



# Tower Tidings

First United  
Methodist Church

APR 2026

## Happy Easter

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Easter arrives each year as a beautiful reminder that hope is never lost, love is never defeated, and new life is always possible. After the long journey through Lent—a season of reflection, repentance, and renewal—we come together to celebrate the empty tomb and the promise it holds for each of us.

In a world that can often feel uncertain or heavy, Easter proclaims a powerful truth: God is still at work, bringing light out of darkness and life out of what once seemed lost. The resurrection of Jesus is not just a moment in history—it is an invitation for us today. It calls us to live as people of hope, to love more deeply, to forgive more freely, and to trust that God is making all things new.

As we gather in worship and fellowship this season, I encourage you to carry the joy of Easter beyond the sanctuary walls. Share kindness where it is needed. Offer grace where it is unexpected. Be a living witness to the resurrection in your daily life.

May your hearts be filled with peace, your homes with joy, and your lives with the enduring hope of Easter morning.

Christ is risen—today and always!



Worship  
Sundays at  
10 am

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Water St.  
Owosso, MI  
48867

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firstumc@  
owossofumc.org

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Rev. Sarah  
Elliott,  
Pastor

### Holy Week

4/2 Maundy Thurs  
@ 7pm  
4/3 Good Friday  
@ 12:15  
4/5 Easter Sunday  
Breakfast @ 9  
Worship @ 10



**Volunteers**  
**Saturday April 11**  
**Food Distribution**  
**9-11am**

*Please arrive at 8:45 am.*  
*Thank you!*

- Karolyn Dawley, Leader
- Josh Fagan
- Tori Luna
- Tim Davis
- Drew Thorsby
- Harvey Clay



All men are invited to the  
**MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
Sat. April 4 at 8:30 am  
in the church café.  
The cost is \$8.  
Please rsvp to  
James Downing  
989-323-0079

All Singles Over Sixty are  
welcome to join us for lunch  
on Tuesday, April 7 at noon  
at *It's a Deli Thing.*



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|----|---------------|----|----------------|
| 1  | Sue Alpert    | 26 | Vi Olney       |
| 5  | Cathy Burkitt | 28 | Mary Ann Louks |
| 8  | DJ Graves     | 29 | Janet Drake    |
| 11 | Judy Nichols  |    |                |
| 12 | Pam Vogl      |    |                |
| 15 | Bob Gilman    |    |                |
| 24 | Paul Kuhlman  |    |                |



**MISSIONS**

Thank you for your participation in this year's  
**Noisy Collection.**  
This money goes with the pastor to  
Annual Conference for the offering for  
Haiti and Liberia.

Feb 22	\$40.25
Mar 1	\$51.65
Mar 8	\$67.55
Mar 15	\$62.06
Mar 22	\$126.00
Mar 29	\$112.49
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$460.00</b>



You can bring your donations  
April 13-15.

**SALE Hours**

Thursday 4/16 - 9am-5pm  
Friday 4/16 - 9am - noon

**Thank you!**

# Community Resource Fair Brings Support and Connection to Owosso Residents



**Saturday, April 25 | 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**GROW – Gathering Resources, Owosso Wins!**

*Local Church Hosts Event to Connect Neighbors with Vital Services*

The spirit of community is alive and thriving this season as residents gather at Owosso First United Methodist Church for a highly anticipated Community Resource Fair. Designed to connect individuals and families with essential services and local support organizations, the event aims to bring together a diverse crowd eager to learn, engage, and connect.

Representatives from area nonprofits will host informative booths throughout the church's fellowship hall, offering access to a wide range of community resources. Knowledgeable volunteers will also be available to provide guidance, answer questions, and ensure every attendee feels welcomed and supported.

With a strong focus on collaboration and neighborly care, the event highlights the importance of making resources visible and accessible to all. Gatherings like this strengthen the community and serve as a reminder that help—and hope—are always within reach.

In addition to valuable information and connections, attendees can enjoy fun activities for all ages—making this a welcoming and engaging event for everyone.

**Location:** 1500 N. Water Street, Owosso

For more information about this event or other available resources, please contact the church office at 989-725-2201 or email [firstumc@owossofumc.org](mailto:firstumc@owossofumc.org).

## Sunday, April 26, Congregational Meeting, after worship

You're warmly invited to attend an upcoming meeting with members of the Leadership Board and Pastor to share what is being worked on. This gathering is an opportunity to share updates, listen to your thoughts, and receive valuable feedback from our congregation. You do not need to be in charge of a ministry to attend. Everyone is welcome. Your voice matters, and we hope you'll join us as we continue to grow and strengthen our church community together. A light luncheon will be served in the Café. We look forward to seeing you there!



# PRAYER list

- Those affected by gun violence, war & disasters

### Church Family

- Janet Keesler & other family of RayAnn Black, who passed away
- Pastor Sarah, fell, broke wrist & sprained ankle
- Tim Davis' father, Rich, died
- Kencil Barnes, pneumonia, rec at home after hospitalization
- Jackie Euper, home March 13
- Carol Ray, health issues
- Sue Gilman and family, her mother passed away
- Sarah Finnen, health issues
- Melissa Clark, MHC, Rm 204 (formerly of Trinity UMC)

### Family & Friends

- John Downing, hospital Petosky
- Jeannette Weekley, sepsis (Dave Watson's sister)

