

September 3, 2023

# WELCOME

to Sunday Worship at First



The Gospel Feast

Service Time  
Every Sunday at 8:45 AM  
in person and online

**First United Methodist Church**

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## Let Us Break Bread Together

1. Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees, (on our knees)  
 (2. Let us) drink wine to - geth-er on our knees, (on our knees)  
 (3. Let us) praise God to - geth-er on our knees, (on our knees)

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When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. (on me) 2. Let us  
 3. Let us

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\*May end after stanza 3

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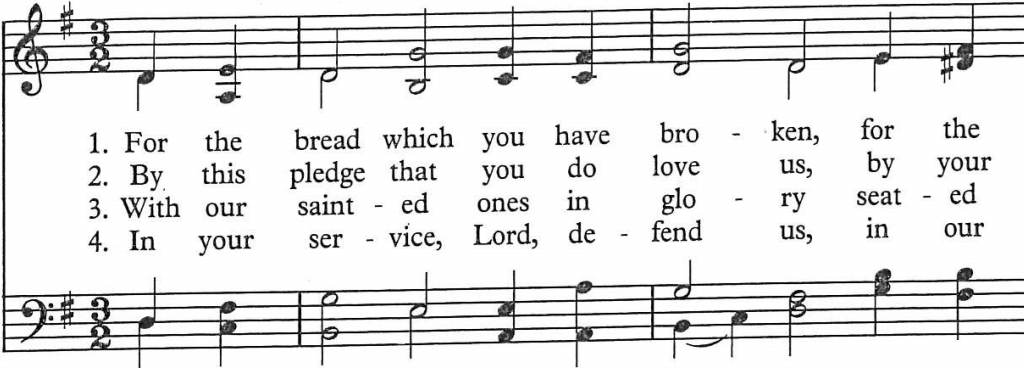
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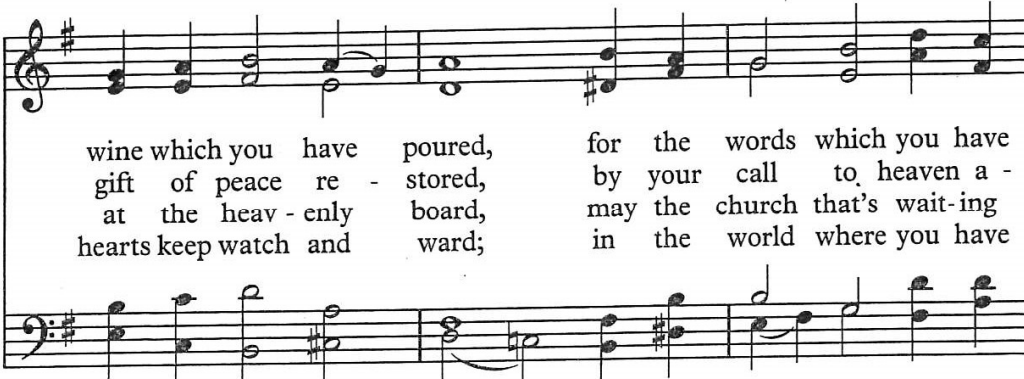
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O Lord, have mercy if you please. (if you please)

# 614 For the Bread Which You Have Broken



1. For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the  
 2. By this pledge that you do love us, by your  
 3. With our saint - ed ones in glo - ry seat - ed  
 4. In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us, in our



wine which you have poured, for the words which you have  
 gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -  
 at the heav - enly board, may the church that's wait - ing  
 hearts keep watch and ward; in the world where you have



spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
 bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
 for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
 sent us, let your king - dom come, O Lord.

WORDS: Louis F. Benson, 1924 (Mt. 26:26-29; Mk. 14:22-25; Lk. 22:15-20;  
 1 Cor. 11:23-26)  
 MUSIC: V. Earle Copes, 1960

FOR THE BREAD  
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Prelude

Prelude in A Minor (BWV 569)

Johann Sebastian Bach

\*Congregational Hymn #618

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

Announcements for the Community

Scripture Reading – Isaiah 55:1-2

<sup>1</sup> “Ho, every one who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and he who has no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.  
<sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Hearken diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in fatness.

