

First United Methodist Church

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2026

8:15 & 10:30 a.m.



Mission Statement

“First United Methodist Church (FUMC) of Oneonta, NY is a congregation of faith and doubt. We commit ourselves to pursue justice, and pledge to stand with all our neighbors who are marginalized and oppressed, as Jesus did.” – Adopted by the Church Council on September 1, 2021



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

** Indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in spirit.*

Bold text invites the congregation to speak in unison.

(As the prelude begins, please prepare your hearts for worship)

Entering the Courts with Thanksgiving

Prelude

“Morning Has Broken”

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Margaret Parish & Randall Wilson

*Hymn #198

“My Soul Gives Glory to My God”

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Psalm 46

(response 2)

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Welcome

Passing the Peace

Drawing Near to God

Children’s Time

1st Scripture Reading

Isaiah 7:10-17

Cherilyn Lacy
Ruth Wang

*Hymn #215

“To a Maid Engaged to Joseph”

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2nd Scripture Reading

1 Timothy 1:1-6

NRSVUE

Sermon

“Discuss the Virgin Birth”

Rev. Casey Bradley

Special Music

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

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Margaret Parish & Randall Wilson

Responding with Faith

Prayer Moment

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, 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. Amen.

Offering

August Jingle – Otsego County Jail Ministry

Offertory

“Deep River”

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*Doxology #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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Prayer of Dedication

Going in Peace

Announcements

*Hymn #2279

“The Trees of the Field”

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Benediction

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Postlude

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

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The placement of the votive candle on the altar started the year of our 25th anniversary in 2014 of becoming a Reconciling Congregation. Each month we honored a different person(s) who answered the call to stand for full inclusion of all God’s children.

PRAYER LIST

Recovering or in long term care (ask the church office for contact info):

Bhala Jones Harry & Virginia Pence Louise Van Buren

Prayer Requests: Prayer requests will be published for 4 weeks. If you would like to extend a request, please fill out one of the prayer cards located in the pew rack. **Please mark if you want your request to be public.**

Bruce VL Alan F. Niel A. Julian T. Anne C.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: *Robert Lawrence, Kathryn Kano-White & Thomas Barreto* on August 10; *Andrew Wayand* on August 11; *Amy Webb* on August 12; *Tom Whitney* on August 13; *Lori Barnes* on August 14; and *Jenna Konstantine* on August 15.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: *Irene & Bob Morrissey* on August 9; and *Bryce & Abigail Wooden* on August 14.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday services are accessible online. The 8:15 service is on Facebook. The 10:30 service is on YouTube or Zoom (Meeting ID: 844 9992 4538, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84499924538> or call 1-646-558-8656).

TODAY 8:15 am Worship in person & on Facebook
 10:30 am Worship in person, via Zoom & on YouTube

MON. 8/10 4:30 pm Yoga (Embury Room)

TUES. 8/11 11:00 am Staff Meeting (Coke Room)
 6:30 pm SPRC (Coke Room)

WED. 8/12 12:00 pm Spiritual Study Group (Dauley Room)
 1:00 pm Trustees (Art Room)

THUR. 8/13 10:00 am Bell Duet Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 5:30 pm Oneonta Hooks & Needles (Embury Room)

FRI. 8/14

SAT. 8/15 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Saturday's Bread (Fellowship Hall)

SUN. 8/16 8:15 am Worship in person & on Facebook
 10:30 am Worship in person, via Zoom & on YouTube

Pastoral Care August 14 - 24

Pastor Casey will be on vacation August 14 – 24. For urgent pastoral care needs, please contact the church office, and one of our local clergy will be in touch.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Household Hazardous Waste Days

Otsego County's Hazardous Waste Days will be on Friday, August 14 in Unadilla and Saturday, August 15 at the Cooperstown Meadows Office Complex. For hours, location info., and a list of materials accepted, see https://www.otsegocounty.com/departments/s-y/solid_waste/household_hazardous_waste_day.php or call 607-547-4225.

Mission Opportunity!

It has come to the attention of our United Women in Faith mission team that the Southern Tier AIDS Program has been faithfully serving its unhoused clients through its mobile service van. We asked how we could help this outreach in a tangible way, and STAP replied that they have a need for reusable water bottles. UWF has found a source for exactly the type of bottles STAP needs on sale for roughly \$11 each, and we have ordered several dozen. We wanted to give our wonderful caring congregation the opportunity to help us support STAP, with whom our congregation has had a longstanding connection.

If you want to support this worthy cause, please make your check payable to UWF with STAP noted in the memo line. If you have any questions, call or text UWF President Marty Becker at (607) 435-8551. We plan to deliver the bottles next week, so don't delay!

Third Thursday Dinner

Every month we gather for a home-cooked meal before the Church Council meets (you are invited to attend the meeting after the meal, but you don't have to). This month's dinner will be on **Thursday, August 20 at 6:00 pm**. We will be serving spaghetti. There will be a traditional option with meat sauce and a gluten-free vegan version. There will also be salad, brownies, and fresh fruit. Please come join us in the Fellowship Hall for good food & conversation!

