

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 12, 2026, 9:00 am

7th Sunday in Pentecost

All are welcome here in the name of the Risen Christ!

An * (asterisk) indicates when those who are able, are invited to stand
UMH indicates United Methodist Church Hymnal (in pews)
Hymnals, pew Bibles, and offering envelopes are in the racks.

GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Announcements/Welcome of first-time visitors & those visiting with family or friends.

Passing the Peace of Christ (Genesis 25) Dennis Wilcox

Opening Hymn *Open My Eyes, That I May See* UMC 454

*Call to Worship (Genesis 25, Matthew 13) Dennis Wilcox

Opening Prayer (Genesis 25, Psalm 119, Matthew 3) Dennis Wilcox & Congregation

Gloria Patri UMH 70

Reading from the Epistles Romans 8:1-11 Dennis Wilcox

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer of Yearning (Genesis 25, Romans 8, Matthew 3) All

Words of Assurance (Romans 8, Matthew 13)

Pastor

Children's Moment

Sharing Our Tithes and Offering
(Quarter Collection)

*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

*Prayer of Dedication All

*Hymn of Preparation *This is My Father's World* UMH 144

Preaching Text Proverbs 4:23 Rev. Cephas Davis
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Message "Discerning with Wisdom" Rev. Cephas Davis

Responsive Hymn *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* UMH 382

Joys, Concerns, Prayers Pastor

*Closing Hymn *He Leadeth Me O Blessed Thought* UMH 128

*Benediction Rev. Cephas Davis

*Postlude

Thank you...

To **Dennis Wilcox**- for being our Worship Leader.

To Radio Sponsors **Bob & Ruth Sheets** - In honor of those seeking faith, renewal, and spiritual growth.

Announcements:

WIC Mission Receives Donation

We joyfully announce that we are grateful to our community partner, the Jackson County Campaign for Grade Level Reading, for recently donating several books to our WIC Mission. We are privileged to share the joy of reading with local families!

Community Meal – Help Needed

Our church will be providing the Community Meal on Sunday, July 26th. A sign-up sheet for donations and workers is available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Or call the church office at 563.652.4420 to sign up. Thank you for helping us serve our neighbors!

Keep The Lights On Campaign

During **June, July, and August**, help support our church's utility expenses by signing up for a date on the calendar at the back of the sanctuary. A suggested gift of \$45, in addition to your regular offering, is appreciated. Thank you for helping our ministry shine brightly!

Illumination Station VBS – Registration Open!

Vacation Bible School is August 3–6, 2026, from **5:00–8:00 p.m.** at First United Methodist Church, Maquoketa. Open to children age 3 (by September 15, 2026, and toilet trained) through those entering 5th grade.

Register by picking up a form at the table in the back of the sanctuary, online at www.maquoketa1stumc.com (click the VBS event), or by calling the church office.

Meetings and Events this Week:

July 16 4:00 pm Care Team

Adult Bible Study Classes will resume in September.

Pastoral Care Need

If you have a pastoral care need, please contact

Pastor Cephas Davis - 903.714.9974 **or** Colleen Petaros – 563.321.0450

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OUR MISSION

**To make disciples of Jesus Christ
Equipped to serve God and neighbor.**

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