



First United Methodist Church

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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



TOWER CHIMES

October 2025

HOLY COMMUNION

World Communion Sunday will be celebrated on **October 5**. If you are willing to serve, please sign up on the church website ([First United Methodist Church of Waukesha: Communion Servers](#)). For those worshipping online, please have your communion elements ready.

As we prepare for this special Sunday, we invite you to reflect on the unity we share with Christians around the world. This day offers a powerful reminder of our interconnectedness as followers of Christ, transcending geographic, denominational, and cultural boundaries.

FUMC STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

In this season of stewardship, we will be encouraged to live each day mindfully aware of God's call to Love in Action. The Stewardship Campaign **begins October 19** when we explore how living by God's great love helps us to love one another sacrificially, and how, in a world that proclaims scarcity, there is plenty of love and room for everyone. Join us in-person or online during worship as we share stories of witness and love. In addition, *Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times* by Bishop Michael Curry has been chosen to help spark conversation for group discussions (hybrid) on 10/26, 11/2 and 11/9, following the worship service in room 212. Books are available for purchase in the hallway outside the sanctuary for \$13. Sign up on the church website [First United Methodist Church: Love is the Way Book Discussion](#) or in the Asbury Room to participate. You can also contact Jenny Daugherty with questions (jenny.daugherty@fumcwaukesha.org).

Stewardship packets will be mailed the week of October 13. Giving Forms are DUE on Sunday, November 9. It is important that you return this completed form with your giving commitment so that we can finalize the 2026 budget. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Thelke, Stewardship Chair (annethelke@gmail.com).

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thank you all for your continued faithful giving to the capital campaign! The trustees signed a contract with IKM as our HVAC contractor at a cost of \$418,415. To date, we've paid \$159,000 for the first pieces of air handling equipment, leaving us a \$259,415 balance due. We have enough to pay for this project without any complex financing.

IKM will begin installing refrigerant piping over the dining hall the week of September 29. Installation at FUMC will be scheduled once all the equipment needed is received at IKM, likely in late November or early December.

Our campaign balance after the above payments are made will be \$10,217. If you have any questions about the projects or process, please contact Dirk Wilken at dwilken1@wi.rr.com.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

A big THANK YOU to the grounds crew team who kept the church lawn looking great this spring and summer! Our team includes Scott Evans, Rob Geissler, Peter Marcks, Tom Riese, Brad Thornton and Dirk Wilken. Well done!!

UMCOR DISASTER RELIEF IN WI

The Wisconsin Conference Disaster Response ministry responded quickly in the wake of the monumental flooding in Milwaukee. Trained Early Response Team members from Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana provided immediate, caring support to the communities after the disaster by performing tasks such as cleaning out flooded homes and removing debris. These self-sufficient, small teams provided a compassionate Christian presence and addressed survivors' immediate needs to prevent further damage, empowering them to take the first steps toward recovery.

And now you can join us. We are offering an Early Response Team (ERT) training on Saturday, **October 4**, 8:30am -4:30pm at the First UMC in Waukesha. Please register at [Early Response Team Training Tickets, Sat, Oct 4, 2025 at 8:30 AM | Eventbrite](#) by September 30.

Additionally, UMCOR has distributed over 3,500 flood buckets and we are looking to help re-stock them. We will have bins in the main hallway for your donations. We are collecting the following cleaning products and tools:

- Household Cleaner - 16-40 oz. liquid, no sprays
- Dish Soap - 16-34 oz. bottle
- Air Freshener - 4-8 oz. pump spray
- Scrub brush - with or without handle
- Re-usable cleaning wipes - no microfiber, no terrycloth and no paper towels
- Scouring Pads - no stainless steel with soap
- Kitchen gloves - rubber type
- Monetary donations are also welcome and can be dropped off at the church office

If you are able to share your time with UMCOR in this important relief effort, please contact the church office at (262) 542-4256. Pastor Amy is coordinating these volunteer efforts (amy.celikay@fumcwaukesha.org).

FAIR TRADE COFFEE & CHOCOLATE

Church and Society will sell Fair Trade and organic coffee, chocolate, and extra virgin olive oil, on Sunday, **October 5** after worship in the Asbury Room. Please stop by to check out our inventory. We accept cash or checks made out to FUMC with "Fair Trade" in the memo line.

SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING

There will be a mandatory Safe Sanctuaries training on Tuesday, **October 7**. Who must attend? Anyone working with our children, youth, or vulnerable adults. At this mandatory training, we will review FUMC's policies intended to keep all vulnerable people safe from harm. The October training is **online only, Tuesday, October 7, 6:30-8pm**. An additional training has been added to the calendar for **Monday, Nov 17, 7pm, online only**. Sign-up on the church website or by contacting Pastor Amy (amy.celikay@fumcwaukesha.org) or Jenny Daugherty (jenny.daugherty@fumcwaukesha.org).

XYZ (XTRA YEARS OF ZEST)

XYZ (Xtra Years of Zest) is a group designed for the 50+ crowd and is open to everyone. XYZ meets on the **2nd Thursday of every month** (September-May) with a luncheon and program.

The new season of XYZ Potlucks and Programs kicks off on Thursday, **October 9!** We'll have a presentation from Chaplain Krista Hull, Founder and Executive Director of Redeem & Restore. Krista's presentation will be *Restoration and Hope for Women Out of Exploitation and Trafficking*. Her non-profit organization supports women who have been sex trafficked, exploited, and abused. Come and be inspired by the stories, the vision, and the support offered to a vulnerable population right here in Waukesha.

As always, you may arrive at 11:15am to bring a food contribution and for a time of fellowship before the meal is served at 11:45am. We're looking forward to seeing everyone at our October gathering! Contact Veronica Radowicz with any questions (vradowicz@gmail.com).

BASICS CLASS

Learn about membership, United Methodism, and FUMC at the next Basics Class! This two-part class will be held on Sunday, **October 12 and 19**, 10:45am-12:45pm. Sign up on the website [First United Methodist Church of Waukesha: Basics - New Member Class](#) or contact Cheryl Printz (cheryl.printz@fumcwaukesha.org) for more information.

LOAVES & FISHES

FUMC will host the Loaves & Fishes meal at the Hope Center on **Sunday, October 12**. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with our neighbors next door. We need salads, desserts, people to serve/clean up, and monetary donations to cover the cost of the meal. A digital sign-up is available here: [First United Methodist Church: Loaves & Fishes Oct 12](#) and paper sign-up is in the Asbury Room. Please provide food in disposable containers only and clearly label them with L&F. Drop off is before 11am in the church basement kitchen on October 12. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated and can be marked "L&F" and given to the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Unger (skunger51@gmail.com).

CREATIVE PALS

Creative Pals, a monthly gathering of people taking dedicated time to work on a variety of projects, will meet on Saturday, **October 18**, 10am–4pm, Room 209. Whether your project is scrapbooking, crocheting, organizing, or crafting, this is a place where you can get away and work on it. If you would like more information, please contact JoAnn Wright (giovanna.wright@sbcglobal.net) or Lori Tompkins (lori.tompkins@centurytell.net).

ANNUAL FALL CLEAN-UP

Get out your gloves and boots for the annual fall clean-up to prepare our church gardens for winter! We will meet outside the west entrance at 11:00am on Sunday, **October 19**, and spend time caring for God's creation at our beautiful location. Many hands make light work – this should take us about one hour together! *For efficiency, consider bringing your favorite yard and garden tools!* Contact Betty Mulloy (bettymulloy@gmail.com) with questions.

CHURCH & SOCIETY

Taking action for justice in Wisconsin – 2 opportunities

- Saturday, **October 4** for a day of learning about Transformational (Criminal) Justice and how to become a more effective leader for justice. Training is 10am-2pm. Lunch is provided. Join us for fellowship with other people who are working on justice and learn about the Transformational Justice Campaign in Wisconsin. Flyers are on the bulletin boards or go to sophiawaukesha.org to register. Questions, contact Susan Mingesz (smingesz@gmail.com).
- Join us for *Immigrants Are Welcome Here Statewide Tour* on Saturday, **October 11**, 10am-12pm. Learn about 287 (g) agreement which allows our sheriff to collaborate with ICE. This event will take place at Voces de La Frontera Office, 305 E Main St., Waukesha. Please show your support for immigrants in Waukesha by attending this event. See the SOPHIA table for an information flyer. Questions? Connect with Susan Mingesz (smingesz@gmail.com).

Lunch & Learn with Hope Center Leadership

- Join us Wednesday, **October 22** at 11:30am in the Asbury Room for the next Church & Society Lunch & Learn to learn more about the Hope Center from Tonya Lyons, Executive Director of the Hope Center's Board of Directors. Tonya will share about the good work of the Hope Center, as well as current challenges. Also, together we will discuss how we as a church and as individuals can continue to support the Hope Center. The Church & Society team will provide lunch for all that attend. Connect with Jenny Daugherty (jenny.daugherty@fumcwaukesha.org) with any questions.

