

## First United Methodist Church

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### August 16, 2026 — August 22, 2026

*“12th Sunday after Pentecost” “Christian Education Sunday”*

Usher/Greeter: Needed                      Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin  
Liturgist: Sharon Feichtenbiner              Youth’s Worship: Natalie G./Needed  
Altar Flowers: Connie & Dan Kelsey              Fellowship: Needed  
Monthly Noisy Offering: Backpack Buddies/Zion Lutheran Church

Sunday (8/16)              Ron Elrod Concert 6 PM in our sanctuary  
Monday (8/17)              Joel Prater Funeral, Visitation 11AM/Service 12PM/Luncheon to follow  
Tuesday (8/18)              Vitality Committee 10 AM  
Wednesday (8/19)  
Thursday (8/20)  
Friday (8/21)  
Saturday (8/22)              Joy Christian Music Festival 12-8 PM—Free-Bring a chair and enjoy the day!

### August 23, 2026 — August 29, 2026

*“13th Sunday after Pentecost”*

Usher/Greeter: Needed                      Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin  
Liturgist: Connie Kelsey                      Youth’s Worship: Natalie G./Needed  
Altar Flowers: Needed                      Fellowship: Needed  
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Monday (8/24)              Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM  
Tuesday (8/25)  
Wednesday (8/26)  
Thursday (8/27)              Education Committee 10 AM  
Friday (8/28)  
Saturday (8/29)              Church Picnic, Pastor Ash house, 3-5 PM-Bring a lawn chair please

### Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study

8/16/26              Gen 45:1-15; Ps 133; Rom 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matt 15:(10-20) 21-28

8/23/26              Exo 1:8-2:10; Ps 124; Rom 12:1-8; Matt 16:13-20



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, Janet Helmbold’s sister Karen, Vic & Sharon’s son Ron, Kerry Billings & family concerns, Michael & Kathleen Haynes family concerns, Connie Meade, Sandi Kolder, Betty Tracy, Jesse Baker, and unspoken joys/concerns.



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PREACH THE GOOD NEWS AND MAKE DISCIPLES.”**



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“12th Sunday after Pentecost”



WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE: Chorale by Charles Sergisson

**\*WELCOME FRIENDS SONG**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

WELCOME—INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

**\*PRAISE CHORUS:** UMH 176 Majesty, Worship His Majesty

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: When Joseph’s brothers sold him into slavery, they had no idea that they would ever see him again. They certainly could not have dreamed that they would meet years later when he was a very important leader in Egypt, or that he would rescue them and all of their families from the famine which was decimating their land.

**P: It is said that God works in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform. Bringing something good out of evil is an example. But should we do evil so God can bring more wonderful deeds from evil?**

L: God has ample opportunities to perform wonderful deeds without us deliberately disobeying Him! As God can bring good out of evil, He can also teach us how to do the good He has in mind for us to do, and He can multiply that good one hundred fold if He wishes.

**P: Sometimes it seems as if God loves those who do evil more than those who are obedient. Why?**

L: God loves all people immeasurably. The obedient are not loved less than those who drift away. However, when one who has drifted away from God finds his or her way back, God’s rejoicing is especially great, because he or she has missed out while away, whereas the obedient one has always been in God’s presence. Rejoice over such a one, and do not be jealous! You also are loved immensely!

**P: Forgive us, Lord, when we feel left out or jealous when others who appear less deserving to us seem to receive more blessings than those who we feel are more deserving.**

**\*OPENING HYMN:** UMH 452 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

**\*APOSTLES’ CREED:** UMH 881

YOUTH TIME

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION:** UMH 363 (v 1,3,5) And Can It Be that I Should Gain

**\*SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 133

SERMON: Unity of Praise

PRAYER TIME Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY: Now I Belong to Jesus arr. Stewart Landon

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

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

FAVORITE HYMN Congregation’s Choice

**\*CLOSING HYMN:** UMH 368 My Hope is Built

**\*BENEDICTION:**

**\*PARTING HYMN:** FWS 2186 Song of Hope

POSTLUDE: Lift Up Your Song of Praise C. Saint Saens

**The Altar Rail is always open to all.**

**August Mission Noisy Offering—Backpack Buddies/Zion Lutheran Church**

This collection provides meals to local school age children up to the age of 19 who are in need of food assistance in our community. 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