Meditation

The Gospel Feast: Open Invitation

Congregational Singing

**Come, sinners, to the gospel feast;  
Let every soul be Jesus' guest;  
Ye need not one be left behind,  
For God had bid all humankind.**

Sung to the tune HURSLEY

A Time of Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

**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. Amen**

## Scripture Reading – Ezekiel 33:7-11

<sup>7</sup> “So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup> If I say to the wicked, O wicked man, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup> But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way; he shall die in his iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup> “And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?’ <sup>11</sup> Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

## Meditation

The Gospel Feast: Open Question

## Congregational Singing

**Do not begin to make excuse,  
Ah! Do not you his grace refuse;  
Your worldly cares and pleasures leave,  
And take what Jesus hath to give.**

## Ministry of Music

Heal Our Land

Michael Card

## Scripture Reading – Revelation 3:14-20

<sup>14</sup> “And to the angel of the church in La-odice'a write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God’s creation.

<sup>15</sup> “I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were cold or hot! <sup>16</sup> So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup> For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing; not knowing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. <sup>18</sup> Therefore I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, that you may be rich, and white garments to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nakedness from being seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, that you may see. <sup>19</sup> Those whom I love, I reprove and chasten; so be zealous and repent. <sup>20</sup> Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

Meditation

The Gospel Feast: Open Arms

Congregational Singing

**See him set forth before your eyes,  
Behold the bleeding sacrifice!  
His offer'd love make haste t' embrace,  
And freely now be sav'd by grace.**

A Service of Holy Communion

\*Congregational Hymn #614

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

FOR THE BREAD

\*Closing Prayer

Postlude

Flourish in C

Carson Cooman

Offering: You are invited to place your offering in one of the plates on the tables in the front of the Sanctuary as you leave.



Our **Loose Coin Offering** in **September** will support the **Cooper Schroeder Scholarship** for our First Presbyterian. We offer a quality preschool program in a Christian atmosphere here at First United Methodist Church. There are children in our neighborhood and in our congregation who would not be able to attend a Christian Preschool, were it not for the help of scholarships. In September your loose coin offering and any designated gifts will help a child get a head start on not only their "ABC's", but their "God Loves Me's." Let your change change the world of a child.

Flowers – Sponsored by **Lina Green** in thanksgiving for her supportive husband and loved ones, the mentors in her life, and this amazing church family and staff.



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*Words: Louis F. Benson, Music: V. Earle Copes*

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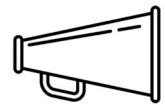
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE COMMUNITY



## First Church @ a Glance

|                   |          |  |  |
|-------------------|----------|--|--|
| <b>SUNDAYS</b>    | 8:45 AM  | Worship Service<br>Nursery Care (ages 0-4)<br>Coffee Fellowship                                | Sanctuary<br>209 (8:15 AM to 10:00 AM)<br>Gathering Area following Worship |
| <b>MONDAYS</b>    | 10:00 AM | WOW  | Z120   |
| <b>TUESDAYS</b>   | 9:00 AM  | Good Will Place Pantry   | 518 Doty Street  |
| <b>WEDNESDAYS</b> | 4:00 PM  | ZPray<br><a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/406082550">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/406082550</a> | Zoom   |
| <b>FRIDAYS</b>    | 6:30 AM  | BOB  | Gathering Area   |

## Wednesday Night Suppers Return on September 13

It's time to gather on Wednesdays for programming and supper. Volunteers are providing our Wednesday Church Family meal, so your RSVPs will be VERY important.

September 13 – Pat, Sydney and Lina are cooking and we are having pulled pork (Pat), coleslaw and chips (Lina), and Sydney is making dessert.

September 20 – Don and Kelly Wengerter are making BOOYAH (what a fun word!). Would someone like bring a dessert to share?

You can RSVP **now** for these two meals at the Welcome Center! RSVPS are needed by Sunday, at 12 noon, the week of the meal.