PATHFINDERS – LUNCH MAKING

All are invited to help at the next lunch making event for Pathfinders of Milwaukee on Thursday, **October 23** from 9am-10am in the Asbury Room. 40 bagged lunches will be prepared, bagged, and delivered to Pathfinders to help feed Milwaukee area teens and young adults experiencing homelessness, trauma, and exploitation. Come help the Missions Team as we pack lunches that feed hungry bellies and hungry souls. For more info, contact Kristi Magoon (kristimagoon@prodigy.net).

FORMING FAITH - CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Thank you to all who joined us last month to kick off the new program year. It's good to be back in session! October brings cooler temperatures and more opportunities to continue building relationships with God and each other through learning and fellowship.

The children's group continues to expand on the stories and activities we share in worship. In addition, they are also learning an original song, written by our own Bill Peterson, that moves us through our journey of faith formation. We will share that song with the congregation in the not-so-distant future.

For all families with children under the age of three, the Nursery Care Team is available during the Forming Faith hour to allow parents and older siblings to participate in the programming of their choice. Please contact Pastor Amy (amy.celikay@fumcwaukesha.org) if you have any questions.

The youth had a great time exploring downtown Waukesha last month. This month we continue to find joy in the journey during the Forming Faith hour. Mark your calendars this month for a **Raptors Encounter** at the *Schlitz Audubon Nature Center* **October 26**. We will have lunch during the Forming Faith hour and leave church at 12pm to enjoy the 1pm program. Sign up on our website by Oct 23. We are asking for \$5 per person.

CIRCLE OF SISTERS

Circle of Sisters is a monthly women's ministry to meet the unique needs of women within a small group setting. We meet on the **fourth Monday** of each month in a hybrid format to engage in a time of worship, prayer, book study, and fellowship.

The next Circle of Sisters meeting is Monday, **October 27**, in the Asbury Room, 7pm, discussing *The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Books are \$12 and available in the church hallway. Don't let the cost prohibit you from participating, financial assistance is available. No worries if you haven't had a chance to read the chapter or have not attended prior discussions, ALL sisters are welcome. If you have questions, contact Cheryl Printz (cheryl.printz@fumcwaukesha.org) or Pastor Amy (amy.celikay@fumcwaukesha.org).

YOUTH PROGRESSIVE DINNER 2025

We are excited about our upcoming progressive dinner on Sunday, **November 2**. You may be wondering what a progressive dinner is...well, it's a multi-course dinner that moves from one house to another. We will begin this year's dinner at 3pm at Joe & Niki Rodriguez' house for appetizers and a tractor ride. Then we will proceed to other homes for the rest of the meal. More details will be sent out directly to families of youth. Contact Jenny Daugherty (jenny.daugherty@fumcwaukesha.org) or Pastor Amy (amy.celikay@fumcwaukesha.org) for more information.

LIVING FAITH TODAY

Living Faith Today is a discussion group for adults each Sunday after worship in room 216, exploring current events through the lens of faith and how it relates to the world around us. Each week a new topic is discussed. Members of the class come and go as their life allows. This is a hybrid class. Contact Jenny (jenny.daugherty@fumcwaukesha.org) for a Zoom link.

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Calling all fellas! The Men's Breakfast group meets every **2nd Sunday of the month**, 10:45-11:45am. This ongoing group offers fellowship with other men of the church, good food, and good discussions about being a man of faith in today's society. Each month a different discussion leader brings a topic for the group to discuss.

EYE GLASS COLLECTION

During the **month of October** there will be a collection box in the front hallway for used eyeglasses. The eyewear will be donated to the Lions Club program for those in need. They also accept hearing aids. They do NOT accept hearing aid batteries. For questions, contact Diane Smith 262-875-3001.

PIECEMAKERS

Join this quilting group on the **1st Tuesday** and **3rd Thursday** of each month, from 9am-12pm, room 123, creating quilted items from donated fabric while enjoying the camaraderie of each other's company. No particular skills needed. There are tasks for everyone. For more information, contact Judy Patti (judy.patti@wi.rr.com).

YARN TWISTERS

Yarn Twisters meet **every Tuesday**, 9:30am, room 209, to knit and crochet, making gifts of comfort and warmth for our church family and community. All are welcome. We will teach you how to knit and crochet. We have supplies to get you started. Join us for conversation and fun. For more information, contact Joyce Collins (jac1977@wi.rr.com).

