



First United Methodist Church

10/1/23 - World Communion Sunday
Last Sunday of Come to the Table Series
Scripture: Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32
Sermon: Table of Joy

Sunday, 10/8/23 - 19th Sunday After Pentecost
Scripture: Matthew 23:33-46
Sermon: "Collecting The Harvest"

Sunday, 10/15/23 - 20th Sunday After Pentecost
Scripture: Matthew 22:1-14
Sermon: "Accepting The Invitation"

Sunday, 10/22/23 - 21st Sunday After Pentecost
Scripture: Matthew 22:15-22
Sermon: "Paying Taxes"

Sunday, 10/29/23 - 22nd Sunday After Pentecost
Reformation Sunday
Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Sermon: "Entrusted"

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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 re-
spectful of ALL creation.



Tower Tidings

First United
Methodist Church

OCT 2023

Pastor's Page

Greetings!

October is here! Creation is changing colors! The trees are becoming brilliant red, yellow and gold. Pumpkins adorning porches and apples are ready to be dipped in caramel. As much as I enjoy and appreciate the beauty of the colors, the scent of Fall is an aroma that fills my spirit as much as my nostrils. For me there is just something amazing about Autumn. Maybe it is because the beautiful changes in creation lead to rest and rejuvenation. As the leaves fall and that grass is less green, it rests, preparing to amaze us once again with its beauty as it comes to life in the Spring.

I think for some of us Autumn feels like it's the time of year when things start to slow down. I have been reading my great-grandfather's diaries and it seems when October/early November begin, he writes a lot less. From plowing, dragging, and planting to haying, thrashing, and cutting corn to cutting wood and catching up on repairing harnesses. It was certainly a slower time in 1896. We lead such busy lives in the twenty-first century...winter does not slow us down! Work, school activities, extra-circular events, appointments and a snow storm may cause schools to declare a snow day, but it doesn't stop us from getting out and going to work, going shopping, going to the movies. I hear people say they don't have enough time to get caught up! Makes you wonder when they take the opportunity to rest and rejuvenate.

The Psalmist writes, **"I lift my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep"** (Psalm 121:2-4). God my not need to sleep and rejuvenate, but God knows that humans do. God especially wants his human creations to not just rest, but to rest in him...abide in him...spend time with him...quiet time...time when we are in conversation with our Creator. These conversations are not just us talking, we need to spend more time listening for the still small voice of God. It is in these moments of resting and listening that God rejuvenates us, sparks our spirits, energizes our bodies to do the work he calls us to do!

We live in a fast-paced world. Our attention spans are shorter. We move from one thing to another so quickly. Sometimes we may want to hurry God up. Answer my prayers quickly God, I need an answer now Lord." God does not live in our time or by our schedules. Peter writes, **"But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance"** (2 Peter 3:8-9). God works in God's time (Kairos time), not human time (Chronos time). And as God works, he asks us to rest, abide in him. What wondrous things come to us when we do.

So take some time during these months of Autumn to slow down, rest, spend time with God. Pray, listen and wait upon the Lord. God will not ignore you. God will speak in ways that will excite you, refresh your spirit and compel you to share what God has done for you.

May your time with the Holy One be a blessing to you in amazing and wonderful ways!

Shalom,
Pastor Mona



Sundays

9:30 am Café Open
10 am Worship
10/15 Sunday School
Children
Youth
Nursery

Office

8am-4pm Mon-Fri

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Tower Tidings - October 2023
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Missions Ministry Team

On Saturday morning, Nov. 11, a group will be assembling rice meal packs at Laingsburg United Methodist Church. We need many volunteers for a 2 ½ hour shift from 10:00-12:30. We also need help to set up about 8:00am and to clean up after we're done. We're asking each volunteer to donate at least \$10 if you can. Each rice meal pack costs \$2 to make and feeds 6 people. If you would like to help and can't make a donation at this time, please don't let that stop you from volunteering. We will be feeding many people with these packs. These are distributed by Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Pawnee, Illinois. People from the Center will be bringing all the items for us to put in the bags. Please watch for more information and the procedure to sign up.

