children, and we're excited to deepen this connection between our program and the church community.

**Jennifer Fuentes** Director  
**Noah's Ark Children's Center**  
989-725-2202 Work  
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[www.naccpreschool.com](http://www.naccpreschool.com)

"Imagination is more important than knowledge."

~Albert Einstein

**Men's Breakfast**  
**Sat. Oct. 4,**  
**@ 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, Oct. 7**

**@ noon**

**Amy's Place**  
115 E. Main St. Owosso



**Tuesday, Oct. 28**  
**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.

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

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



# 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, U of M Hospital
- Sharon Marsh, recent surgery
- 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

- 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](mailto:firstumc@owossofumc.org) Or on our website [owossofumc.org](http://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



### Outreach Opportunity

October 30, 6-7 pm: Noah's Ark kids and their families will parade through the church hallways to trick-or-treat. Church family are welcome to be behind an office or classroom door & pass out treats (candy or fun, non-food items like slap bracelets, bubbles, and stickers).

This is a way for church family and Noah's Ark families to meet and build relationships. Let's be a welcoming church! Thank you!

On behalf of Family Ministries, Cindy Helmker would like to thank those who were able to donate toiletries to our middle and high school students. Because of your caring compassion, selflessness, and empathy, we are able to contribute to the well-being of others. I thank God for all of you! Well Done!

Dear Church Family, thank you for all of the nice cards, phone calls, and prayers. I'm recovering slowly. Much appreciated, Jean Stanton

Dear Friends, I want to say thank you for the thoughtful breakfast bags you put together for the people we serve. Each bag is filled with more than just items--it is a reminder of love, dignity, and compassion shared within our community.

Your kindness helps brighten difficult days and provides encouragement to those who need it most. Please know that your generosity is not only seen, but felt in the hearts of each individual who receives your gifts. Thank you for being a light in our community, and for partnering with us in our mission to bring hope and help those in need. We are blessed by your support.

With heartfelt appreciation,  
Sarah Dugalech  
The Salvation Army-Owosso

**Yarn-spirations !**  
Everyone is welcome to join us Sunday, Oct 19 @ 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 & 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**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8am-Coffee Club  6:30 pm Missions / Zoom	2  6:30 pm Discipleship Study w/ Pastor Sarah - Café	3 7pm AA   Pastor Sarah & Team at C3 Conference in Indianapolis	4  8:30 am Men's Breakfast
5 World Communion Sunday  9 am - Adult Sunday School 10 am - Worship	6  10:30 TOPS	7  Noon - Singles Over Sixty at Amy's Place	8 8am-Coffee Club  11:30 Noah's Ark Chapel time w/ Pastor Sarah	9  6:30 pm Discipleship Study w/ Pastor Sarah - Café	10  7pm AA	11  9-11 am Senior Food Dist.
12  9 am - Adult Sunday School 10 am - Worship	13  10:30 TOPS	14 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry / Zoom  6:30 pm Nominations Team (Lay Leadership)	15  8am-Coffee Club  7 pm Worship Team Meeting	16  6:30 pm Discipleship Study w/ Pastor Sarah - Café	17  7pm AA	18
19 9 am - Adult Sunday School 10 am - Worship 2 pm - Yarnspirations	20  10:30 TOPS	21  6:30 pm Noah's Ark Board	22 8am-Coffee Club  11:30 Noah's Ark Chapel time w/ Pastor Sarah	23  6:30 pm Discipleship Study w/ Pastor Sarah - Café	24  7pm AA	25
26  9am - Adult Sunday School  10 am - Worship *Wear a costume for a treat*	27  10:30 TOPS	28 11:30-1:30 Brown Bag Lunch with Pastor Sarah  6:30 pm Stephen Ministry / Zoom	29 8am-Coffee Club  6pm Leadership Board	30  6-7 pm Noah's Ark Trick-or-Treating  <i>Come pass out candy!</i>	31 7pm AA  Happy Halloween 	