COLLEGE CONNECTION

Do you remember heading off to college? The excitement? The nervousness? Do you remember how nice it was to have mail in your college mailbox? Real letters and cards delivered by the US Postal Service? It probably made you smile to know that someone from home was thinking about you. If you would like to send cards/notes to those in college from FUMC, please contact the church office for addresses. Let them know you're thinking of them, offering support and encouragement. If you don't think the church office has your college student's latest address, please send it to office@fumcwaukesha.org and we can add it to our list of addresses.

SAVE THE DATE

FUMC's annual Church Conference will be held on **Thursday, December 4**, beginning at 6pm in the Dining Room. This will be a hybrid opportunity, but for those in person, a light supper will be served. Church reports will be received, salaries will be established for pastors and staff, the ministry of FUMC will be evaluated, and our faith community will be celebrated.

OFFERING REMINDER!

Some gentle reminders that will help our finance team regarding donations:

Please put your envelope number on your check. Your envelope number can be found on the statement recently mailed to you.

- Be sure to indicate where you'd like your donation to go; if not indicated we default to the FUMC Operating Budget. If you are giving to Capital Campaign, Mission Trip, Hope Center, or other specific need, please note this on your check or enclose a note (if your check is drawn from a retirement or brokerage account let your trustee/broker know, they should be able to do this.)
- *Your checks must always be made to First United Methodist for us to deposit it* (regardless of the entity you are donating to). Checks made to UMCOR, Hope Center, Pathfinders and others cannot be deposited by us!
- The year you donate is the year you can deduct the donation! If you donate in 2025 for 2026 the donation will show on your 2025 statement; if you intend to deduct the donation on your taxes it must be taken in 2025! Our accounting system will note that the donation is for pledge year 2026 if you have noted that. See envelope example below – *thank you!*

MY LORD'S SHARE
of that which HE first gave me

Name YOUR NAME

First United Methodist Church
WAUKESHA, WI

Budget	\$ AMOUNT
Other:	
SPECIAL FUND 1	\$ AMOUNT
SPECIAL FUND 2	\$ AMOUNT
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ENVELOPE #

FUMC WEBSITE

Don't have social media but want to check out upcoming events and pictures from previous events? Check out our website and the ENGAGE tab: <https://fumcwaukesha.org/engage>.

BIRTHDAYS

October Birthdays

10/01 Jon Fingland
10/01 Erica Roberts
10/02 Courtney Klepp
10/02 Judah Masiakowski
10/03 Terri Woerpel
10/04 Tom Bentley
10/04 Mailen Fingland
10/04 Debbie Ebert
10/06 Maverick Foley
10/07 Karen Burrie
10/07 Tyler Jones
10/09 Tami Haupt
10/10 Tim Sears
10/11 Evan Marcks
10/11 Kathleen Allison-Channing
10/12 Bonnie Marcks
10/12 Cynthia Stevens
10/12 Jana Otto
10/13 Nancy Guerrieri

10/14 Scott Meyrose
10/15 Jeff Ihrcke
10/15 Kate Theesfeld
10/17 Caryl Briscoe
10/21 Riley Matthias
10/21 George Bentley
10/22 Ben Celikay
10/22 Wilson Wright
10/23 Ryan Thompson
10/26 Jacob Nienhaus
10/26 Judy Patti
10/26 Cathie Johnson
10/27 Ann Pelikan
10/27 Andy Byrne
10/27 Dana Meredith
10/28 Jon Fleetwood
10/29 Joan Sampson
10/29 Will Gergen
10/31 Vincent Casciato

Early November Birthdays

11/01 Penelope Redford
11/01 Bill Zickau Sr.
11/01 Brianna Masiakowski
11/05 Peter Marcks
11/06 Bruce Steinert
11/07 Avery Ainsworth
11/09 Kitrek Riese
11/09 Rodney Rexroth
11/09 Al Epton
11/10 Chris Greene
11/12 John Sheaffer Jr.
11/13 Tyler Haskey
11/13 Damon Klepp
11/14 Don Johnson
11/15 John Maynard



Have an announcement to feature in the Chimes?

Articles for the next Tower Chimes are due by **Tuesday, October 23**.
Late submissions may not be featured.

You can email articles to: Office@fumcwaukesha.org

No email ?

Feel free to drop off the information or call the church. 262.542.4256