



A WORD FROM PASTOR MICHAEL

There is almost nothing worse for a country than a power vacuum. With the death of Saul and Jonathan, the nation of Israel was thrown into turmoil. Who would be their next leader? While David knew he had been anointed by the Lord (1 Sam. 16:13), he had been on the run from Saul for years. It was not obvious to everyone that he would be the next king. Uniting the country would be difficult. Seven years and many battles lay ahead (2 Sam. 5:4–5).

My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, LORD, I will seek.
PSALM 27:8

After grieving Saul’s death, David’s first step was not to recruit people to his side or come up with a PR strategy. Instead, his priority was to “inquire of the LORD” (2 Sam. 2:1). In this difficult and dangerous transition, he relied on God’s wisdom. He probably inquired of the Lord through Abiathar the priest using a method of divination (1 Sam. 23:9–12). By contrast, today, we seek God’s guidance through prayer, God’s Word, and godly counsel (James 1:5; Rom. 12:2).

David’s second act was to encourage the people of Jabesh Gilead who had rescued Saul’s and Jonathan’s bodies at great risk and provided them with a proper burial (1 Sam. 31:11–13). Jabesh Gilead was a city Saul had saved from the Ammonites, and it had remained loyal to him (1 Samuel 11). David tactfully asked that they recognize his rule now that Saul has died (2 Sam. 2:7).

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Not everyone accepted David's rule peacefully. Saul's general, Abner, formed an opposition government, using Saul's son as a puppet king (vv. 8–11). This led to years of warring and bloodshed. David had been anointed by God as king, but he would have to be patient.

Christians today find themselves in a similar situation. In this world, as we await the return of the Lord Jesus, we should not be surprised to face opposition and others who assert their authority. Rejoice that you know and serve the one true King!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Flood victims in Kentucky
- Firefighters and wildfire victims in California

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- Aug 1:** Brad Deane, Peggy Long
- Aug 3:** Jim Harris
- Aug 5:** Mitzi Rogers
- Aug 7:** Marley Peterson
- Aug 9:** Natalie Graham
- Aug 10:** Kathy Adair McGinty
- Aug 13:** Tanner Hess
- Aug 17:** Helen Gray, Megan Martin, Joseph Schafer, Angie Minglin
- Aug 19:** Kim Dillon
- Aug 20:** Noreen Provo
- Aug 22:** Karen Starkey, Gabriella Weese
- Aug 26:** Cindy DeHaven, Max Waltz
- Aug 27:** Don Storey
- Aug 28:** Luann Hamilton
- Aug 30:** Julia Glaser
- Aug 31:** Donna Ogle



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Monday:** Staff Meeting, 10 AM, Parlor
- Tuesday:** Prayer, 11 AM, Sanctuary

AUGUST SCHEDULE/EVENTS

- Sun, Aug 7:** Demetrius Warren, Guest Speaker
- Wed, Aug 10:** LCM First Day of School
- Sun, Aug 14:** Townhall Meeting, 4 PM, Sanctuary
- Sat, Aug 20:** Loaves & Fishes, 11 AM-12:30 PM
- Wed, Aug 24:** Townhall Meeting, 6 PM, Sanctuary

JOY Circle

JOY Circle will not meet this month but will have our annual salad luncheon at John and Sharon Jones on Wednesday, September 10. This is a change from our program booklet. More details next month.



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- Aug 12:** Don & Cindy Collins
- Aug 21:** Jerry & Ann Miller

Greetings, First Church!

I am writing you to invite you to an important all-church Town Hall meeting on **Sunday, August 14, at 4:00 pm** or on **Wednesday, August 24, at 6:00 pm**. We will meet in the Sanctuary in person. The purpose of the meeting is to give you information and receive feedback on a proposal from our Administrative Council regarding our future relationship with the United Methodist denomination.



The Administrative Council, voted unanimously at our meeting on Monday, July 18, 2022, to recommend we disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. Why? After decades of disagreement over how we read and understand Scripture, particularly in areas of the divinity of Jesus, the authority of scripture, and human sexuality, a split is looming on the horizon. Your church leadership team has decided the time has come to be proactive, rather than waiting for the next General Conference to meet in 2024. We believe doing so allows us to determine the best way forward for our congregation, rather than being forced into a decision amid an ugly conflict.

If we were to remain United Methodist, we would remain embroiled in a painfully dividing dispute that is likely to increasingly distract us from our mission. We do not want our church to be defined, either internally or in the community, by arguments in our denomination over human sexuality or any other issue. Rather we want to be defined by our whole-hearted passion to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ!

