



First United Methodist Church

Rev. Sarah Elliott

September 7 - Series: Call Upon the Lord
Communion
Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18
"God Knows My Name"

September 14 - Series: Call Upon the Lord
Psalm 14
"Our Hope is in the Lord"

September 21 - Series: Call Upon the Lord
Psalm 79: 1-9
"For the Glory"

September 28 - Series: Call Upon the Lord
Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16
"Safety in the Shadow of the Lord"

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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 - Sept. 2025
First United Methodist Church
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Office Hours M-F @ 8-4
Sunday Worship 10 am



Tower Tidings

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SEPT 2025

Peace and blessings be with you!

It's almost here! What? My favorite season, Fall! I love fall because of the newness it brings and the ways we prioritize learning.

In the church this often looks like attending worship more regularly, returning to Sunday School or Small Group classes, a more active mission calendar, and the availability of additional discipleship opportunities.

At our July Onboarding Day, you all shared some desires for our journey together and I'm excited to begin working on those with you, specifically the request for training for discipleship, in addition to worship.

There are several ways already to deepen your love of Jesus and grow in our understanding of ways to faithfully share Christ with others.

1. In addition to worship on Sunday, spend time daily in prayer and study of the scriptures. If you're not sure where to start, pick up The Upper Room from the church lobby/narthex it's an excellent resource to help you get started in this daily practice! (Also available online at: www.Upperroom.org/devotionals)
2. Consider joining the Adult Sunday School class when it resumes this month. Studying God's word together is an important part of discipleship.
3. Participate in the missions and ministry of the church. Look for opportunities to serve in Christ's name and extend love and grace in the community.

This month we're supporting the Shiawassee Walk to End Alzheimer's, take time to register or make a contribution to support Alzheimer's research. This walk is intended for folks of all mobility types.

4. Finally, participate in training opportunities as they arise!

On September 11th, 18th, and 25th, from 6:30 PM to 8 PM, I'll lead an offering of the video-based series: *See All The People, Discipleship Begins with Relationship*. Pre-registration is needed to ensure adequate supplies are available. Please let us know if you are interested in attending by contacting the church office.

I am excited for the possibilities God has in store for us as we learn and grow together. So enjoy the cooler days and strengthen your discipleship by choosing to participate in the life of the church and support the ministries that emerge!

Blessings,

Pastor Sarah



WORSHIP
SUNDAY AT 10 AM

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Pat's Place & Memorial Healthcare 2nd Annual 2025 Walk to End Alzheimer's A Fundraising event for the Alzheimer's Association

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 @ 9AM

Join us for our 2nd Annual 1-Mile Walk, Roll, or Run event to support the Alzheimer's Association in Shiawassee County! Let's come together for a fun and meaningful morning to raise awareness and funds for a cause close to our hearts.

Event Schedule:

Registration: 8 – 9 am Speakers: 8:25 am
Warm-Up: 8:40 am Race: 9:00 am

LOCATION: 819 N. Shiawassee St. - MHC NOW Building
Whether you walk, roll, or run, all are welcome in our wheelchair-accessible area! Hear from Dr. Cara Leahy, Director for Cognitive Disorders at Memorial Healthcare Institute for Neuroscience, and be part of something powerful!

Bring your friends, family, and energy—we'll see you there!

You can sign up online at

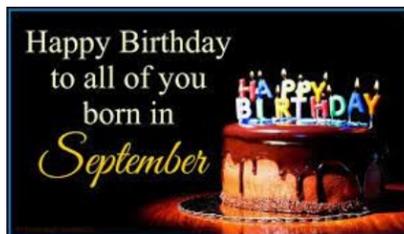
<https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Owosso/WalkToEndAlzheimerShiawassee>

OR

Call the church office for help signing up - 989.725.2201

PRICE - \$25 + \$2.50 sign up fee

We have 1-2 people willing to walk if you'd like them to walk in your place for the donation of the registration fee. Just call the church office to make arrangements.



- Roy LaMotte 1
- Leland Schoenfield 3
- Josh Ardelean 5
- Dianna Maurer 6
- Eydie Sutliff 9
- Betty Pudvay 10
- Amelia Lobb 11
- Rebecca Gillett 15
- Nathan Gute 19
- Tim Alderman 23
- Hollie Drake 23
- Cooper Nicholson 23
- Milo Ardelean 26
- Ethan Hollister 26
- Steve Gill 28
- Mike Pidek 28

Haven't seen your birthday in the monthly newsletter?

Please email the office with your birthdate--

firstumc@owossofumc.org

Update to address book:

Marj Sutliff
2628 Oak Stream Drive
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
(989) 293-8226



Noah's Ark Children's Center & Preschool

Staffing Updates:

As summer comes to a close, our college staff have headed back to school, and we are excited to welcome several new faces to our team for the school year!

Please help us give a warm welcome to:

- * Emma West – Infants
- * Sydney Briggs – Critters
- * Kara Makela – Floater
- * Hunter Scott – Bees
- * Kari Conley & Lizzie Vizi – our new GSRP Team



We also have some familiar faces in new roles: Ms. Holly has joined the GSRP classroom, co-teaching with Ms. Megan.

