



Welcome to Urbana First United Methodist Church!

*Our mission is to journey with people to get them
connected to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; to
one another; and to the community, through
intentional discipleship!*

October 4th, 2026
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

PRELUDE

Hannah Freeman-Choi, *piano*

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve Fink, *liturgist*

+CALL TO WORSHIP

God has created us with purpose.

We are God's handiwork.

God's grace is at work within us.

Shaping us into the likeness of Christ.

God calls us to lives of justice, mercy, and humility.

We come to worship and be transformed.

(Breakthrough Ministries)

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

OPENING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.
2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; The third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Lord, I Want to be a Christian
(arr. L. Larson; CCLI 5202805)

Steven Crook, *soloist*

+PRESENTATION OF GIFTS & OFFERING

UMH no. 95

All: *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.*

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Micah 6:6–8

Liturgist

CHORAL ANTHEM

Use Me

Sanctuary Choir

(c. M. Roger Holland II)

Davion Williams, *music director*

THE MESSAGE

Shandra Summerville, *lay speaker*

LOVE FEAST, REFLECTION, & PRAYER

You are invited to come and receive the love feast, pray at the altar, light a candle to illuminate your prayers before God, come forward to one of our liturgists for a blessing, or remain where you are for a time of contemplation and reflection during the musical selection.

All: Father of earth and heaven, thy hungry children feed,
Thy grace be to our spirits given, that true immortal bread.
Grant us and all our race in Jesus Christ to prove
The sweetness of thy pardoning grace, the manna of thy love. (*John Wesley*)

+HYMN OF RESPONSE

Here I Am, Lord

UMH no. 593

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them, Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Hannah Freeman-Choi, *piano*

+ *Please stand as you are able*

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Micah 6:6-8, What Does God Want From Us? (ERV)

⁶What must I bring when I come to meet with the Lord?

What must I do when I bow down to God above?

Should I come to him with burnt offerings
and a year-old calf?

⁷Will the Lord be pleased with a thousand rams
or with ten thousand rivers of oil?

Should I offer him my first child to pay for my wrongs?
Should I sacrifice my very own child for my sins?

⁸Human, the Lord has told you what goodness is.

This is what he wants from you:

Be fair to other people.

Love kindness and loyalty,
and humbly obey your God.

Sermon Notes



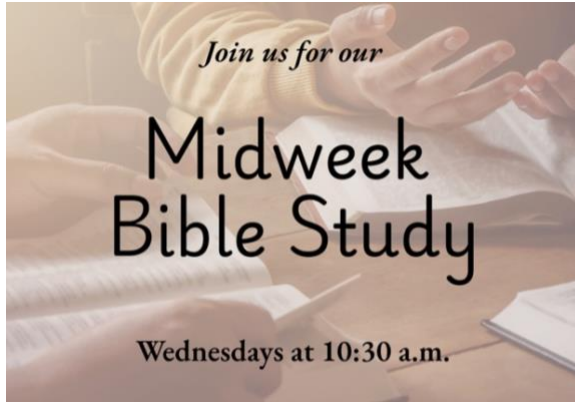
Urbana First UMC News and Announcements

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer is how we communicate with God. In prayer, we share our hearts. We also pause to listen for wisdom and guidance. As John Wesley wrote, "All that a Christian does, even in eating and sleeping, is prayer, when it is done in simplicity, according to the order of God." Please be in prayer for these members & friends of the Urbana First Community:

- Prayers for Urbana First to continue our mission of helping people to get connected to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to one another, and to the community
- For God's healing Spirit to move in our nation amid division and violence
- For God's peace in regions of the world affected by conflict and war
- For those who are ill or hospitalized, that they may receive healing and comfort
 - Lindsey Rivest, Averie Spencer and Family, Pastor Freeman, Darla Kvidera, Shirley and Tom Gordon, Nancy and Steve Moser, Nancy Merz, Nancy Lopeman, Cynde Jordan (knee surgery)
- For those who are unable to join us in person, that they may feel God's presence, and remain connected through the love and prayers of the church family
 - Ruth Abbott, Gladys Baxley, Anne Brown, Bob Burnett, Judith Cramer, Joyce Dilley, Gary and Anna Engelgau, Mary Lou Fisher, Jodie Frink, Tom & Shirley Gordon, Kenneth Johnson, Darla Kvidera, Marjorie Mead, Nancy Merz, Peggy Pennell, Mary Jane Ross, Fred Shep, Joyce Smith.
- For those celebrating new life through births, that families may be blessed with joy, health, and God's abiding presence
- For loved ones and friends in hospice care or nearing the end of life, that they may know God's presence and peace
- For those grieving a loss of a loved one, either through death or a broken relationship, that they may find comfort and hope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Dani Evans (September 1), David Gordon (September 6), Michael Reynolds (September 6), Joyce Smith (September 8), John Muir (September 12), Stanley Paul (September 12), Joan Christian (September 16), Carol Brooks (September 21), Larry Jobe (September 21), Felecia Freeman (September 26), Gerald Bedford (September 28), Layken Zech (September 29)



MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY—ALL ARE INVITED!