## Books Between Bites

Beginning on September 13 at 12:00 PM, Books Between Bites will begin reading *Imagine Heaven*, by John Burke. All of us long to know what life after death will be like. Bestselling author John Burke is no exception. In *Imagine Heaven*, he compares more than one hundred gripping stories of near-death experiences. Burke shows how the common experiences shared by thousands of near-death survivors—including doctors, college professors, bank presidents, people of all ages and cultures, and even blind people--point to the exhilarating picture of Heaven promised in the Bible. The group meets weekly on Wednesdays at 12:00 PM. Bring your lunch, if you like. The books are already available in the office and are \$11 each.

## Attention Gardeners

The Good Will Place Food Pantry will graciously accept donations of any extra produce from your gardens. Thank you!

## Fall Sunday's and Wednesday's at a Glance

### Sundays @ First – beginning September 10

8:15 AM -- Nursery opens (remains open through 11 AM), in Room 209; area for newborns through age 4. We also have a Family Room located in the Sanctuary.

8:45 AM - Worship in the Sanctuary followed by Coffee Fellowship in the Gathering Area

10:00 AM - Sunday School for All

1. 204 – K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade with Pastor David
2. 206 – 3 and 4 year olds with Mrs. Parrott
3. 210 – Parenting with God with Samantha and Corey
4. Wesley Hall – Sermon Café— a discussion of the morning sermon
5. Youth Sunday School in the Ziemer Building with Pat. The youth have their very own Sermon Café, where they discuss the morning sermon.

11:00 AM - Acts 2, a discussion based on *Our Daily Bread*; Wesley Hall

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM – Youth Group with Pat. Located in the Ziemer Building and focusing *The Chosen Series* and discussion.

### Renewal Wednesdays – beginning September 13

4:30 PM to 5:30 PM - Programs for children up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade with Sydney Farra. Located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. Children will shake off the day and have a chance to learn as well with activities based upon the fruits of the spirit.

5:30 PM to 6:00 PM - Church Family Supper for all. \$5.00 per person. Located in the Gathering Area. Join us, have fellowship and skip cooking!

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM - Programs for Youth with Pat Heil. Located in the Youth House in the Ziemer Building and concentrating on the book of Matthew.

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM - Programs for Adults. Located in the Gathering Area.

### Future Youth Events:

Sept 15 - 16: 2023 Confirmation Lock-in. Ziemer Building; Friday 5:00 PM - Saturday 12:00 PM. This is a lock-in for the youth who are being confirmed on Confirmation Sunday, September 17.

Sept 17: Confirmation Sunday - 8:45 AM Service

Oct 13 - 15: FALL FEST - Lake Lundgren Bible Camp in Pembine WI

## **New Community Shelter on September 26**

Our monthly night of service is Tuesday, September 26. Consider providing dessert treats to help finish out the meal we serve. Please bring them to church by Tuesday, September 26, at 12:00 PM.

Please email Lina Green to let her know how you would like to get involved or if you have any questions.

## **Dates to Keep in Mind**

Sunday, September 3 (today)

Sunday, September 10

Wednesday, September 13

Friday, September 15 – Saturday, Sept. 16

Sunday, September 17

Friday, October 13 - Sunday, October 15

No Acts 2, Sermon Café or after worship events

Sunday School Kick-Off

Wednesday Programs and Supper Returns

Youth Lock-In

Confirmation Sunday

Youth Fall Fest Retreat

## **New Discipleship Group**

Fall is a great time to start a new Discipleship Group. If you are interested in joining a group, or if you would like more information about the groups, let Lina Green or Pastor David Kalas know.

## **Invitation to Join the Sanctuary Choir**

Sanctuary Choir will begin its new season in September. We welcome you to join us! If you enjoy worshipping God by singing sacred music, if you have some music reading ability, and if you enjoy warm fellowship, please consider joining us!

Sanctuary Choir rehearses weekly on Tuesdays from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the choir loft, and at 8:00 AM on Sunday morning prior to the 8:45 AM service. Our first rehearsal will be on Tuesday, September 5, and our first worship service will be on Sunday, September 10.

