

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Parkersburg, West Virginia

August 23, 2026

13th Sunday after Pentecost



The United Methodist Church's vision statement is: 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

Great is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Kim

+Call to Worship

Liturgist, Jim Wojcik

Psalm 138 (with musical response)

See Page 853

+Opening Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

No. 545

Opening Prayer

Holy God, thank you for the blessing of this day. Thank you for calling us to this place and time. Forgive our shortcomings. Open our hearts and minds to what you have for us this day. Help us to lay aside what distracts us from our time with you. Through Christ our Lord we pray, Amen.

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1-8

Special Music

In the Garden

arr. Drennan

Jonnie Camp, Kathryn Lamm, & Dawn Sundquist

Sermon Text

Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon

Pastor Shari

Prayer

+Hymn

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

No. 175

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

arr. Larson

+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

My Hope is Built

No. 368

Blessing/Benediction

Postlude

In My Heart There Rings a Melody

arr. Shackley

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

**Thank you,
ladies!**

A great big thank you to our own Jonnie, Kathryn, and Dawn for their beautiful rendition of *In the Garden* this morning for Special Music.

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 30

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b (UMH 828)

Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28

Attendance last week 49

Online 5

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

- Monday Latrobe St. Mission Dinner, prep in the kitchen, 2:30 pm, serve at the mission, 6 pm
(Circles Dinner/Meeting, F. Hall, 5:30 pm)
- Tuesday CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING, Assb. Rm., 4 pm
- Wednesday (Girl Scouts, old Youth Room, 5-7 pm)
- Friday (Prof. Council Mtg., F. Hall, 9 am)
(AA Meeting, F. Hall, 7-9 pm)
- Saturday (LE Council Meeting, F. Hall, 5 pm)
- Sunday Sunday School, upstairs, 9:15 am

ITEMS THAT ARE IN () ARE NOT CHURCH EVENTS; THEY ARE FOR GROUPS USING OUR FACILITY.

CONGREGATIONAL GIVING

Congregational Giving for 08-16-26	\$ 1,976
Congregational Giving Y-T-D	\$121,686
Actual expenses Y-T-D	\$116,842
Other gifts: Latrobe St. Mission meals \$30; Music Dept. \$20	



The flowers in the sanctuary this morning were given to the glory of God and in memory of her parents, John and Ann Camp by Jonnie Camp.

LATROBE ST. MISSION DINNER TOMORROW

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for adding your name to the list to help with still needed food items, prep in the kitchen, and/or serving at the mission.

Thank you for your help.



MEETING

THIS TUESDAY at 4 pm
ALL ARE WELCOME!



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: Shari Dawn Stilgenbauer (cell #304.210.6380)

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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: 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

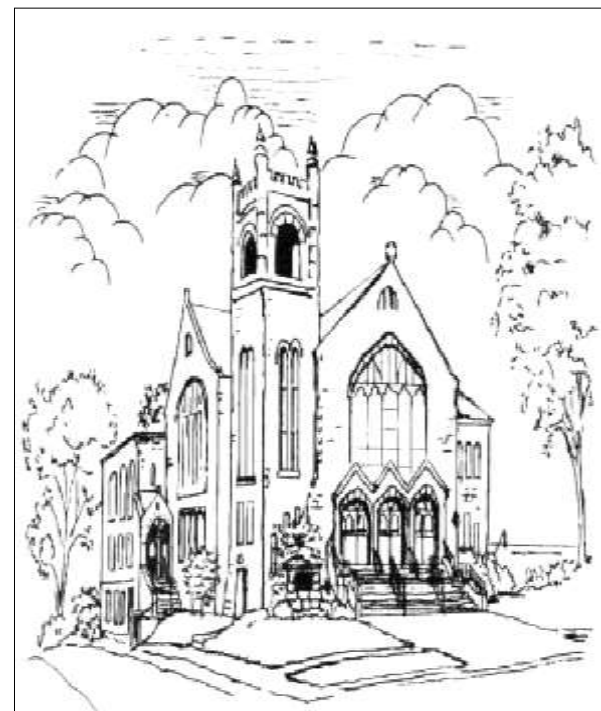
Prayer Candles—Lighting candles is a devotional practice in which many millions of Christians the world over have found inspiration. Everyone is encouraged to light a candle and offer a prayer as we gather for worship. The candle will not be a substitute for the prayer of your heart, but an accompaniment.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

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