

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!

November 15th, 2026
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

PRELUDE Hannah Freeman-Choi, *piano*

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS Paul Frank, *liturgist*

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord God, we have failed you. We have not loved as you have loved.

Forgive us, we pray.

We have looked at the face of Your beloved and scoffed, ridiculed, blamed and hurt.

Forgive us, we pray.

We have refused to see the sacred when they sit beside us, simply because they look, speak, act, believe or love differently than we do.

Forgive us, we pray.

Open our hearts to the fullness of you.

Open our hearts, O God, that we may see through your eyes.

Open our hearts to the diverseness of you.

Break us open, Lord, to see as you see and love as you love.

Let the love of God become the tool with which we heal

and stitch a vast and beautiful tapestry of all God's creatures.

(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.

+HYMN OF CELEBRATION *The Church's One Foundation* UMH no. 545, v. 1,2, 5

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
   she is his new creation by water and the Word.
   From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
   with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
   her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
   one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
   and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

5. Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
   and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
   O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
   like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

+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 *One Bread, One Body* (arr. L. Larson) Adrian Rochelle, *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 LESSONS Galatians 3:28-29, Hebrews 13:1-2 Liturgist

CHORAL ANTHEM *They'll Know We Are Christians* Sanctuary Choir
(arr. M. Hayes; CCLI 5389670) Davion Williams, *music director*

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

TIME OF REFLECTION & PRAYER

You are invited to come 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.

+HYMN OF RESPONSE *Let There Be Peace on Earth* UMH no. 431

1. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
   let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
   With God our creator, children all are we.
   Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
   Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now,
   With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
   to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
   Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE Hannah Freeman-Choi, *piano*

+Please stand as you are able

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Galatians 3:28-29

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and
female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are
Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Hebrews 13:1-2, Sacrifices Pleasing to God

1 Let brotherly love continue. 2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for
thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

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 Lopeman, Cynde Jordan (knee surgery), Linda Bailey.
- 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, Rev. Dick McGuire.
- 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

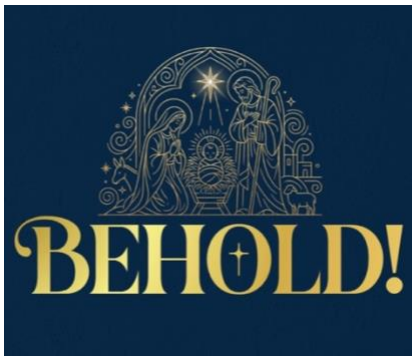
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Rev. Dick McGuire (November 7), Emma Kolakowski (November 8), Jackson Diedrich (November 13), Skylar Sieving (November 15), MaryLee Krumins (November 16), Rick Borup (November 17)

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!



ADVENT CANDLE READERS: Volunteers Needed

It's hard to believe Advent is almost here! During the season, we'd love to invite persons to participate in our candle lighting and short reading each week of advent. If you are interested in serving as an Advent reader, please contact Paige in the church office!
office@urbanafirstmethodist.org

MESSIAH AND MO' REHEARSALS BEGINNING!



Come sing with us! Join our community choir for *Messiah and Mo'* at First United Methodist Church of Urbana. We're celebrating Christmas with Handel's Messiah, gospel, and spirituals. Everyone is welcome!

When: Wednesdays from 7–8 p.m.;
November 11 & 18 and December 2, 9, & 16.

Concert: December 20 at 5 p.m.

RSVP or simply come to rehearsal. Bring a friend and share—your voice belongs here! Please reach out to our music director, Davion. *(music@urbanafirstmethodist.org)*

MEAL TRAIN FOR THE FREEMANS

We are so grateful that Pastor Freeman and Felecia are back home after being away during Pastor's time at rehab. Over the next few weeks, we are asking members to share their favorite meal (or gift card to their favorite restaurant) to help them with meals as they adjust to being back home. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Freeman or Paige.

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.

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



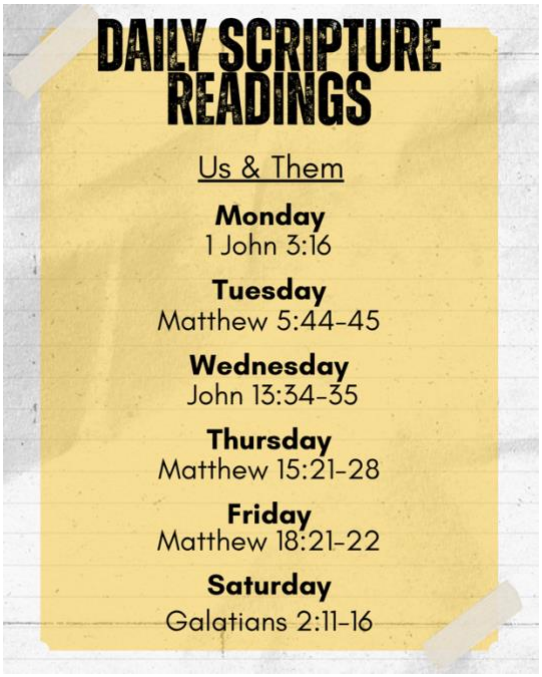
THE CHILDREN'S CENTER DAYCARE: 3 Year Old Openings

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!

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS: Us & Them

As we explore our sermon series, Both/And, we'll share daily scripture readings to add to your personal devotions. This week's scripture theme is Us & Them. Categories like "us" and "them" can give us a false sense of identity and community based on who is inside and who is outside. But through Jesus, we no longer have to identify ourselves this way. We are called to reach across those boundaries with God's love in action.



THANK YOU TO TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM!

Hannah Freeman-Choi (Pianist), Paul Frank (Liturgist), Marie Govert & Kathy York (Children's Church), Johnie Wilson, Jack Marshall, & Joseph Tingling (Tech & Stage Team), Paige Banovz (PowerPoint & Bulletin)

This Week at Urbana First

Sunday, November 15
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.—All Boards Meeting *(Library)*

Monday, November 16
5:45 p.m.—Dance Rehearsal *(FH)*
7:00 p.m.—Community Group *(3rd Floor)*

Tuesday, November 17
6:00 p.m.—People's Chorus *(FH)*

Wednesday, November 18
10:30 a.m.—Midweek Bible Study *(Parlor)*
6:00 p.m.—GSA Brownie Troop *(FH)*
6:00 p.m.—Daycare Meeting *(Zoom)*
6:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal *(Sanctuary)*

Thursday, November 19
6:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts *(Fellowship Hall)*

Friday, November 20
Office Closed, Staff Sabbath Day

Saturday, November 21
11:00 a.m.—Dance Workshop *(FH)*

Sunday, November 22
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

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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