

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Parkersburg, West Virginia

June 7, 2026

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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The United Methodist Church has a new vision statement: The UM Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections. Our mission remains *“To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world”*.

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*+Please stand, as able. Congregational responses are in bold print.*

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## Welcome/Announcements

Karen Whitacre

## Centering Words Proclamation

*You are a blessing simply because you are God’s beloved child.*

## Prelude

*Ave Verum Corpus*

arr. Buehlman

First UMC Family Band

## Call to Worship

Liturgist, Janet Ray

Shout with joy.

**For God has blessed us.**

Sing with praise,

**For God is here.**

Worship and pray

**for God is listening.**

**+Opening Hymn** *God, Whose Love is Reigning O’er Us* No. 100

## Opening Prayer

**Blessed God, thank you for blessing us in your myriad ways. Thank you for trusting us to be your people, to shine with your love, and to work for your justice. In this time of worship, guide and strengthen us, that we may go forth to bless your world fully and abundantly. In your blessed name, we pray. Amen.**

## Psalter

Psalm 33:1-12

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## Dedication of Artwork by Ginny Edwards

## Special Music

*American Hymn-Tune Trilogy*

arr. Ford

## Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 1:3-14

## Sermon

**Blessed, Chosen, Adopted, Graced**

## Morning Prayer

## Invitation to the Offering

With gratitude for blessings received, we present our blessings in this time of offering. May God guide us to give generously of our time, talent, service, and treasure, that we may be blessings for the world.

## Offertory

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Martin

## The Doxology

**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.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**God of abundance and love, bless these gifts, and bless our lives with your abundance and your love. In all that we have and in all that we are, may we bless and honor you and bless and honor your beloved world. Amen.**

## +Closing Hymn

*Lord of the Dance*

No. 261

## Blessing

God’s promise is sure.

**We are blessed beyond measure.**

Christ’s call is true.

**We go forth to be blessings of love for the world.**

**Postlude**                      *Praise to the Lord*                      arr. Ployhar  
(Please be seated during this time of personal reflection.)

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**VISITORS: PLEASE** FILL OUT A VISITOR CARD AND DROP IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE. THEY ARE LOCATED ON THE BACK OF THE PEWS. **THANK YOU AND WELCOME!**

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**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JUNE 14**

Genesis 18:1-15    Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (UMH 837)  
Romans 5:1-8                      Matthew 9:35--10:8 (9-23)

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Attendance last week at Logan    110 TOTAL

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**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

Monday (Circles Dinner/Meeting, F. Hall, 5:30 pm)  
Wednesday **ANNUAL CONFERENCE** begins, Buckhannon  
                         continues through Saturday  
Friday (AA Meeting, parlor, 7-9 pm)  
Saturday Women's ZOOM Meeting, 8 am  
Sunday Sunday School, upstairs, 9:15 am

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**CONGREGATIONAL GIVING**

Congregational Giving for 05-24-26	\$ 2,391
Congregational Giving Y-T-D	\$ 82,704
Actual expenses Y-T-D	\$ 75,434

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Other gifts: Latrobe St. Mission – meals \$20; Prayer Blanket Ministry \$30; Parkersburg Urban Ministries \$800; Pastor's Discretionary Fund \$50

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BLESSED BIRTHDAY WISHES TO    Gary Davis    June 10

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The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and to wish Pastor Alicia a HAPPY RETIREMENT by Mary Neal Christian.

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Rev. Tom McDowell will be preaching next Sunday in place of Pastor Alicia; she will be honored at Annual Conference for her retirement and her service to the Conference. Her daughter, Grace, and her son-in-law, John, will be ordained at Conference, also.

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**BE SURE TO  
MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR**

JOIN US FOR  
THE

RETIREMENT

CELEBRATION FOR PASTOR ALICIA

JUNE 21 AFTER WORSHIP

BRING A COVERED DISH TO SHARE.  
EVERYTHING ELSE WILL BE PROVIDED.



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**Office Hours**

Tuesday thru Thursday-9 am to 4 pm

Friday-9 am to noon

**Church Staff**

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Alicia Randolph Rapking (cell# 1.304.677.9376)

Administrative Assistant: Cindy Lucas

Financial Secretary: Rebecca Crooks

Director of Music/Organist/Pianist/Handbell & Choir Director:

Jimmy Sundquist

Custodian: Rob Bauer

Volunteer Staff: Deborah Shaffer, Certified Lay Minister

**Those Serving Us Today**

Liturgist: Janet Ray Acolyte: Lakyn Ellenwood

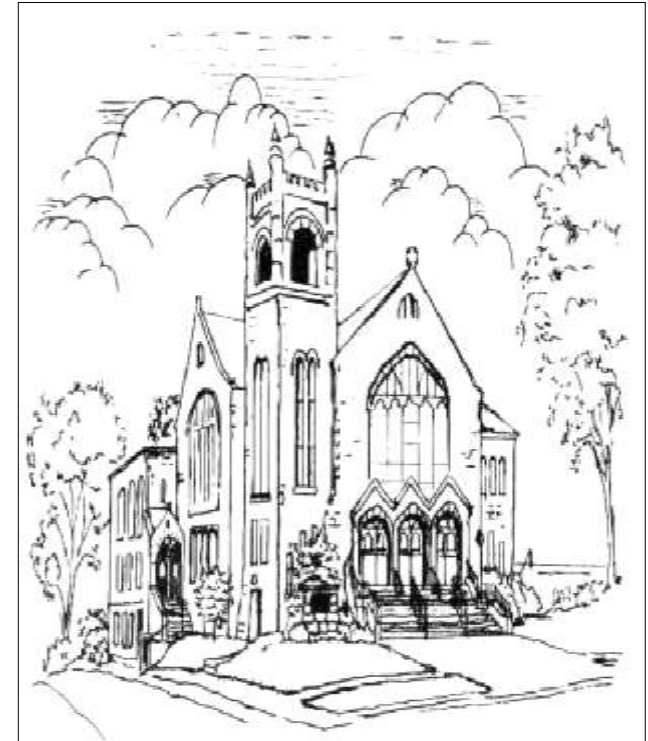
Greeters/Ushers: Rebecca Crooks & Julie Wojcik

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Rev. Dr. Alicia Randolph Rapking, Pastor

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**Prayer Needs**

**AMERICA FIRST UMC**

IN THE INTEREST OF KEEPING THE PRAYER LIST **CURRENT**, I HAVE REMOVED SOME NAMES THAT I DO NOT KNOW THE STATUS OF THE PERSON. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO LET ME KNOW IF ANY NAMES NEED TO BE ADDED BACK THAT ARE NO LONGER ON THE LIST. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP. Cindy

Carol Power	Gary Parsons	Mike Brannock
Cecil (Dina's brother)	Jan Davis	Nathan Corathers/family
Charlie & Marilyn Casto	Karen Gorrell	Pam Corathers
Cindy & Ron Ferrell	Lee Carrico	Scot Harper
David Taliaferro	Logan UMC	Sharon Hennen
Deborah Shaffer	Margaret Stemple	Tish Oney

*Prayer Candles—Lighting candles is a devotional practice in which many millions of Christians the world over have found inspiration. Everyone is encouraged to light a candle and offer a prayer as we gather for worship. The candle will not be a substitute for the prayer of your heart, but an accompaniment. They are located to the left of the pulpit.*

