

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Parkersburg, West Virginia

August 9, 2026



11th 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

Prelude *Love Divine* arr. Shackley

+Call to Worship Liturgist, Jim Wojcik

Psalm 105:1-4

105:1 O give thanks to the LORD; call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

105:2 Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

105:3 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

105:4 Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.

+Opening Hymn *Here I Am, Lord* No. 593

Opening Prayer

O' God, you have claimed us as your beloved children, clothing us with your grace. Guide our steps as we seek to share that grace with those we meet. This we ask in the loving name of Jesus our Lord and Savior, Amen.

Scripture Reading Matthew 14: 27-33

Special Music *It is Well with My Soul* arr. Hayes
Taylor Richards

Sermon Text Romans 10:12-14, 15b

Sermon Pastor Shari

Prayer

Hymn *Children of the Heavenly Father* No. 141

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *I Know Whom I Have Believed* arr. Tornquist

+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 *How Shall They Hear the Word of God* No. 649

Blessing/Benediction

Postlude *I Love to Tell the Story* arr. Raney
(Please be seated during this time of personal reflection.)



We want to thank Taylor Richards, our guest musician, for sharing his musical talent with us today. He is a former student of Jimmy's.

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 AUGUST 16

Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133 (UMH 850)
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28

Attendance last week 45 Online 5

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday (Circles Dinner/Meeting, F. Hall, 5:30 pm)
Tuesday (Community Service Council, F. Hall, 11 am)
Friday (AA Meeting, F. Hall, 7-9 pm)
Saturday (LE Council Meeting, F. Hall, 5 pm)
Sunday Sunday School, upstairs, 9:15 am

CONGREGATIONAL GIVING

Congregational Giving for 08-02-26	\$ 4,279
Congregational Giving Y-T-D	\$ 117,732
Actual expenses Y-T-D	\$ 114,293

Other gifts: Church Utilities \$50; Prayer Blanket Ministry \$25; UMCOR – WV Flooding \$100

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Paul Hoblitzell August 10



Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace and be thankful. COLOSSIANS 3:15



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FOR GOD LOVES YOU!

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Office Hours

Tuesday thru Thursday-9 am to 4 pm

Friday-9 am to noon

Church Staff

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Jimmy Sundquist

Custodian: Rob Bauer

Volunteer Staff: Deborah Shaffer, Certified Lay Minister

Those Serving Us Today

Liturgist: Jim Wojcik Acolyte: Allison Poole

Greeters/Ushers: Bob & Sarabeth Harris

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

Charlie & Marilyn Casto

Cindy & Ron Ferrell

Connie Twyman

David Taliaferro

Jan Davis

Karen Gorrell

Lee Carrico

Logan UMC

Margaret Stemple

Mike Brannock

Nathan Corathers/family

Pam Corathers

Scot Harper

Sharon Hennen

Tish Oney

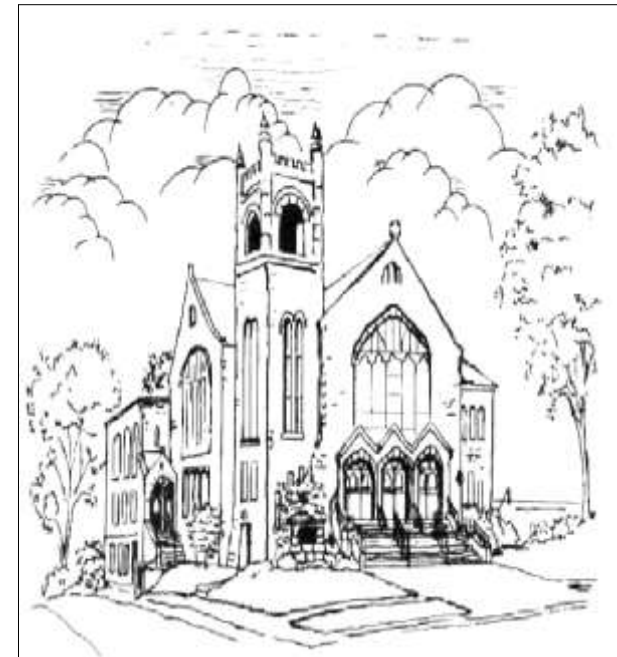
***Prayer Candles**—Lighting candles is a devotional practice in which many millions of Christians the world over have found inspiration. Everyone is encouraged to light a candle and offer a prayer as we gather for worship. The candle will not be a substitute for the prayer of your heart, but an accompaniment.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

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