



October 2026

First Edition



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The people of The United Methodist Church®



First United Methodist Church of Lockport

1000 S. Washington St., Lockport

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† **10:00am in person
Worship Service**



Dear Friends,

It's time for THANKS giving. Not the day--the action of giving Thanks. After all, if it's not too early to put up Halloween decorations in September, then it has to be ok to give some thanks in October.

First, I am thankful for our growing congregation. Thank you to everyone who has been inviting friends and family to join us; it is wonderful to see so many new faces in worship. I am also grateful for our updated local infrastructure, including the newly paved streets, sidewalks, and parkways.

Additionally, I want to express my deep gratitude for your generosity and vision. Doug Schehr recently requested funding for fall maintenance, including parking lot sealing and new carpeting in Accessible Entrance. Thanks to your support, these projects are fully funded and complete. Furthermore, we raised over \$1,600 above the needed cost, which will go directly into our Rainy-Day fund for future emergency repairs.

For those who join us online, you will soon notice improvements to our recorded services thanks to the dedicated work of Caleb Landig. As a reminder, our services air weekly on Facebook Live and are posted to YouTube (search "First Methodist of Lockport") about 24 hours later. An easy way to support our church is by sharing a post on social media about what First Methodist means to you.

Finally, please join us throughout October and early November for a Bible study on the book of Colossians. We are offering both online and in-person options. If you miss your scheduled session, you are welcome to drop in on another group during the same week. This study offers practical insights for daily life and a great opportunity to connect with fellow members.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Blessings,

Pastor David

**Minister:
All Members**

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Pastor

Linda Brown
Lay Leader

**Organist &
Choir Director
Director**

Megan Hill
God Squad

Kay Rothlisberger
Circle of Love

Roseanne Wilson
Fish Pantry

Yosmer Quintero
Custodian

Bernadetta Kopinski
**Administrative
Assistant**

Office Hours:
Mon-Fri
8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
815-838-1017

Worship:

Sunday October 4th 10:00am	World Communion Sunday
Scriptures: Exod 20:1-4, 7-9	Matthew 21:33-46
Jason Brashler will be preaching	
Sunday October 11th 10:00am	
Scriptures: Exod 32:1-14	Matthew 22:1-14
Sunday October 18th 10:00am	
Scriptures: Exod 33:12-23	Matthew 22:15-22
Sunday October 25th 10:00am	Sunday School
Scriptures: Deut 34:1-12	Matthew 22:34-46
Coffee Hour right after worship. All are welcome!	

**World Communion Sunday****October 4th at 10:00am.**

The New Testament is clear that one cannot be a solitary Christian. We are members of Christ's body (Ephesians 5:30) and "belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6:10, NIV). As you gather for worship and receive Holy Communion, thank God for "our common salvation" (Jude 3, ESV) granted to all followers of Jesus.

Livestream

Available

Exciting News!

We will be **live streaming our Worship Service every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**

Whether you're traveling, homebound, or unable to join us in person, we invite you to worship with us online. We look forward to staying connected as we gather together in faith each week.

We hope you'll join us—in person or online—every Sunday at **10:00 a.m.!**

Share, and invite your family and friend to join us!



You can find us on
YouTube
@LockportFirstUMC

QR code for
online
donations.
We sincerely
appreciate
your
generosity.

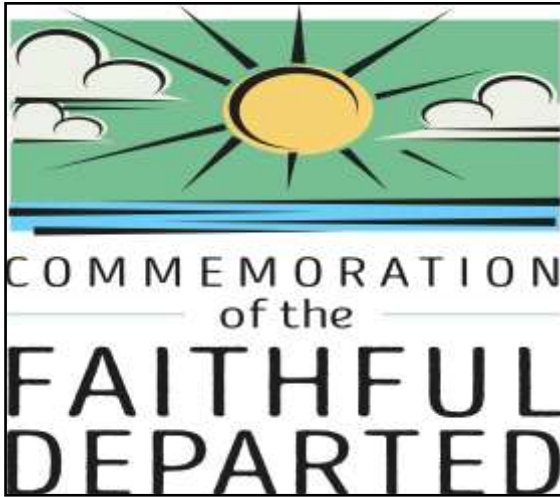


Monthly Newsletters and Upper Room are available in the Narthex.

