

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Parkersburg, West Virginia

June 14, 2026

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

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”*.

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

Welcome/Announcements Karen Whitacre

Centering Words Proclamation

Hang on to God’s promises, even if you have to hang on for dear life.

Prelude Audrey Sundstrom

Call to Worship Liturgist, Janet Ray

The God of ages past and days to come is here,

Inviting us to worship and praise.

The God of promises and challenges is with us,

Calling us to faithful service.

The God of boundless love is with us,

Making every one of God’s promises possible.

+Opening Hymn *How Firm a Foundation* No. 529

Opening Prayer

Faithful Holy God, thank you for calling us to worship and for being present among us. Breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit, that we may have the courage and endurance to trust your promises and to answer your call with the same steadfast faithfulness and love that you show to us. Amen.

Psalter Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

A Hymn for All God’s Children *Jesus Loves Me* No. 191

Special Music

Epistle Lesson Philemon 1:4-21

Sermon **Encounters with Grace**
Rev. Tom McDowell

Morning Prayer Deborah Shaffer

Invitation to the Offering

As God has promised good to us, so God invites us to offer promises of goodness to others in need. May our offerings be blessings of healing and hope to a weary world.

Offertory

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

Faithful and loving God, bless these gifts with your faithfulness and love. Bless our lives to be faithful and loving. And bless our world with your promises of faith, hope, peace, and love—knowing always that the greatest of these is love. Amen.

+Closing Hymn *Amazing Grace* No. 378

Blessing

As children of God’s promises,

We go forth to fulfill God’s promises to the world.

Having received peace through Christ Jesus,

We go forth to bring peace to the world.

Postlude

(Please be seated during this time of personal reflection.)

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!**

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JUNE 21

Genesis 21:8-21 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Psalm 17 (UMH 749) Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

Attendance last week 53

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday (Circles Dinner/Meeting, F. Hall, 5:30 pm)
Friday Juneteenth
(AA Meeting, parlor, 7-9 pm)
Saturday Women's ZOOM Meeting, 8 am
West Virginia's Birthday
Sunday Sunday School, upstairs, 9:15 am

CONGREGATIONAL GIVING

Congregational Giving for 06-07-26 \$ 3,794
Congregational Giving Y-T-D \$ 87,398
Actual expenses Y-T-D \$ 84,267

Other gifts: Apportionments \$1,000

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY wishes to Gary & Jan Davis June 16
Sandy & Bill Martin June 20

BLESSED BIRTHDAY WISHES TO Judy Osbourne June 17
Dixie Showalter June 19



The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her father, Exel Carl Hennen, by Rita Hennen.

*please
join us*

Next Sunday will be **Pastor Alicia's** last day with us. Please be in attendance to celebrate her **retirement**. The celebration will be immediately following Worship in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a covered dish to share.

Meat, drinks, and table service will be provided.

Happy Retirement Alicia!

Parkersburg Urban Ministries is in need of quart and gallon size zip-lock storage bags. These are needed ASAP. They will be closed for the month of July. Since they will be receiving a shipment from Mountaineer Food Bank, they will need to break down food into individual portions and therefore, need the zip-lock bags at this time. Also, please bring only donated food that is in cans or glass jars until the beginning of August. Thank you for your support.

our website: <https://www.firstumcparkersburg.org>

Phone 304.428.0111

Office Hours

Tuesday thru Thursday-9 am to 4 pm

Friday-9 am to noon

Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Alicia Randolph Rapping (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

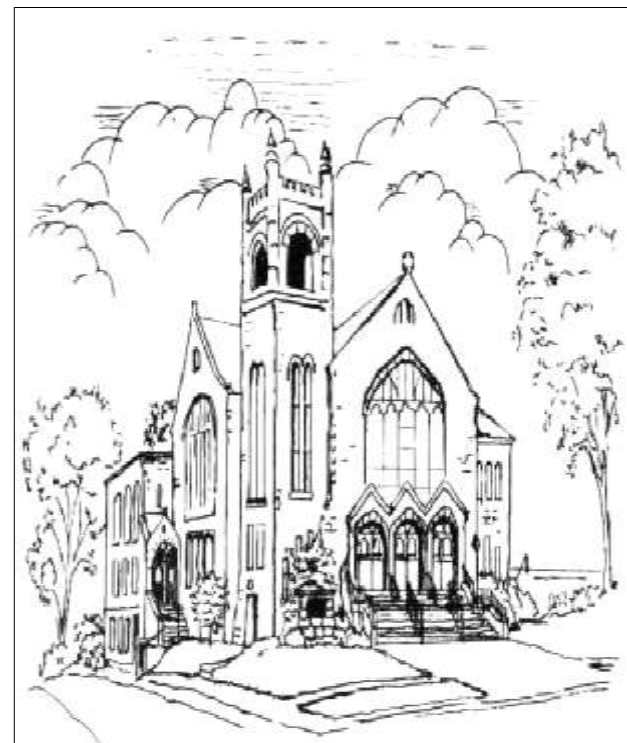
Greeters/Ushers: Steve and Barbara Knopp

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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.