SIGN UP: <https://tinyurl.com/bdu6k44t>

Or call Laingsburg UMC 517-651-5531

Sat. Nov. 11
10am-12:30pm

GOAL
feed 12,000 people
fill 2,000 bags

@
Laingsburg UMC



Membership Class

Sunday, October 15 @ 2pm

For those who would like a refresher, OR for those who would like to become a church member. Learn about church history, our beliefs, and the structure of the United Methodist Church.

The one class will last about 2.5 hours.

Bring a drink or snack if you wish.

Pastor Mona will lead the group in the Café.

Those that wish to join will be received into membership on Sunday, November 5 during the 10 am worship service.



Noah's Ark Children's Center & Preschool

What Does High Quality Look Like?

How can you tell if an early care and education program is high quality? Providers participating in Great Start to Quality (GSQ) are licensed by the State of Michigan and meet health and safety guidelines. They also participate in professional development and additional training and coaching to improve their quality. High quality programs are those that are continuously reflecting on their practices, aligned with researched-based standards, and make improvements based on the needs of the children, families, and communities they serve.

GSQ has created a continuous improvement process to help you identify quality programs. Here are some things to look for:

- Staff continuously take trainings and are educated in child development or early childhood.
- A safe, healthy environment for the children to learn and explore.
- Providers track children's growth and development and help them learn and reach developmental milestones.
- Caring relationships with children and families.
- Have strong family involvement in their program.
- Children have a wide variety of hands-on learning opportunities and materials.
- Staffing is consistent.
- Programs are inclusive. They support family cultures, recognize family diversity, use of home language and ensure that all children have an equal opportunity to succeed.
- NACC is currently going through our evaluation process with Great Start to Quality. We strive to be the best!

Early Childhood Fun Fact: A high-quality learning environment, sets children up for success in school, improves health, and increases earning outcomes over their lifetimes. It matters now and for their future.

Staff Birthdays: 10/2 Ms. Lori, 10/2 Ms. Jennifer, 10/10 Ms. Yolanda, 10/16 Ms. Jessica, 10/17 Ms. Hannah, 10/21 Ms. Madysen

Wish List: Fabric (8.5x11 and smaller pieces), Stickers (any kind), Bulk chocolate (for staff). Our classroom and center Amazon wish lists can be found on our website:

www.naccpreschool.com/lists

Mary Jo Pouillon, Director

Noah's Ark Children's Center

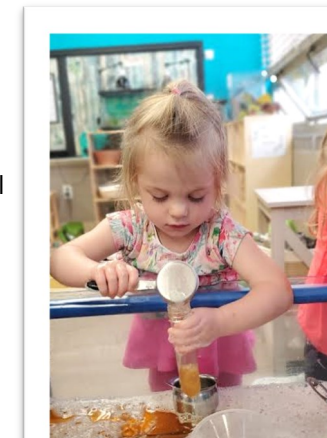
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"Imagination is more important than knowledge."

~Albert Einstein





Prayer Requests

Our Church Family & Friends

- Bob Marsh, bladder cancer
- Gaile Passmore, gall bladder surgery went well
- Bill & Judy Norman, health issues
- Sharon Kinsey, at home, Hospice
- Helen Novak, Hospice, The Meadows
- Kay Champion, dizzy spells, balance
- Delores Simpson, fell broke femur, surgery
- Viv Seaver, health issues, home now
- Vi Olney, health issues, home now
- Greg Huckins major heart surgery
- Robin Chandler cancer treatments (sister of Cindy Helmker)
- Michael Wozniak (friend of Alpert's)
- Sharon Loomis, breast cancer surgery 6/9
- Rhonda Mullins, health issues
- Janet Sutton, cancer of blood
- Bob Davis, lymphoma, started chemo
- Kathy Clapp, cancer, chemo, radiation (Bryant school teacher)
- Blake King, bad motorcycle accident (great nephew of Diane Allen)
- John Downing, health concerns (brother of Jim D.)
- Ken Smith, stage 4 kidney failure (friend of Frank & Diana Thaler)
- Dorothy Woodworth, mass on brain
- John Mullins, medical issues (James' son)
- Trista Thompson, home, leukemia (niece of Kathy Watson)
- Scott Hancock, rehab at home, continuing infusion treatments (nephew of Wilt's)
- Todd Cohoon, end stage ALS, (son of Bonnie Cohoon)
- Kole Scarrow, 5 yrs, brain tumor
- Ken & Pat Beebe, Ken new diagnosis pending for stroke-like symptoms (friends of Wilts)
- Cody Wheeler, rec. critical car accident (Bob & Sharon Marsh's nephew)