**Upper Room Zoom PRAYER GROUP on Wednesday Mornings at 9:00 am**

We are offering a prayer group on Zoom weekday mornings on Wednesday at 9:00 am. If you are interested in this, please contact the office at 815-838-1017.

Faith Development



All Saints Sunday is, November 1st at 10:00am we will be remembering our loved ones during worship. If you would like to include your loved ones please send name, date of passing by October 23rd. Please contact the office at 1-815-838-1017 or email us at 1umclockport@ameritech.net.



Before we begin planning for Confirmation at First United Methodist Church - Lockport this spring, we'd like to know how many youth are interested in participating. We are considering offering Confirmation classes beginning in mid-fall through the winter in preparation for Confirmation this spring. If your child is interested, or if you'd like more information, please let us know. We look forward to growing together in faith!

You can email the office at 1umclockport@ameritech.net or Pastor David Hamer at pastorhamer@gmail.com

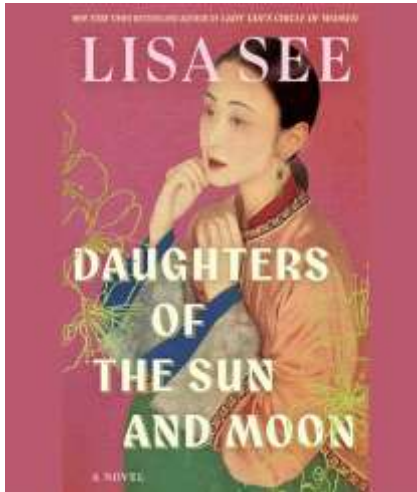


We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated to our Fall Maintenance Project. Your generosity and support are truly appreciated and will help us care for and maintain our church home for years to come.

We are so blessed to have such a caring and giving church family. Thank you for helping make a difference!



Faith in Action

Zoom Book Club

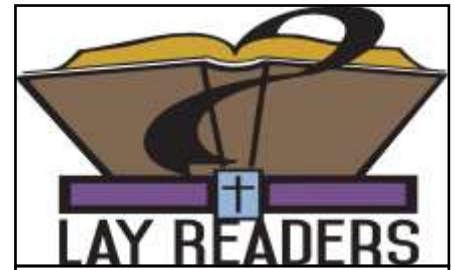
We will meet every other month on a Thursday, in the evening at 7:00pm.

We will be reading

Daughters of the Sun and Moon
by Lisa See

Next Zoom Book Club will meet
Thursday,

November 12th at 7:00pm



We are in need of
Liturgists. Please help
us if you can. Sign up
sheet in the Narthex.

Blessings

FISH Pantry Donation List

The following items are
needed

1st Sunday of Every Month

Paper Towels

Kleenex

Cereal

Ramen noodles

Bath Bar Soap

Canned fruit

Hamburger Helper

Mayonnaise

Any Monetary donations are
also

Welcomed!



We welcome all children to
Sunday School on Sunday,
October 25th for students in first
grade through high school during
worship service at 10:00am.

Circle of Love

Job loss, illness, injury. You name it. There are many reasons why people cannot afford to supply all their own needs; but then again, we were never made to be totally self-sufficient. If we all could do everything for ourselves, then of what importance would relationships be? Remember life is unfair but God is good. Thank you to everyone who supports this important ministry. Your time, donations, and prayers are priceless. Circle of Love provides items not provided by state assistance, such as diapers, feminine hygiene products, and incontinent products.



