

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Parkersburg, West Virginia September 6, 2026
15th 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 *Waltz in A Minor* by Chopin

+Call to Worship Liturgist, Deborah Shaffer
Psalm 119: 33-40 Page 842 Response #3

+Opening Hymn *Where Charity and Love Prevail* No. 549

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading Matthew 18:15-20

Special Music *La Plus que Lent- Waltz* by Debussy

Sermon Text Romans 13:8-14

Sermon Pastor Shari

Holy Communion Page 12

Prayer

+Hymn *The Gift of Love* No. 408

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Kupelwieser Waltz* by Schubert

+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 *They'll Know We are Christians* No. 2223

Blessing/Benediction

Postlude *Music Box Waltz* by Sancan
(Please be seated during this time of personal reflection.)



We are blessed to have Jimmy Sundquist as our Music Director. He is also the Choir Director, Handbell Choir Director, Pianist, and Organist. We thank him for his (as usual) beautiful music this morning.

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 SEPTEMBER 13

Exodus 14:19-31 Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21 (UMH 135)
Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35

Attendance last week 44 Online 6

♥ *Love is patient, Love is kind.* ♥

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday Office closed for the holiday
(Circles Dinner/Meeting, F. Hall, 5:30 pm)
Tuesday (Community Service Council, F. Hall, 11 am)
Wednesday United Women in Faith, Parlor, 2 pm)
Dinner w/Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett,
Wayside UMC, 5 pm (reservations required)
(Girl Scouts, old Youth Room, 5-7 pm)
Thursday Handbell Choir Practice, 6 pm
Choir Practice, 7 pm
Friday (AA Meeting, F. Hall, 7-9 pm)
Saturday (Lived/Exper. 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 08-30-26	\$ 3,801
Congregational Giving Y-T-D	\$127,274
Actual expenses Y-T-D	\$127,228

Other gifts: Pastor's Discretionary Fund \$410
Apportionments \$1,000

BLESSED BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Rocky Wiseman	Sept. 7
Jan Davis	Sept. 7
Mike DePue	Sept. 10

HOMEBOUND BIRTHDAY

Charlie Casto Sept. 11
P O Box 4312
Parkersburg WV 26104



SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING STOUT MEMORIAL UMC

Saturday, September 19th. 10 am-1 pm
(Light refreshments provided)
Stout is at 3329 Broad Street, Parkersburg, WV

This three-hour Safe Sanctuaries training helps you create a Safe Sanctuaries policy for your church and equips you to teach volunteers in your local setting. The training covers: why policies are essential, screening staff and volunteers, supervision, cyber safety, and responding to and reporting abuse. After completing this training, you will receive a certificate of completion and resources to help you craft your local church policy and additional training. This in-person training teaches you how to write a Safe Sanctuary Policy for your local church and enables you to teach the material in your local setting. A simplified training for volunteers (covering supervision, screening, and mandatory reporting) can be found on the Conference's online learning platform, Portico at <https://wvumc.myabsorb.com/#/login>
*The online training does not cover how to write a policy and does not equip you to train others; it meets the requirement of training for volunteers.

All materials will be provided for this training. If your church has a current Safe Sanctuaries policy, please bring a copy. For a current copy of the West Virginia Conference Safe Sanctuaries policy, please visit <https://www.wvumc.org/safe-sanctuaries>. Support and training (both in-person and online) are possible because of your fair share giving. Thank you for your faithful generosity!

Please register by Friday, September 18th. Registration will be accepted on-site. If you have questions, please email Shea James sjames@wvumc.org

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)

email: pastorsharidawn@gmail.com

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: Deborah Shaffer Acolyte: Allison Poole

Greeters/Ushers: Julia Lee & Janet Ray

Communion Stewards: Dawn Sundquist & Deborah Shaffer

Communion Coordinator: Bev Brannock

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OPEN
HEARTS

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MINDS

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DOORS

Prayer Needs

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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
Cierra Hammond
Cindy & Ron Ferrel
Connie Twyman
David Taliaferro

Jan Davis
Karen Gorrell
Lee Carrico
Logan UMC
Margaret Stemple
Mike Brannock

Nathan Corathers/family
Pam Corathers
Phyllis Kidder
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.

