

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by Barbara Clay to the Glory of God and in memory of John and their sixty-fifth anniversary.

To donate flowers, please contact Becky Kirtley at 252-331-3431.

Licenses

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Leading in Today’s Worship Service

- Lead Pastor - Rev. Anita Sain
- Associate Pastor - Rev. Erin Yow
- Associate Pastor - Rev Steve Coss
- Director of Music - Michael S. Brannon
- Musicians - Chancel Choir; Eric Carlton, guitar
- Acolyte - Jennifer Gompf
- Cross Bearer - Dennis Sanders
- Reader - Jennifer Gompf
- Altar Guild - Gwen Wilkins
- Communion Servers - Bobby and Gwen Wilkins, Becky Kirtley
- Greeters and Ushers - Sissi Carroll, Ann Wilkins, Amy Hughes, John Hughes
- Video and Sound Technicians - Jason Gardner, Keith Anderson

Giving

To support the ministries and missions of First United Methodist Church, place a gift in the offering plate, give online through the QR code below, send a check to the church, or give through regular bank drafts.

Thank you for your generosity.



2026 August Giving
Budgeted Funds - \$115,584
Actual Funds - \$105,905

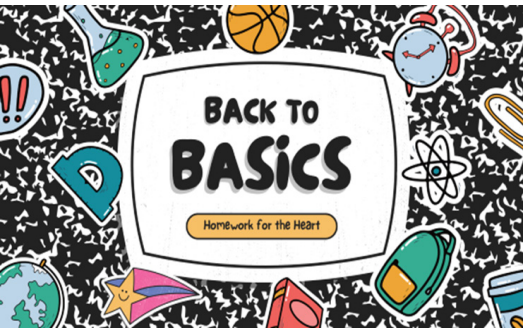
2026 YTD Giving
Budgeted Funds - \$924,670
Actual Funds - \$863,038



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First United Methodist Church

October 4, 2026
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



A warm welcome to all guests and newcomers. Please fill out the attendance register on your pew. All persons are welcome at First United Methodist Church, as Jesus Christ has welcomed us into the love and grace of God. Our mission is to change lives and make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Order of Worship

- Chiming the Trinity
- Opening Voluntary Prière à Notre-Dame Léon Boëllmann
- ✠Hymn 383 This Is a Day of New Beginnings BEGINNINGS
 This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that’s gone.
- For by the life and death of Jesus, God’s mighty Spirit, now as then, can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.**
- Then let us, with the Spirit’s daring, step from the past and leave behind our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.**
- In faith we’ll gather round the table to taste and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.**
- ✠Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed Hymnal 881
 I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
 the third day he rose from the dead: he ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty:
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

✠Please rise in body or in spirit.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Holy Baptism

Georgina McArthur Vinicky

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Offering

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter,
That He may abide with you forever;
E'en the Spirit of Truth.
And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.
I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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body or in spirit.

Sermon	Lunchroom Lessons; Scoot over! There's room for everyone.	Rev. Anita Sain
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Instrumental Eric Carlton

Prayer

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

✠Dismissal with Blessing

The closing voluntary is offered as the final act of praise of God. Go forth as the music ends to continue praising the Lord with your life.

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body or in spirit.