

# 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 9, 2025 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

The Lost Are Found

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

#### APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

**PRELUDE** 

Hannah Freeman-Choi, piano Paul Frank, liturgist`

Liturgical Color: Green

## GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS +CALL TO WORSHIP

How blessed we are that God forgives us and loves us!

For all those times when we have fallen short of what God would have us be, we have been forgiven.

God makes us new in God's Spirit!

Now is the time to joyfully accept the newness of life which God offers to us.

Come, let us worship and be thankful.

Let us open our hearts to the peace and joy of God.

(Ministry Matters)

#### **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 for ever and ever. Amen.

- Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore; mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.
   Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.
- 2. Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.

  Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.
- 3. His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the keys of earth and hell are to our Jesus given.

  Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.
- 4. Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come, and take his servants up to their eternal home. We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

#### <sup>+</sup>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.

#### DISCIPLESHIP MOMENT

Rev. Michael Wooton, Immanuel Church KY

**OFFERTORY** 

There's Something About That Name Caitlin Richardson, soloist (c. G. Gaither, W. Gaither; CCLI 14064)

#### \*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

CHORAL ANTHEM

Luke 15:1-10

Vaughn Bruno

He Leadeth Me (c. J. Purifoy; CCLI 2439059)

Sanctuary Choir Davion Williams, music director

THE MESSAGE

The Lost Are Found

Rev. Robert K. Freeman

#### TIME OF REFLECTION

You are invited to come and pray at the altar, light a candle to illuminate your prayers before God, come forward for 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**

You Are Mine

TFWS no. 2218

- 1. I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be still and know I am here.
  - Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.
- 2. I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night, I will be your light, come and rest in me. Refrain
- 3. I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name. Refrain
- 4. I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give. I will call your name, embracing all your pain, stand up, now walk, and live! Refrain

SENDING FORTH

**POSTLUDE** 

Rev. Robert K. Freeman

Hannah Freeman-Choi, piano

<sup>+</sup>Please stand as you are able

#### Scripture Lesson: Luke 15:1-10, The Parable of the Lost Sheep (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

#### The Parable of the Lost Coin

<sup>8</sup> "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, <sup>[a]</sup> if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."



# 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:

Homebound: Gladys Baxley, Gary and Anna Engelgau, Darla Kvidera, Jean Gates, Marjorie Mead, Joyce Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ross

**Prayer Concern:** Shirley Gordon (surgery recovery), Nancy Moser, Averie Spencer (Infant health issues) and Family, Nancy Lopeman, Pastor Freeman, Nancy Merz, Carol Brooks (health), Steve Moser (knee surgery)

#### SANDWICHES, SOUP, AND SHARING

When: Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Where: Urbana First UMC Parlor

Join us on Wednesdays for a time of fellowship, faith building, and food. This group is open for all to attend!

#### OPFRATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PACKING PARTY

Please join us this Monday, November 10th for our annual Packing Party!

Everyone is invited to join us for a fun evening as we fellowship together and pack our shoeboxes to send to children around the world.

#### NOVEMBER ALL CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY

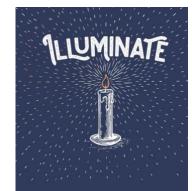
When: Saturday, November 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

All hands needed for our church clean up day! We will be meeting at 10 a.m. to get our church ready for the winter. If you are able to attend, please RSVP to Joseph in the church office.

#### WEEK OF HOPE—2026 Summer Youth Mission (Cincinnati, Ohio)

When: June 14, 2026-June 19, 2026

Week of Hope are community service mission trips for youth. Students come alongside seasoned local ministries and nonprofits to make a lasting difference through meaningful community service. They'll learn Christ-like empathy and compassion for others as they meet the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of disadvantaged children, youth, and adults. As students serve in the name of Jesus, they'll develop friendships with the people they serve, with other teams, with their own youth group, and, most importantly, with Jesus.



During a community service mission trip, participants generally stay at a local church that is full of fun and energy throughout the week as they engage in indoor and outdoor games, share meals together, and participate in worship and teaching in morning and evening programs.



# Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party

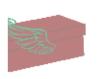
This year's goal is 50 filled boxes.

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All are invited to join us for a fun evening filled with pizza, camaraderie, and smiles.

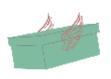
### Monday, November 10th at 5:30 p.m. Atherton Parlor

Come one, come all! Come big or small!











#### This Week at Urbana First

#### Sunday, November 9, 2025

9:15 a.m.—Adult Sunday School (Library)

9:30 a.m.—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m.—Fellowship (Parlor)

10:30 a.m.—Worship Service

10:50 a.m.—Children's Church

(Dismissed during service)

11:45 a.m.—All Boards Meeting (Parlor)

#### Monday, November 10

5:30 p.m.—OCC Packing Party (Parlor)

6:00 p.m.—Dance Rehearsal (FH)

6:00 p.m.—Community Group (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

#### Tuesday, November 11

6:00 p.m.—People's Chorus Rehearsal (FH)

#### Wednesday, November 12

10:30 a.m.—Midweek Bible Study (*Parlor*) 6:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, November 13

6:00 p.m.—Amasong Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:00 p.m.—GSA Troop Meeting (FH)

#### Friday, November 14

Church Office Closed, Staff Sabbath Day 7:30 a.m.—Men's Discipleship (Parlor)

#### Saturday, November 15

10:00 a.m.—All Church Clean Up

4:00 p.m.—Amasong Concert (Sanctuary))

#### Sunday, November 16

9:15 a.m.—Sunday School (Library)

9:30 a.m.—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m.—Fellowship (Parlor)

10:30 a.m.—Worship Service

10:50 a.m.—Children's Church

#### **Happy Birthday**

Dollie DuMontelle—November 9 Jackson Diedrich—November 13 Skyler Sieving—November 15

#### **Church Office Hours**

Monday-Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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



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#### **Today's Worship Team**

Pianist: Hannah Freeman-Choi

Soloist: Caitlin Richardson

Liturgist: Paul Frank

Scripture Reader: Vaughn Bruno

Youth Ushers: Jack Fisher, Wyatt Olivero

Children's Church: Linda Bailey Tech & Stage Team: Johnie Wilson,

Jack Marshall, Joseph Tingling

PowerPoint & Bulletin: Paige Banovz