Do you enjoy singing?
Would you like to join the choir?
We want you! We practice on
Sunday's at 8:45am. Come check us
out. No experience required. If you
have any questions please call the
office at 1-815-838-1017 or talk to
Linda Brown. All are welcome!

**WE WANT YOUR TORN, WORN, STAINED CLOTHING!**

As you begin your spring cleaning keep in mind the two green bins in the parking lot. USAGain – a leader in the textile recycling industry – is a for-profit company with a mission of diverting textiles from landfills. We collect clothes, shoes and linens you would not give to clothing drives because they are worn, torn or stained. Simply place them in a plastic bag and drop the bag in the bin. Items are then sent to graders and wholesalers who recycle them into new products.



Conference

**LAKE SOUTH
FALL 2026
LAY ACADEMY**
Sat., Oct. 3 & 10
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Other Lay Academies offered around the conference:

[Prairie South](#): Oct. 10 & 17, 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Mt. Morris: Disciples, 102 N. Maple Ave.

Lay Servant Ministries offers training and experiences that equip disciples to recognize and respond to their call to ministry. After 10 years of faithful leadership from Peggy Hansen, Kim Emery has begun serving as the new director of the Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries. Fall District Lay Academies provide opportunities for laypeople to explore a variety of courses and grow their skills for ministry. You can attend an academy in any district, regardless of where you live or hold church membership. Training is available for Certified Lay Servant, Lay Speaker, and Lay Minister pathways, with a new CLM class planned for spring 2027.

From Our Bishop: Tune Your Eyes To Awe

a green stone
in my pocket

in the world
as a child

(Kingfisher #13)

I write to encourage you. Yesterday someone reminded me how difficult this moment is, how divided we are. Then a thought leader across the pond spoke to me of her own fears, living as a refugee. My email is a sea of bad behavior wreckage.

Even so, God is with us for good. I offer the above poem to bear witness to God's wonders, and the weaving ways of the Spirit to find us. I found a stone. I thought Julie would love to see it. How simple.

Beloved of God, you are a wonder in the world. You are a witness to hope. Together we are practicing hope. Tune your eyes to awe. Share your wonders. These signs of manna are providential. Be encouraged.

May Christ be in our steps.

Thank you for your ministry.



Join us right after worship
Sunday, October 25th for Coffee Hour.
 If you would like to host a Coffee Hour please talk to Linda Brown
 or call the office.
 Bring a friend/ neighbor.
All are welcome!



Lunch Bunch/ Bingo
 We will begin to gather for Lunch Bunch/
 Bingo every 2nd Saturday of the month
 beginning **Saturday, October 10 at**
12:00pm in Yemon Hall.
 Bring a favorite dish/dessert to share.
 Lots of gifts to win!
 All are welcome!



THANK YOU, GOD, FOR MY BIRTHDAY!

Let's start the new year with a
 new kind of birthday
 celebration! When it's your
 special day, commemorate the
 event by gifting the church with
 a dollar for every year of life!

For example:

1 year old= \$1

50 years old= \$50

100 years old= \$100

No cards to buy or gifts to wrap.
 Just use a pew envelope, put
 your name on the outside and
 your age dollars on the inside.
 A great way to thank God for
 your birthday!



On September 8, 2026, our
 ESL program started again,
 for the fifth year at First
 United Methodist Church. We
 meet on Tuesday evenings
 7:00- 9:00 p.m., and Saturdays,
 9:30-11:30 a.m. We use the
 upstairs and plan to continue
 until March 30, 2027.

Lake South District Monthly Go Team Trainings

Saturday, October 3rd

Join us Online Via Zoom on the
 First Saturday of the month.

PASTORS ONLY 9 – 10 a.m.

EVERYONE - 10:30a.m. – noon

Zoom link

Meeting ID: 964 1732 9893

Passcode: 081053



Suicide Hotline available

For those contemplating
 suicide or who just desperately
 need someone with whom to
 talk. It is confidential and
 free. Just call 988. The
 service has also been expanded
 for Spanish-speaking persons
 and deaf or hard-of-hearing
 persons, including those who
 use American Sign Language.

