

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Parkersburg, West Virginia
8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026



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

Prelude *Irish Folk Tune Medley* Anonymous
Violin, Ashley Clark

+Call to Worship Liturgist, Jonnie Camp
Psalm 86: 11-12

86:11 Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

**86:12 I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.**

+Opening Hymn *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* No. 694

Opening Prayer

God of grace and love, we rely on Your love extended to us in all ways and at all times, extravagantly and with generosity. We live day by day knowing that Your care and concern is poured out for us in Your provision for our needs and beyond our imagining. You entrust us with the gift of the good news of the Gospel and invite us to be partners in the sharing of the message of grace. Day by day, we realize the many gifts lavished upon us. We come to You to acknowledge and praise You for all Your goodness to us. Amen.

Written by Rev. Nigel Robb and posted at
<https://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/?p=7107>.

Scripture Reading Romans 8:12-25

Special Music *Romanze* by Shostakovich

Children/Youth Time

Sermon Text Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Sermon Pastor Shari

Prayer

Hymn *Gather Us In* TFWS 2236
(verses 1 and 4)

Offertory *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations* arr. Curry

+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

+Closing Hymn *Hymn of Promise* No. 707

Blessing/Benediction

Postlude *Tambourin* by Grétry
(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 JULY 26

Genesis 29:15-28

Psalms 105:1-11, 45b (UMH 828)

Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Attendance last week 41 Online 10

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday (Circles Dinner/Meeting, F. Hall, 5:30 pm)

Wednesday Young@Heart planning meeting, parlor, 1 pm
New Minister On-Boarding Session, Fell. Hall,
starts at 5 pm

Friday (AA Meeting, F. Hall, 7-9 pm)

Sunday Sunday School, upstairs, 9:15 am

REMINDER : Parkersburg Urban Ministries is closed for the month of July, so remember that if you are making donations before August 1, only bring food items that are in glass containers or in cans. Thank you.

LATROBE ST. MISSION DINNER is next week on the 27th.

Please check the list on the bulletin board to see if you can help furnish needed items or to sign up to help with prep in the kitchen or serving at the mission.

BLESSED BIRTHDAY WISHES TO Julie Wojcik July 25

Lee Carrico's birthday is next week on July 27. He is a shut-in.

To send him a card:

LEE CARRICO

THE WILLOWS CENTER

723 SUMMERS ST

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Office Hours

Tuesday thru Thursday-9 am to 4 pm

Friday-9 am to noon

Church Staff

Pastor: Shari Dawn Stilgenbauer (cell #304.210.6380)

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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: Jonnie Camp Acolyte: Dawn Sundquist

Greeters/Ushers: Dina Andrews & Kathryn Lamm

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	Jan Davis	Mike Brannock
Charlie & Marilyn Casto	Karen Gorrell	Nathan Corathers/family
Cindy & Ron Ferrell	Lee Carrico	Pam Corathers
Connie Twyman	Logan UMC	Scot Harper
David Taliaferro	Margaret Stemple	Sharon Hennen
Gary Parsons family		Tish Oney

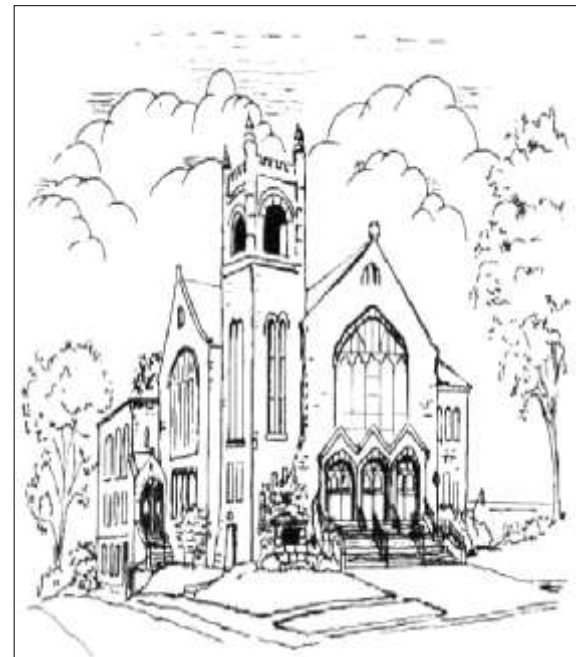
***Prayer Candles**—Lighting candles is a devotional practice in which many millions of Christians the world over have found inspiration. Everyone is encouraged to light a candle and offer a prayer as we gather for worship. The candle will not be a substitute for the prayer of your heart, but an accompaniment.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

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