Our Military

- T Sgt Tyler Ardelean, Idaho
- Staff Sergeant Audrey, DC
- SFC David Santana, DC
- Todd Hofacker, California
- Kory Alliton, Marine, Camp LaJune, NC
- Yuka Peters, Ft. Bliss, TX
- Corp. Jonathan Clarke, Marines, CA
- SPC Brady Watts, Ft. Campbell, KY
- Cody Rozell, Syria
- Kamerin DeWulf, Air Force
- Corp. Jonathan Heath, Ft. Wainwright, AK
- SGT Joseph Heath, Wahiawa, HI
- John Schlaud, Marines, 5th
- Joel Agle
- Ryan Weaver, Army Reserve
- MSG Jason Cassing

Shut-Ins

- Elaine Shepard, Oliver Woods, 1330 W. Oliver St., 3-12, Owosso, 989-723-3074
- Gail Rheaume, The Meadows, 245 Caledonia Dr., Owosso (989-720-8823)
- Helen Stanton, Owl's Nest, 3837 S. M52, Owosso (989-723-6378)
- Judy Helmker, 1694 N M52 #221, Owosso (989-723-1044)
- Genny Jennings, The Meadows, 245 Caledonia Dr. #110, Owosso (989-277-3695)
- Billie Sisson, c/o Peggy Johnson, 37054 Millstone Tr. Lenox Twp, MI 48048
- Sandy Horton, Pleasant View, 275 Caledonia Dr., Harbors Wing #371, (989-743-3491)
- Gail Passmore, Memorial Healthcare, LTC 826 W. King St. 5th Floor, #578-1 Owosso
- Ann Ferden, The Woodlands, 910 Woodlands Dr. DeWitt, MI 48820 (517-668-6559)
- Terry Gulick, 6410 Simpson Rd., Ovid, MI 48866



FREE HALLOWEEN DINNER

Easy drive-thru - north side of building

HALLOWEENIE ROAST

1500 N. Water St.
Owosso

ALL are welcome.

Donations accepted but not expected :)



**4-6 pm
OCT. 31**

The group of volunteers had SO much FUN last year. You don't want to miss out!
Volunteers: please call Karin at 989-725-2201. Costumes optional.

FREE
DRIVE THRU
DINNER

Halloween
Oct 31, 4-6 pm

Come get your free
dinner before you
head out to
trick-or-treat!

Hot dog, chips,
cookie, and water.

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Northside of building

NEW WEBSITE!!! Same name: owossofumc.org

A team has been working several months to make a brand new attractive website that is more mobile-friendly and welcoming to seekers. It includes drone videos of our church, a place to submit prayer requests, and a NEW easier way to donate, among many other features. PLEASE take some time to check it out.

ALL content comes from our church family & leaders. Any news especially with quality pictures, please submit to firstumc@owossofumc.org. Invite your friends and family to check it out. Over the next couple of months, we will be switching our online donation provider from Vanco to Tithely. If you currently give online, we will help you switch over; if you want to begin donations online go to the new site and click on give.





Women's Circle

The Women's Circle will host Angel Lanning, guest speaker, from the Voices for Child Advocacy Center on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafe. Everyone is invited to learn more about how this organization serves as a voice and advocate for children in Shiawassee County. Light refreshments will follow. Questions? See Janet Drake.