### Military

- SFC Audrey Santana, Pentagon (Fagan/Luna family)
- Emily Alliton, Navy, IL (Sutliff's granddaughter)
- Todd Hofacker, California
- Kory Alliton, Navy, TX (Sutliff's grandson)
- Yuka Peters, Washington State
- Cody Rozell
- John Schlaud, Marines, 5th
- Ryan Weaver, Army Reserve

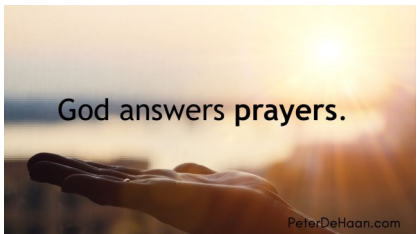
### Our Homebound

- Elaine Shepard, Oliver Woods, 1330 W. Oliver St., Owosso, 989-723-3074
- Jean Stanton, The Meadows, 245 Caledonia Dr. Owosso, 989-251-6544
- Pat Pudvay, Oliver Woods, 1330 W. Oliver St. Owosso
- Judy Helmker, 1694 N M52, Owosso
- June Helvie, Memorial Healthcare 826 W. King St. LTC
- Kay Champion, 790 Riverwalk Cir 4-B, Corunna, MI 48817, 989-725-1090
- Nellie Lab, 1065 E. North St. 15B, Owosso

*To reach Pastor Sarah for emergency pastoral care, hospitalizations or end of life visits, call or text 989-220-1710*

Dear Friends at Owosso FUMC:  
Thank you for the cards, prayers, visits, & gifts while I was at Durand Senior Care.  
I am feeling much better and know that your support helped me through those six weeks.  
God's love & mine,  
Jackie Euper

Dear Church Family:  
I would like to thank everyone for their kind words, calls, and cards after the loss of my mother.  
Sue Gilman




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

We are excited to share that we are currently hiring Lead Infant Teachers to join our growing team, and enrollment is now open for our Fall GSRP program!

We would love the support of our church family in helping us spread the word, whether by sharing with friends, family, or anyone who may be interested in joining our team or enrolling a child.

To connect with both prospective and currently enrolled families, we will be hosting a special **Open House on April 26th from 4:00–7:00 PM**. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet our GSRP team, explore our program, and learn more about all we have to offer.

~ Jennifer Fuentes, Director

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 8am-Coffee Club	2 <b>Mauudy Thursday</b> 7 pm Service in the Chapel	3 <b>Good Friday 12:15 pm</b> 7pm AA Noah's Ark Closed	4 8:30 am Men's Breakfast
5 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 9 am - Continental Breakfast / Café 10 am - Easter Worship	6 11:00 TOPS 11:30 am Women's Circle	7 12:00 pm Singles Over Sixty at It's a Deli Thing	8 8am-Coffee Club	9 11 am Older Adult Ministry Team	10 7pm AA  -- Pastor Vacation --	11 9-11 am Food Distribution
12 9am - Adult Sunday School 10 am - Worship	13 11:00 TOPS	14 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry / Zoom	15 8am-Coffee Club	16 9am-5pm Rummage Sale	17 9am-12 Rummage Sale 7pm AA	18 <u>9am-1pm Spring Lawn Clean Up</u>
Fellowship Hall Rummage Sale Set Up						
----- Pastor Vacation -----						
19 9 am -Adult Sunday School 10 am - Worship	20 11:00 TOPS	21 6:30 pm - Noah's Ark Board	22 8am-Coffee Club	23 4-7pm Noah's Ark Preschool Open House	24 7pm AA	25 <b>10am-1pm Community Resource Fair Fellowship Hall</b>
Pastor Continuing Education Training						
26 9 am -Adult Sunday School 10 am - Worship <b>11:15 am Congregational Meeting w/ Light Luncheon</b>	27 11:00 TOPS	28 11:30 am Brown Bag Lunch w/ Pastor, Café 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry / Zoom	29 8am-Coffee Club 9:30 Chapel Time w/ Pastor 2-3 pm Bible Study - Cafe 6pm - Leadership Board	30	Volunteers are needed for spring clean up 4/18. Bring gloves and rakes. Lunch provided. Please rsvp for lunch. 989-725-2201.	

New Testament BIBLE STUDY beginning Wednesdays 2-3 pm on April 29 for 9 weeks ending June 24. We will study James; 1 & 2 Peter; 1, 2, & 3 John, and Jude. Study books are \$8.50. Please contact the church office to have a book ordered for you by April 17.

Are you willing to volunteer in the church office and are available 9am-12pm, just one day is fine, or more is great! Please contact Karin at 989-725-2201. Thank you!

Church Office April		
DATE	AM	PM
Thursday, April 2	Sue Gilman	Karin VanderMolen
Good Friday, April 3	Karin	Office Closed
Wednesday, April 8	Karin	Linda Welch
Thursday, April 9	Karin	Linda Welch
Friday, April 10	Sharon Downing	Linda Welch
Friday, April 17	Office Closed All Day	
Monday, April 20	Volunteer NEEDED	Linda Welch
Tuesday, April 21	Volunteer NEEDED	Linda Welch
Wednesday, April 22	Volunteer NEEDED	Linda Welch
Thursday, April 23	Volunteer NEEDED	Linda Welch
Friday, April 24	Volunteer NEEDED	Linda Welch



# Owosso First United Methodist Church

## UMVIM Team Leader Training

Join the Jurisdiction Coordinators on Zoom for Team Leader Training!



Mondays, April 20, 27, May 4, 11  
7:00-9:00 Eastern/6:00-8:00 Central  
5:00-7:00 Mountain/4:00-6:00 Pacific

Registration



### 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

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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