Pledge & Contribution Statements

Pledge and/or contribution statements (or a more concise update on your remaining pledge amount) are available upon request. If you would like to receive a summary of your 2026 giving to date, please contact Kieran Andrews (secretary@firstumc-oneonta.org or 607-432-4102).

Be Green, Be Just

Don't mix hot and plastic. Heat causes plastic to release microplastics and harmful chemicals, which harm human health. Don't microwave food in plastic. Don't drink hot coffee or tea in "paper" cups that are lined with plastic. Don't feed your baby with a plastic baby bottle. Use shatterproof glass or ceramic instead.

Protect the Vote: Become an Election Observer

FUMC's Grey Matters group encourages people to consider joining the UMC Election Observers Program. Participants will explore the history of voting in the United States, the sacred nature of the vote, and how to become an election observer in your community.

Election observers are trained individuals who observe polling places and election processes to help promote transparency, fairness, and public confidence in elections. Unlike poll workers, they serve as nonpartisan witnesses to the electoral process rather than administering elections.

Church and Society staff will help participants identify local requirements and opportunities to serve as election observers in their counties. While all approval and official training will take place under the guidance of local boards of elections, this program will provide theological, historical and practical grounding for United Methodists seeking to serve in this role.

Program Schedule

Dates: Tuesdays at 7:00 pm from August 18 – September 22

Location: Zoom

To register go to <https://www.umcjustice.org/latest/protect-the-vote-become-an-election-observer-10207>.

Creation Care: Encouraging Thermal Energy Networks

FUMC's Creation Care Team encourages everyone to tell Governor Hochul to greenlight thermal energy network projects. Per AGREE (Alliance for a Green Economy), New York can bring clean, affordable heating and cooling to neighborhoods across the state, while also building good union jobs.

The Utility Thermal Energy Network and Jobs Act (UTENJA) was passed with bipartisan legislative support in 2022 and signed by Governor Hochul. Utilities across the state have been planning pilot projects ever since. But these pilots have stalled, waiting for Governor Hochul's Public Service Commission to give them the green light.

To encourage the state to get these projects moving, you can send a message by going to <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-governor-hochul-to-greenlight-thermal-energy-networks>.

Church Rummage, Bake & Book Sale

Thursday, September 17, 9 am - 7 pm

Friday, September 18, 9 am – 1 pm

(Bag sale both days)

Rummage & Books may be brought in starting **August 9**.

You may bring your donations to the **front of the stage** in the Fellowship Hall.

Please only bring in clothing and household goods that are usable and in good condition.

Please put donations in a box that closes or a plastic bag to make them easier to pile.

 **YES!**

- **Clean**, usable clothing*
- Household goods
- Books (novels, non-fiction & audio books)
- CDs & DVDs
- Games, Puzzles & Toys

 **NO!**

- Broken /damaged appliances or household goods
- TVs
- Textbooks, Reader's Digest condensed books, worn out books

* If textiles are clean, but ripped, stained, or just worn out, put them in the box in the hallway.

The **Bake Sale is on Thursday only**. We need cookies, brownies/bar cookies, cupcakes, pies, etc. If you can't work the sale, think about making some homemade goodies!

Volunteer Opportunities – Many Hands Make Light Work!

Setup Days	Sale Days
<u>Sunday 9/13</u> 12:00 – 5:00 pm – Come & Go as you can <u>Monday 9/14, Tuesday 9/15</u> <u>& Wednesday 9/16</u> 9:00 am until ?? We appreciate any time that fits into your schedules – one hour or all day. Lunch provided on Monday & Tuesday.	<u>Thursday 9/17</u> Shifts: 9:00 – 11:30 am; 11:30 am – 2:00 pm; 2:00 – 4:30 pm; 4:30 – 7:00 pm <u>Friday 9/18</u> Shifts: 9:00 – 11:00 am; 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Cleanup: 1:00 – 3:30 pm
Contact Joyce Miller (607-434-4963 or millerumw@gmail.com) or say YES when called!	

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Church Picnic
Sunday, August 30, 2026
10:30 a.m. – ?
Wilber Park – Large Pavilion

Our annual church picnic will be Sunday, August 30 following the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the park.

This will be a potluck picnic with hamburgers, hotdogs, and buns provided. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service.

NO NUTS. Feel free to also bring lawn chairs if you would like them.

The form below will help us plan for the food. Please contact Laura Hurley (607-435-1786 or LFHurley@hotmail.com) or fill out the form and drop it off in the church office by Friday, August 28. Thank you!

Yes, planning on attending!

Name: _____

of Adults: _____

of Children: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

_____ I can help with setup (cover tables, get charcoal ready, etc.)

_____ I can help serve

_____ I can help cook

_____ I can help with cleanup (clean tables, collect garbage)