The Administrative Council cannot make the decision to change our church's denominational affiliation. That takes a vote by the official membership of the church at a Charge Conference to be scheduled in September. At the Town Hall meetings and as Charge Conference approaches, we will be transparent in sharing information regarding the disaffiliation process and how that will affect our property and pastoral appointment.

I invite you to a season of prayer for the future of our church. The ultimate decision rests in the faithful hands of you, our congregation. As we journey together through the next weeks and months, I am confident we will make a decision that honors Christ and is bathed in unity and prayer.

All for Jesus!

Judy Williamson, Ad Council Chairperson

If you have questions, feel free to reach out to one of the Transition Team members, listed below.

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Braxton Baker, Jacob Kaley, Alex Karnafel, Mickey Karnafel, Oakley Lewellen, Joshua Lyons, Tim Strubell

AUGUST DAILY BIBLE READING

1 Isaiah 43-47	9 Jeremiah 7-9	17 Jeremiah 31-32	25 Lamentations 1-2
2 Isaiah 48-51	10 Jeremiah 10-12	18 Jeremiah 33-35	26 Lamentations 3-5
3 Isaiah 52-56	11 Jeremiah 13-15	19 Jeremiah 36-38	27 Ezekiel 1-4
4 Isaiah 57-59	12 Jeremiah 16-18	20 Jeremiah 39-41	28 Ezekiel 5-8
5 Isaiah 60-63	13 Jeremiah 19-22	21 Jeremiah 42-44	29 Ezekiel 9-12
6 Isaiah 64-66	14 Jeremiah 23-25	22 Jeremiah 45-48	30 Ezekiel 13-15
7 Jeremiah 1-3	15 Jeremiah 26-27	23 Jeremiah 49-50	31 Ezekiel 16
8 Jeremiah 4-6	16 Jeremiah 28-30	24 Jeremiah 51-52	

2023 MISSION TRIP

Pastor Michael and Tonya will be leading a mission trip to Kenya in June of 2023 to work alongside John Ochieng and to visit several ministry sites that Pastor Michael has been working with for several years. Our focus will be medical ministry and educational ministry. There are several jobs for young and mature adults of all skill levels.

This will be a life changing opportunity to visit Kenya for two weeks, to engage in ministry in the largest slums in Africa, and to enjoy a 3-day safari in the Masai Mara Preserve.

An informational meeting will take place at First UMC on Friday, September 16. Watch for additional details.





Belinda Jordan
Little Children's Ministry Director

LCM is preparing for the upcoming school year. We will be offering 4 preschool classes this school year. We will also be reopening our Tiger (2 1/2- 3 years old) room.

One of our newest staff members, Haleigh Welker, will be the lead teacher. She is an LCM Alumni and is currently attending college for Early Childhood Education. Another one of our newest staff members, Diana Kernagin, will be the lead teacher of our Zebra preschool room. We are excited to have these new additions to our LCM staff!

The privacy fence has been completed. Todal Fence did a fabulous job. This was made possible due to the generous donation left to LCM from Elizabeth Billman. The LCM Board has agreed that a special plaque, in honor of Elizabeth, will be placed on the fence. We believe that she would be proud that the money was used to purchase something that benefits the safety of the children at LCM.

We are excited to announce that the new bus has arrived and just in time for school! It is a 14 passenger, 2023, Ford E350. This purchase was made possible from the second *Build, Learn, and Grow Stabilization Grant*. The plan is to have a company in Kokomo apply a wrap that will have our name and logo.

LCM has recently changed our finance and childcare software programs. Procure allows parents to view their bills and make payments online. It will also allow parents to clock their child in and out which will help eliminate paperwork and human error. We have also switched our finance software to Church Windows which is the same program used by First UMC. Special thanks to Elaine Hall for assisting with this process. It has been very time consuming.

LCM has been blessed by these major additions and software updates. LCM's goal is to continue to be the best Christian based Daycare/Preschool in our community.

BACK TO SCHOOL DONATIONS

Each year First UMC generously helps with school supplies for LCM. This year they need Kleenex and glue sticks. Donations can be placed on the table in the Narthex or delivered to the church office. Thank you for supporting our children!



THANK YOU

Dear First United Methodist Church, Thank you for selecting me as this year's Book Award Winner, I am very grateful! Thanks, Morgan Sailors



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- **Main Street UMC:** Pastor Doug Thomas
- **Wheatland Ave UMC:** Bert Stover
- **First UMC:** Pastor Michael Goodspeed



Our Mission

The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision

REACH...

EQUIP...

SEND...