Ms. Trena Lamotte has returned to the Puppies classroom, co-teaching with Ms. Claudia. We are so thankful for all of our dedicated teachers and look forward to a wonderful school year ahead!

Jennifer Fuentes, Director
director@naccpreschool.com
989.725.2202

Men's Breakfast
Sat. Sept. 6,
@ 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, Sept 2
@ noon

Newport Classic Coney Island
2165 E M21, Owosso



Tuesday, Sept. 23
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.



PRAYER list

- Those affected by war & disasters

Church Family

- Roger Elford, at Chelsea, rehab
- Mark & Janet Keesler, health issues
- Betty Pudvay, health issues
- Ed Payne, home Hospice
- Diane Allen, cancer
- Kay Champion, health issues
- Rhonda Mullins, health issues
- Sarah Finnen, kidney health issues
- Faith VanderMolen, health issues

Family & Friends

- Baby Millard due in Sept, water on 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)
- Angela & Cody Dean, he has cancer in pelvis, upcoming surgery
- 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, 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
- 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



NEW prayer request cards are on the check-in table in the foyer. You may fill one out or 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.



Youth Group Sunday, Sept. 21

11:15 am (after worship)

Join us for pizza lunch and a trip to

Uncle John's Cider Mill.

All youth and families welcome.

Meet in fellowship hall, rides are available with signed permission slip.

Contact Teri Delcamp with any questions

989.472.6301



Dear FUMC:
Thank you all for your prayers, cards, and concerns.
Hope to see you soon.
~ Janet Sutton

Dear Friends: thank you for your cards and prayers as I had my left knee replacement on June 9th. Physical therapy is almost done, and I am encouraged at the progress.
Thanks for loaning me a walker and shower chair. Those were a great help. In Christ,
Jackie Euper

Yarn-spirations !
Everyone is welcome to join us Sunday, Sept 14 @ 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!!



Memorial Garden

Have you walked the brick cross in the Memorial Garden, west of the circle drive entrance? If not, you should! Did you notice the engraving on the bricks?

Some are in memory of loved ones, some are scripture verses, some are family names and dates.

NEW OPPORTUNITY! We have bricks available if you'd like to have them engraved and placed in the cross. Size is 7 1/2 x 7 1/2 x 2 1/2 deep. We've made arrangements with Marsh Monument who will do the engraving for \$35 per brick.

What you need to do:

- See Thorsbys to pick up a brick 989.729.9225
- Submit what you want printed
- Marsh Monument will do a drawing for approval
- YOU take the brick to 8966 Lansing Rd. Durand
- It takes 6-8 weeks to complete
- Pay the \$35 to Marsh Monument when you pick it up
- Bring it to church and the brick will be placed in the cross by the Thorsbys 989.729.9225

Any questions, contact the office 989.725.2201



YES, I would like to participate in the Discipleship Study with Pastor Sarah as described on the front page.

September 11, 18, & 25
6:30 - 8:00 pm

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Please turn this into the church office, place in offering plate, call 989-725-2201, or email firstumc@owossofumc.org so that we will have enough materials for each participant.

Thank you!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day Church Office & Noah's Ark closed	2 12:00 SOS at Newport 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry / Zoom	3 8am-Coffee Club 6:30 pm Missions / Zoom	4	5 7pm AA 2 pm - Winter Warming Center Mtg. 429 N. Washington	6 8:30 am Men's Breakfast
	7 9 am - Adult Sunday School 10 am - Worship	8 10:30 TOPS	9 6:30 pm Noah's Ark BOARD	10 8am-Coffee Club	11 9-11 am Food Distribution 6:30 pm Discipleship Study	12 7pm AA
14 Christian Education Sunday 9 am - Adult Sunday School 10 am - Worship 2 pm - Yarnspirations	15 10:30 TOPS	16 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry / Zoom	17 8am-Coffee Club 7 pm Worship Team Meeting	18 6:30 pm Discipleship Study	19 7pm AA	20
21 9 am - Adult Sunday School 10 am - Worship 11:15 am - Youth Pizza & Uncle John's	22 10:30 TOPS 1 pm Women's Circle	23 11:30-1:30 Brown Bag Lunch with Pastor Sarah	24 8am-Coffee Club 6pm Leadership Board	25 6:30 pm Discipleship Study	26 7pm AA	27 9am - Walk to End Alzheimer's
28 9am - Adult Sunday School 10 am - Worship	29 10:30 TOPS	30				

With great gratitude, I commend Owosso: First UMC for living into your giving plan toward paying 100% of your 2025 Conference Ministry Shares. This represents your commitment not only to the Michigan Conference but also to God and the greater Church as we seek to complete our mission to Make Disciples of Jesus Christ. As we give faithfully, God promises to bless abundantly (Malachi 3:10). May you know Gods abundant blessing!