



A DAY OF PLAY

Worship Service



Sunday
July 12
at 10:30 a.m.
Fellowship
Hall

Food * *Music* * *Prayer*



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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!*

July 12th, 2026

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m. Day of Play Worship Service

Liturgical Color: Green

PRELUDE

This is the Day/Father Abraham
(c. L. Garrett)

Davion Williams, *soloist*
Hannah Freeman-Choi, *piano*

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

David Gordon, *liturgist*

OPENING HYMN

And Are We Yet Alive

UMH no. 553, v. 1 & 2

1. And are we yet alive, and see each other's face?
Glory and thanks to Jesus give for his almighty grace!
2. Preserved by power divine to full salvation here,
again in Jesus' praise we join, and in his sight appear.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Exodus 16:1-5, Bread From Heaven

¹They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. ² And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³ and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵ On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.”

Matthew 14:13-21, Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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.

OFFERTORY *I’ve Got Peace Like a River* Jackson Diedrich, *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.*

THE MESSAGE Rev. Robert K. Freeman, *directing pastor*

+HYMN OF RESPONSE *And Are We Yet Alive* UMH no. 553, v. 4

4. Yet out of all the Lord hath brought us by his love;
and still he doth his help afford, and hides our life above.

SENDING FORTH & LUNCH PRAYER

POSTLUDE Hannah Freeman-Choi, *piano*
Please stand as you are able

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 (rehab), Pat Smith, Donna Roberts-Luttrell (Paige's Mom, back 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 loved ones and friends in hospice care or nearing the end of life, that they may know God's presence and peace
 - Mike Rivest (Tim's Dad, hospice)
- For caregivers supporting those with physical or cognitive challenges, that they may be strengthened and encouraged
- 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: Lily Zech (July 14), Jodie Frink (July 15), Corey Brooks (July 19) Larry Brown (July 25), Jill Evans (July 26), Mike Runyon (July 29), Tom Gordon (July 30), Andreea Sieving (July 31)

NOISY OFFERING FOR JULY & AUGUST: MIDWEST MISSION BIRTHING KITS

Jesus arrived in this world in less-than-ideal circumstances, just as so many babies do today. From midwives who hike miles into the mountains, to doctors and nurses in rural clinics, these medical professionals rely on birthing kits to help mothers and families welcome new life with greater safety, dignity and hope. Each birthing kit makes safe delivery possible, even in the most challenging environment. At \$12 per kit, let's see how many babies we can help!



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 8:45-9:00 a.m.

If you are interested in joining the prayer team please email the church office at office@urbanafirstmethodist.org

DAILY Scripture
Week Three

Monday
Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday
Matthew 14:22-33

Wednesday
Genesis 15:1-6

Thursday
Hebrews 11:8

Friday
Philippians 4:4-6

Saturday
2 Corinthians 9:6-9

SEASON OF *Play*

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS—Week Three

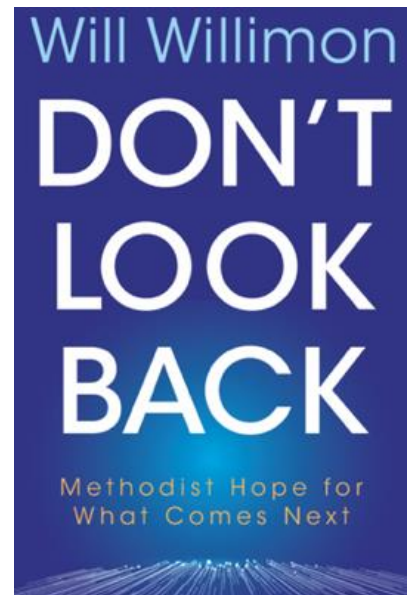
Throughout our “season of play,” we’ll share daily scripture readings to add to your personal devotions. This week’s scripture theme is **Masterclass for a Stuck Church!**

JOIN OUR SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY FOR ADULTS

When: Sunday Mornings at 9:15 a.m.

Some pastors and congregations have managed remarkable innovation, creation of new ministries, courageous pruning of old programs, and rediscovery of core Wesleyan convictions in recent years. Others have experienced a long, slow-motion, downward cycle of loss. Across the spectrum, Willimon spends a year with clergy, organizational leaders, and parishioners committed to asking questions and listening in conversations.

The book delves into various questions about the modern-day Methodist church. What do you think God is up to in the present moment? What should we stop doing and begin doing, responding to God's call now? What are the biblical texts, stories from our past, and core Wesleyan convictions that might guide us from this point? What's next for Methodist church folk?



THANK YOU TO TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Hannah Freeman-Choi (Pianist), Davion Williams (Soloist) David Gordon (Liturgist), Rich Govert (Ushers), Linda Bailey 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, July 12

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.—Day of Play Worship Service
(*Fellowship Hall*)
10:50 a.m.—Children's Church, 3rd-5th

Monday, July 13

5:30 p.m.—Dance Rehearsal (*FH*)
6:00 p.m.—Finance Meeting (*Library*)
6:00 p.m.—Community Group (*Parlor*)
6:00 p.m.—Twin City Rehearsal (*3rd Floor*)

Tuesday, July 14

6:00 p.m.—Twin City Rehearsal (*FH*)

Wednesday, July 15

6:00 pm.—Daycare Meeting (*Zoom*)
6:00 p.m.—Twin City Rehearsal (*FH*)

Thursday, July 16

6:00 p.m.—Twin City Rehearsal (*FH*)

Friday, July 17, *Staff Sabbath Day*

6:00 p.m.—Twin City Rehearsal (*FH*)

Sunday, July 19

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 (*Sanctuary*)
10:50 a.m.—Children's Church, 3rd-5th

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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