Here is a list of needs for the children that come to the center. If you are able to donate, please bring to the meeting.

- Individual chips, goldfish, Cheez-its, veggie straws, pudding, animal crackers, fruit snacks
- PRIZES: fidget toys, pop its, stress balls, fidget spinners, play-doh, small stuffed animals, small art supplies, small McDonald's toys, hot wheels cars, puzzles, nail polish, hair accessories, party-favor style toys

JOYful Beginnings book study ("Mothers and Daughters of the Bible") is meeting the Monday, Oct. 23 at 1:00 p.m. in the Cafe. Join us for discussion and dessert!

The Annual Women's Retreat will be March 8-10, 2024, at the Lake Huron Retreat Center. If you are interested in attending, please contact Janet Wilt by November 1, as the Retreat Center needs confirmation of numbers so additional groups can be scheduled. A planning meeting will be held later this fall.

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

8:30 am in the church Café.

All men are welcome. Please RSVP to the church office by Oct. 4.

The cost is \$6. Thank you!



Breakfast Bags for the Homeless

Family Ministry/Outreach are continuing to provide 20 breakfast bags every week to the Salvation Army. Suggested items to donate: instant oatmeal packets, peanut butter/cracker packs, breakfast bars, granola bars, pop tarts, small waters, juice boxes. There is a box in the foyer for your donations. Thank you!



Handbell Choir will begin October 4th at 3:15 pm
NEW ringers are welcome!
Just show up to the choir room.
Returning ringers, please let Diane Allen know if you can make it!

Denise Dunkin	1	Billy Harper Jr.	17
Russ Friess	1	Ellie Lobb	17
Harvey Clay	2	Steve Hollister	18
Deane Wyllys	2	Jack Stewart	20
Hadley Baker	6	Blair Ardelean	21
Kailey Grubb	6	Josh Fagan	22
Sharon Kinsey	7	Jason Ardelean	23
Tom Louks	7	Scott Herron	26
Brad Ardelean	8	Nichole Stewart	27
Linda Welch	11	Jerry Voight	27
Zach Nicholson	12	John Wing	28
Gail Rheume	12	Casandra Gillett	30
Chris Ellis	15	CJ Downing	31



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 Communion 9:30 am Café open 10 am Worship in Sanctuary	2 Noah's Ark Pictures / Narthex 9-11 Pickleball in FH 7:00 pm Missions Team	3 12 - Singles Over Sixty at Culver's 6:30 Stephen Ministry / Zoom	4 8 am Coffee/Chat 3:15 Bell Choir 7 pm Pickleball	5 9-11 Pickleball in FH	6	7 8:30 am Men's Breakfast-\$6 (please RSVP)
8 9:30 am Café open 10 am Worship in Sanctuary	9 9-11 Pickleball in FH 6:30 Family Ministry/Outreach	10 7pm - Women's Circle	11 8 am Coffee/Chat 10 am Noah's Ark Chapel Time 3:15 Bell Choir	12 9-11 Pickleball in FH	13	14
15 9:30 am Café open 10 am Worship 10 am Sunday sch: youth, kids, & nursery 2pm Membership Class	16 9-11 Pickleball in FH 6 pm Noah's Ark Board	17 6:30 Stephen Ministry / Zoom	18 8 am Coffee/Chat 3:15 Bell Choir 7 - Worship Team	19 9-11 Pickleball in FH	20	21
22 9:30 am Café open 10 am Worship in Sanctuary 1:30 Annual Charge Conference with District Super.	23 9-11 Pickleball in FH 1:00 pm JOYful Beginnings	24	25 8 am Coffee/Chat 10 am Noah's Ark Chapel Time 11 am Staff Mtg. 3:15 Bell Choir 7:00 pm Leadership Board Meeting	26 9-11 Pickleball in FH	27	28
29 9:30 am Café open 10 am Worship in Sanctuary	30	31 4-6 pm Halloweenie				