

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Parkersburg, West Virginia
14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 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 *Pastorale* by Beach
flute & cello, Melissa & Bob Herceg

+Hymn # 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy* No. 64

+Call to Worship Liturgist, Jim Wojcik

Psalm 105:1-5, 45b

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.

105:5 Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles and the judgments he uttered,

105:45b Praise the LORD!

+Hymn # 2 *Blessed Assurance* No. 369

Opening Prayer

Holy God, today we are bringing songs of praise to you. Let our voices be a sweet sound to you. Thank you for the blessings and grace you give. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen

+Hymn # 3 *In the Garden* No. 314

Scripture Reading Psalm 100

Special Music *Adagio Cantabile* by Beethoven

Children/Youth Time

+Hymn # 4 *Because He Lives* No. 364

Sermon Text Psalm 69: 30-31

Sermon Pastor Shari

Prayer

+Hymn # 5 *Here I Am, Lord* No. 593

Offertory *Londonderry Air* arr. Kreisler

+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

+Hymn # 6 *Lord of the Dance* No. 261

+Blessing/Benediction

Postlude *Tema con Variazioni* by Beethoven
(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!

Attendance last week 34

Online 5

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 6

Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149 or Psalm 148 (UMH 861)
Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday (Circles Dinner/Meeting, F. Hall, 5:30 pm)
Wednesday (Girl Scouts, old Youth Room, 5-7 pm)
Thursday Handbell Choir Practice, 6 pm
Sanctuary Choir Practice, 7 pm
Friday (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 08-23-26	\$ 1,787
Congregational Giving Y-T-D	\$123,473
Actual expenses Y-T-D	\$122,420
Other gifts: Latrobe St. Mission- meals \$50; Pastor's Discretionary Fund \$50	

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are in honor of Thelma Badger and for her 95th birthday, which is September 4th. They are given with ♥love♥ by Cindy Lucas, who has known her since she was a child.

There is a flyer on the bulletin board by the elevator about an event First Presbyterian Church is doing by partnering with other area churches on September 19, Community Fun Day. They are in need of **volunteers** to help with this family-friendly gathering, if you would like to join in this day of fellowship, they can use your help.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO:

Sheila Wiseman September 4
Thelma Badger September 4

To send Thelma a
card:

1225 Juliana Street
Parkersburg WV 26101

REMINDER:

WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE of the UM Church
2026 DISTRICT DAY w/the Bishop
The Reverend Dr. Debra Wallace-Padgett
in our District is on September 9
at Wayside UMC in Vienna at 5 pm
reservations are required – this is a dinner
RSVP wvumc.org/district-days
(I am not sure when the deadline for reservations is – I called the District Office and no one returned my call.)



Those who trust
in the Lord
will find new strength.



Isaiah 40:31

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

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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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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: Cindy Lucas & Dawn Sundquist

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

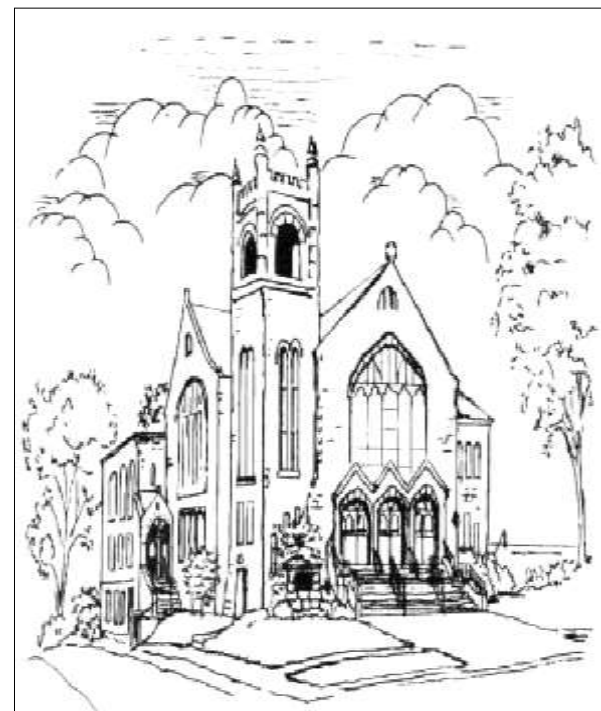
Prayer Candles—Lighting candles is a devotional practice in which many millions of Christians the world over have found inspiration. Everyone is encouraged to light a candle and offer a prayer as we gather for worship. The candle will not be a substitute for the prayer of your heart, but an accompaniment.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

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