When: Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Where: Atherton Parlor

Midweek Bible Study is back for the fall semester! All are invited to join us as we fellowship together and dive deeper into Christ's teachings. Join us for a time of fellowship and a delicious soup and sandwich meal!

CHARGE CONFERENCE IS COMING UP

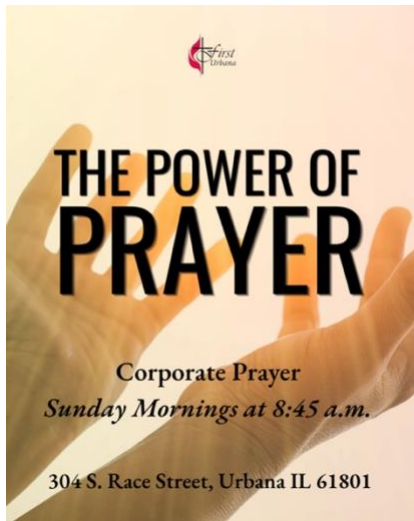
Charge Conference is coming up in October! On Sunday, October 25th at 2:00 p.m. we will be meeting at Faith United Methodist Church in Champaign.

A charge conference is an annual meeting of the leadership of a pastoral charge, held to make key decisions on behalf of the congregation(s). The meeting is presided over by the district superintendent. Voting members of the charge conference include all clergy appointed to the charge and members of the church council(s). Retired clergy and retired diaconal ministers who hold membership in any of the congregations are also members of the conference.

NOISY OFFERING: C-U Canteen Run

The CU Canteen Run, established in 2003, is a Christian ministry that partners with The Salvation Army. We feed and clothe the most vulnerable living on the streets of Champaign-Urbana without discrimination year round. The Canteen Run not only serves those on the streets, we also help bring awareness of homelessness through volunteering. Our goal is not only to serve the immediate needs but to make relationships and bring help to our guests.





CORPORATE PRAYER SUNDAY MORNINGS

Corporate Prayer is available every Sunday in the Sanctuary from 8:45 to 9:00 a.m.. The prayer services will not be streamed live, they will meet in person each Sunday and online one Sunday per month. This will be an opportunity for anyone with a prayer request to pray with our church family; you can also email your requests. On the 2nd Sunday of the month, we will offer prayer for our online community from 8:45-9:00am. If you are interested in joining the prayer team please email the church office at office@urbanafirstmethodist.org

THE CHILDREN'S CENTER DAYCARE: 3 Year Old Openings

There are currently openings for full-time, potty-trained 3-year-olds at the Children's Center Daycare. Other ages can be added to their waitlist for alternate openings.

CCDC is happy to offer a discount for members and those associated with First United Methodist Church of Urbana. Contact Katie Beaulin, our Daycare Director for more details!



THANK YOU TO TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Hannah Freeman-Choi (Pianist), Steve Fink (Liturgist), David Gordon (Usher), Peggy Buck and Kathy York (Children's Church), Johnie Wilson, Jack Marshall, & Joseph Tingling (Tech & Stage Team), Paige Banovz (PowerPoint & Bulletin)

This Week at Urbana First

Sunday, October 4

8:45 a.m.—Corporate Prayer (*Sanctuary*)
9:15 a.m.—Adult Sunday School (*Library*)
9:30 a.m.—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m.—Fellowship (*Parlor*)
10:15 a.m.—Children's Church, Toddler-2nd
10:30 a.m.—Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)
10:50 a.m.—Children's Church, 3rd-5th

Monday, October 5

5:45 p.m.—Dance Rehearsal (*FH*)
6:00 p.m.—Theater Rehearsal (*Jr/Sr. Room*)
6:00 p.m.—Community Group (*Parlor*)

Tuesday, October 6

6:00 p.m.—People's Chorus (*FH*)
6:00 p.m.—Theater Rehearsal (*Jr/Sr. Room*)
7:00 p.m.—Community Group (*Parlor*)

Wednesday, October 7

10:30 a.m.—Midweek Bible Study (*Parlor*)
6:00 p.m.—GSA Brownie Troop (*FH*)
6:00 p.m.—Theater Rehearsal (*Jr/Sr. Room*)
6:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)

Thursday, October 8

6:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts (*Fellowship Hall*)
6:00 p.m.—Theater Rehearsal (*Jr/Sr. Room*)

Friday, October 9

Church Office Closed, Staff Sabbath Day

Sunday, October 11

8:45 a.m.—Corporate Prayer (*Sanctuary*)
9:15 a.m.—Adult Sunday School (*Library*)
9:30 a.m.—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m.—Fellowship (*Parlor*)
10:15 a.m.—Children's Church, Toddler-2nd
10:30 a.m.—Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)
10:50 a.m.—Children's Church, 3rd-5th
11:45 a.m.—Finance Committee (*Library*)

Connect With Us!

If you're visiting with us today, please let us know! We'd love to connect with you and share more about our church.



Church Office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Daycare Hours: 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.



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