First UMC regularly receives bills for miscellaneous items that are necessary in the day-to-day operation of the church. If you can help out by paying a bill, please indicate "Adopt A Bill" on the memo line of your check made out to Lockport First United Methodist and put it in the weekly collection. To contribute towards these bills (just a portion would help out) just mark your envelope with "Adopt A Bill". Thanks for a helping hand with our expenses!

— The Finance Committee

AT&T (U-verse)* \$114.32

*(internet & church phone)



NICOR \$191.38

Com Ed \$392.72

Lockport Water \$62.20

Waste Management \$91.64



October 5th Margaret Wiley

October 10th Joyce Volling

October 13th Pat Burnett

October 19th Carolyn Brauch

October 25th David Visser

October 30th Mike Petty

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS



We are here and honored to pray for your joys and concerns. Additionally our team prays every Wednesday at 8:00am or during our personal prayer time specifically our church community, country, and the world. Feel free to contact Carolyn Brauch at 815-836-0137 for prayer request or to learn more about joining our team. God Bless Carolyn

Prayer List—Please keep the following people in your prayers

Barbara Ott (Sheridan of Oak Brook),
Betty Becker, Beth, (Lynn & Paul Farr daughter), Duane Werner, David Hensen, Gloria (Emmanuel's fiancé),
Evelyn Lindstrom, Earl Meseth,

Sue Rittenhouse, Roseanne Wilson,
Paul Farr, Hazel Davis, Lynette Casey,
Pat Burnett, Phil Winters,

Marilyn Odle, Arlene Hupach
(Linda Browns mom)



Church Conference will be held on
Sunday, November 22nd in
the evening.

More information to follow.



ALL YOU CAN EAT

HARVEST OF SOUPS SUPPER

OCTOBER 24  4:00-6:00 PM

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOCKPORT
1000 S. WASHINGTON ST.
LOCKPORT, IL



CHURCH IS LOCATED AT 10TH AND WASHINGTON STREETS
ENTER PARKING LOT ON 10TH STREET
USE ELEVATOR ENTRANCE AND TAKE ELEVATOR DOWNSTAIRS



ADULTS \$12.00
CHILDREN (3-12) \$6.00
UNDER AGE 3- FREE

A VARIETY OF SOUPS
WILL BE SERVED, ALONG WITH
CRACKERS, DESSERT &
BEVERAGES

DINE IN OR CARRY OUT



~Christmas Market~

We are looking for crafters, distributors and consultants and vendors to participate in our Christmas Market in Lockport, IL.

First United Methodist Lockport 1000 S. Washington St.

Saturday, November 14th from 10:00am – 3:00pm

There are a limited number of spaces/ tables are on a first come, first serve basis.

Each space will include an 8-foot table and two chairs.

A registration form and fee of \$25.00 per table must be in by November 1st.

Registration forms are available at 1st UMC Website:

www.1umclockport.org or can be requested at 1st UMC email: 1umclockport@ameritech.net

Registration Fee should be mailed to or dropped off at
1st UMC Lockport

1000 S. Washington St. Lockport, IL 60441 hours for drop off are
Monday- Friday 8:30am – 12:30pm.

Questions can be directed to Linda Brown at tenorlycvt@aol.com or
1umclockport@ameritech.com





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Mission Statement for First United Methodist Church of Lockport

“The church is the foundation of Christian life in accordance with the teachings of the Christ. We are people who believe that the love of God was revealed in Jesus and having accepted that love, we are committed to sharing this good news of God’s love by making disciples and teaching and nurturing them. To that end, we will:

- + provide an inclusive environment for Christian worship and learning,
- + strive to be understanding and accepting of other cultures and faiths as we work toward peace and justice for all persons,
- + nurture our children so that they will embrace the Christian life, and
- + support, with our prayers and actions, our brothers and sisters in our local and global communities.”