

First United Methodist Church

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July 26, 2026 — August 1, 2026

"9th Sunday after Pentecost"

Usher/Greeter: Ellen Derber

Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin

Liturgist: Connie Kelsey

Youth's Worship: Natalie G./Needed

Altar Flowers: Ellen Derber

Fellowship: Vic & Sharon Vanderville

Monthly Noisy Offering: Society of St. Andrew

Monday (7/27) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM

Tuesday (7/28)

Wednesday (7/29) Pastor B.J. & family on vacation through August 14

Thursday (7/30)

Friday (7/31)

Saturday (8/1)

August 2, 2026 — August 8, 2026

"10th Sunday after Pentecost"

Usher/Greeter: Carol Hollenbeck

Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin

Liturgist: Bette Jahn

Youth's Worship: Natalie G./Needed

Altar Flowers: Connie Kelsey

Fellowship: Lynn LaRose/Bette Jahn

Monthly Noisy Offering: Backpack Buddies/Zion Lutheran Church

Monday (8/3) Bible Study 11 AM/Prayer Group 12 PM/Pastor B.J. & family on vacation-8/14

Tuesday (8/4) Trustees Committee 10 AM / United Women in Faith 1 PM

Wednesday (8/5)

Thursday (8/6)

Friday (8/7)

Saturday (8/8)

Lectionary Calendar

7/26/26 Gen 29:15-28; Ps 105:1-11, 45b; Rom 8:26-39; Matt 13:31-33, 44-52

8/2/26 Gen 32:22-31; Ps 17:1-7, 15; Rom 9:1-5; Matt 14:13-21



Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Ken & Cyndi Burgin, Gordie & Susan Barry, Martha Weeks, Mary Prater, Louise Burson, Ron Williams, Char Crosby, Penny Tracy, Joel Prater, Jean Smith, Barbara Schneider, Phyllis Burge, Carol Weinert, Curt & Celie Norton, Katie Putnam, Rita Salter, Vic & Sharon's son Ron, Kerry Billings & family concerns, Michael & Kathleen Haynes family concerns, Connie Meade, Sandi Kolder, Betty Tracy & family, Jesse Baker, and unspoken joys/concerns.



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PREACH THE GOOD NEWS AND MAKE DISCIPLES."**



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“9th Sunday after Pentecost”



WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE: A Morning Prelude by Ernest H. Sheppard

***WELCOME FRIENDS SONG**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

WELCOME—INVOCATION

PSALM 105:1-11, 45b

***PRAISE CHORUS:** W&S 3176 Come, Now is the Time to Worship

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: Do not give away something which belongs to somebody else.
P: We would never do that. It isn’t right.

L: Are we sure? If you are a Christian, your heart belongs to God. Yet too often Christians slowly turn away from God little by little, replacing Him as first place in their hearts with other things, other people, other interests. It often happens slowly, over time. Sometimes it happens so slowly that the Christian doesn’t even notice it.
P: We do have other things to do, other obligations, other people who need our time and attention.

L: God knows and understands your other needs and interests. However if He is not the first place in your hearts, you may not be able to fulfill your other obligations and meet the needs of others in your lives as well as you could if you would let Him lead the way. Keep God in the first place in your hearts!
P: O God, forgive our tendency to slip away from You to pursue our own priorities. Keep us always in Your care, that we may indeed keep You in first place in our hearts and in our lives.

***OPENING HYMN:** UMH 540 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

***APOSTLES’ CREED:** UMH 881

YOUTH TIME—NOISY OFFERING

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** UMH 415 Take Up Thy Cross

***SCRIPTURE READING:** 1 John 5:18-21

SERMON: Keep Yourselfs from Idols

PRAYER TIME Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

PRAYER HYMN: W&S 3121 If You Believe and I Believe

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY: Count Your Blessings by E.O. Excell

***DOXOLOGY:** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

COMMUNION HYMN: UMH 618 Let Us Break Bread Together

COMMUNION: SERVICE OF WORD & TABLE—THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

***CLOSING HYMN:** UMH 569 We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations

***BENEDICTION**

***PARTING HYMN:** (front cover of hymnal) Go Now In Peace

POSTLUDE: The Church’s One Foundation by James Denton

The Altar Rail is always open to all.

July Mission Noisy Offering—Society of St. Andrew

This mission brings people together worldwide to harvest and share healthy food, reduce food waste, and build caring communities by offering nourishment to hungry neighbors.
God is working through us. Thank you for your support!

* DENOTES CONGREGATION STANDING (AS ABLE)
* PLEASE BE SURE TO SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE