

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Julian Copenhaver and daughter, Kelly in memory of Barbara, Julian’s wife and Kelly’s mother and also in honor of returning to the sanctuary.

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

LICENSES

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ASSISTING IN TODAY’S SERVICE

Rev. Karen Easter-Bayne
Lead Pastor

Rev. Erin Yow
Associate Pastor

Rev. Steven Coss
Associate Pastor

Michael S. Brannon
Director of Music

Chancel Choir; Lynn Kitts, alto soloist;
Lawrence Stewart, baritone soloist;
Jennifer Gompf, Gaye Currier, Paul Alexander
Musicians

Greg Turnage/ Dr. Leslie Turnage
Acolyte/Cross Bearer

Jennifer Gompf
Reader

Debbie Lancaster
Altar Guild Volunteer

Debbie Lancaster, Phyllis Owens, Becky Kirtley,
Mike Owens
Communion Servers

Jason Gardner
Keith Anderson
Sound Technicians

GIVING

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



SEPTEMBER 2025 GIVING

Funds Needed - \$105, 833.00
Funds Received - \$54,101.29

2025 YTD GIVING

Funds Needed - \$952,497.00
Funds Received - \$794,052.44



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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.

At the chiming of the Trinity, please silence your mobile devices and prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

✝ Please rise in body or in spirit

FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
NOVEMBER 2, 2025
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARY Elegy G. T. Thalben-Ball

✝ HYMN 711 For All the Saints SINE NOMINE
For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor’s crown of gold. Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, Alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news!
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

The ushers will direct you to the altar to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free bread is available; ask your server if needed. You are welcome to kneel at the altar in prayer before returning to your seat by the outer aisle.

If you are unable to walk to the altar, let the usher know and you will be served at your seat. All are invited to join in singing the Communion hymns while others are being served.

† RESPONSORIAL HYMN 71 Glory Be to the Father GREATOREX
 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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ACTS 2:41-47; 15:1-11

RESPONSE TO THE LESSON
 The word of God for the people of God.
 Thanks be to God.

SERMON Ordinary Saints Among Us Rev. Karen Easter-Bayne

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Sing You Home Mark Murphy, Maureen Ennis

† HYMN 95 Doxology OLD 100TH
 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

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
 The Lord be with you.
 And also with you.
 Lift up your hearts.
 We lift them up to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain!

ANTHEM Yeish Kochavim Jeff Klepper

HONORING OUR SAINTS		
Jeff Bruton 11/2/24	Ed Cottrell 3/28/25	Sharon Mendelsohn 7/30/25
Irv Hendricks 11/5/24	Beth Biron 5/8/25	Susan Frame 8/6/25
Minnie Torres 1/18/25	Tom McCrary 5/16/25	Lynne Leaf 9/9/25
Eleanor Crum 1/27/25	Jenice Denning 5/25/25	Barbara Copenhaver 9/17/25
Andrew Kilpatrick 1/30/25	Bea Fosmire 6/13/25	Billie Hawkins 9/21/25
Dean Gompf 2/10/25	Ryan Shipley 6/26/25	Marillyn Burghardt 10/1/25
Bob Winters 2/30/25	Rev. Earle Haire 6/28/25	Alice Bradke 10/6/25
Bill Willison 2/23/25	Barbara Winters 6/29/25	Libba Dagerhart 10/8/25
		Edna Kirkpatrick 10/18/25

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
 We give thanks, O God, for all the saints: those who live among us still and who have entered eternal life with you. Let their love and example live on through us. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ. Remind us once more—in our grief and celebration, O God—that in life and in death, we belong to you. We are not alone. We pray in the name of Christ in whom love lives forever. Amen.

A - men, a - men a - men.

HYMN 634 Now Let Us from This Table Rise DEUS TUORUM MILITUM
 Now let us from this table rise renewed in body, mind, and soul;
 with Christ we die and live again, his selfless love has made us whole.

With minds alert, upheld by grace to spread the word in speech and deed,
we follow in the steps of Christ, at one with all in hope and need.

To fill each human house with love, it is the sacrament of care;
the work that Christ began to do we humbly pledge ourselves to share.

Then grant us courage, Father God, to choose again the pilgrim way,
and help us to accept with joy the challenge of tomorrow’s day.

HYMN 635 Because Thou Hast Said PADERBORN
 Because thou hast said: “Do this for my sake,” the mystical bread we gladly partake;
 we thirst for the Spirit that flows from above, and long to inherit thy fullness of love.

‘Tis here we look up and grasp at thy mind, ‘tis here that we hope thine image to find;
the means of bestowing thy gifts we embrace; but all things are owing to Jesus’ grace.

SENDING FORTH

† HYMN 708 Rejoice in God’s Saints HANOVER
 Rejoice in God’s saints, today and all days; a world without saints forgets how to praise.
 Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer, their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Some march with events to turn them God’s way; some need to withdraw, the better to pray.
Some carry the gospel through fire and through flood; our world is their parish; their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown, who bear someone’s cross or shoulder their own.
They shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares; what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

Rejoice in God’s saints, today and all days; a world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true: the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

† DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Fanfare John Cook

The English translation of *Yeish Kochavim*, sung by Lawrence Stewart is there are stars up above, so far away we only see their light long, long after the star itself is gone and so it is with people that we loved; their memories keep shining ever brightly, though their time with us is done but the stars that light up the darkest night, these are the lights that guide us as we live our days; these are the ways we remember.

As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins; we depart to be the church in the world.