

*Happy Birthday to
Lloyd Marwin on October 16
& Sue Harting on October 18*
by Ilo Marwin and Family

STARTING NOVEMBER 1, 2026 | Sunday Worship will start at **10:15AM** |
instead of 10:30AM | Sunday School will still be at **9AM**

- **OCTOBER 21 Feast Meal Menu** is Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Dogs, Chips, Tossed Salad, Desserts
- **Food Pantry** is **Pasta Month** | Pasta Sauces, Spaghetti Noodles, Macaroni | Please place your donations in the baskets at the entrances.
- **Special Offering** goes towards **Thanksgiving Blessings**.

OCTOBER Newsletters (Birthdays, Anniversaries, Finances, Attendance) are NOW available on the Church Office Door or on the Bulletin Board in the Kitchenette

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**SIGN-UPS until DECEMBER
AVAILABLE**

We need two volunteers for the Sunday School time and the worship time.

Sign up on Cristi's Office Door or go to **vanwertfirst.net/events** and **look for the Nursery Sign up Link** utilizing our new Church App!



Scan the QR code to get started and connect with the life of your church.

**See Storm in
the Office for
assistance on
downloading
the app!**



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**Humility in
Prayer**



OCTOBER 18, 2026

10:30AM

Our Mission, here at First United Methodist Church, is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who **Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously** in our local community and around the world. Whatever your circumstances and no matter where you have been, you matter to God and to us. **You Belong Here!** We pray your experience in our worship today will be one that blesses you and uplifts your relationship with Jesus Christ.

ORDER of WORSHIP

Then Mary took a jar of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus’ feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.
John 12:3

+ Those Who Are Able, Please Rise

Welcome & Announcements Jana Thompson

Prelude **Meditation for Clarinet** **arr. Brant Adams**
Scott Turner, Clarinet and Organ

+ Call to Worship Jana Thompson
Leader: We come to worship, remembering God's goodness that has carried us and sustained us to this present moment.
People: We remember the days when God covered us in love and filled us with joy.
Leader: We come to worship weary from stress, heavy with grief, seeking relief to come.
People: We long for the days God covered us in love and filled us with joy.
Leader: We come to worship to remember and become the Body of Christ, a community called to restore the world around us.
All: God, empower us to be your restoration people who fill the world with love, laughter, and abundant life. Amen and Amen!

+ Hymn **I Come With Joy** Vs. 1, 5 **UMH #617**
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Vs. 1, 4 **UMH #89**

+ Opening Prayer Jana Thompson
Holy God, we gather as one people, seeking Your presence and Your grace. Quiet our minds, steady our hearts, and draw us into true worship. Forgive what is broken in us, renew what is weary, and strengthen what is hopeful. Fill us with Your Spirit so that our words, our songs, and our lives honor You. Make us attentive to Your leading, grateful for Your mercy, and bold in Your love. We offer ourselves to You, now and always. Amen.

Special Music **Something About That Name** **by Anne Wilson**
Madalynn Laukhuf, Vocals

Time of Greeting

Chat with the Children Julie Burenga
Preschool through 5th Grade Released to AWE (*Alternate Worship Experience*)

+ Scripture **JOHN 12: 1 – 8** **Pew Bible Page #1065**
Gloria Patri (UMH #70)

Sermon **WESLEYAN PRAYER SERIES**
HUMILITY IN PRAYER Rev. Craig Arnold

Mission Moment Teresa Shaffer

Pastoral Prayer
The Lord’s Prayer Rev. Craig Arnold

Offertory **Meditation on Beach Spring** **arr. Dale Wood**
Place your Offerings in the Plates coming through the Pews | Children Return from AWE

+ Doxology **Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow** **UMH #95**

+ Offertory Prayer

+ Closing Hymn **Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service** Vs. 1, 2, 4 **UMH #581**

+ Benediction Rev. Craig Arnold

Postlude **Joyful, Joyful** **arr. Robert Lau**

Thank you for worshiping with us, and for your continued generosity and support.

Acolyte Atticus Shaffer	Ushers Neil Shaffer	Director of Music Scott Turner	Sound Engineer Kyle Wendel	Pastor (Reverend) Craig Arnold
Projectionist Elora Hogan	Dave Lichtle, Asst. Youth	Liturgists Jana Thompson	Videographer Kurt Massillo	LEADERS OF TODAYS WORSHIP