In Sanctuary Choir, you will find warm and welcoming people who love to sing and worship God through sacred music, and who enjoy each other's company and support.

The beginning of the choir season is the best time to join! Please contact Jeff Verkuilen at [jverkuilen@fumcgb.org](mailto:jverkuilen@fumcgb.org), or phone him at 920-609-4483, if you are interested to join or if you have questions.



# Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

## Operation Christmas Child

As we get closer to fall, that means Operation Christmas child is right around the corner. This year we are trying something a little different. Below you will find a QR code which will bring you directly to an Amazon wish list. If you are not familiar with what a QR code is, you can open the camera app on your phone. Hover over the code in the bulletin and click the link that pops up. Voile! You are at the wish list! You may also use the link, if QR codes are not your thing.

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/3AO0SRPG4DHU>

The items on this wish list are broken down into the appropriate age groups and you can choose to ship directly to your own home and bring the items to church **or** you can ship them directly to Gabbie Riemer's address. The items have various price points to appeal to anyone.

Of course, if online shopping is not your thing, you are more than welcome to also shop in person and there will be a basket for donations in the Gathering Area. To make sure we are getting the specifics we need for these boxes, there will be a specific item/theme Gabbie will post every couple of weeks above the basket and in the bulletin. For example, we may collect hairbrushes for two weeks, followed by two weeks of "wow gifts". Our goal of starting this early is to make sure we have full shoeboxes for these kids as this is the only gift they get all year!



Our first theme collection is "back to school":

Markers

Glue sticks

Crayons

Erasers

Colored pencils

Pencil sharpeners

Note pads

Pencil boxes approximately sized: 8x5x2

Scissors

Rulers

We do NOT need pencils or pens.



### **Nicolet Elementary School**

We are working on re-establishing our relationship with the Nicolet Lions. We will be offering Thanksgiving groceries, reading buddies who will go to the school, meals and volunteers for special events. As soon as we have a calendar, Sydney and Lina will get the information out to the church family. They are excited to have us back in the life of their school!

### **We need Letter Stuffers!**

On Tuesday, September 19, at 1:30 PM, we will fold, stuff, close and stamp the direct mail letters for our annual EPH direct mail campaign. Who would like to help? Contact Cindy or Lina.



### **Church Family Ride Share**

We are looking for people who would be willing to help those who need transportation to and from church. If you would be willing to help, contact Amy Ashwood ([ashwood51@gmail.com](mailto:ashwood51@gmail.com)), Lina ([lgreen@fumcgb.org](mailto:lgreen@fumcgb.org)) or call the church office (920) 437-9252. Let us know what area you can help cover.



## **Meals for Congregation Members – From Congregational Care Leader Amy Ashwood**

As a former teacher, my “New Year ” always started with September. So does our church calendar. So, in that spirit, with a new year starting, have you been thinking of ways that you could be of service to our church family? I may have an idea for you. Our Meal Ministry was put on pause during Covid, but we are starting it up again. We’ve discovered an app, called Meal Train, that can help us as a need arises. Lee Hansen and Shirley Bohland’s situations have given us the opportunity to try out this new system. It works like this:

- I type in the need, contact information, indicate the dates meals are needed, and include any useful information like dietary needs or restrictions.
- Then I share the link with our church family and if it is something that works for you, then you can sign up and indicate what you will bring.
- It generates a message to the person in need, to me and offers you a chance to link it to your own electronic calendar.
- Call the recipient to arrange a convenient drop-off time.
- How convenient is that?

**Don’t know what to fix?** You could browse through these links and find a recipe that would be appropriate to take. [Pinch of Yum](#), [Take Them a Meal](#), [15 recipes to Take to Someone](#),

**Don’t cook anymore?** Then pick up a meal to go. Places like [Bay Family Restaurant](#) have quarts of soups to go. If you want, add some fruit, rolls, muffins or dessert, but it’s not necessary.

Pack in small (non-returnable) containers so they can be eaten right away or put in the freezer.

**Can’t cook, but could run errands?** That can be helpful, too!

Earlier this year, I had a stroke and was so appreciative of the meals and visits that came in from our church family, so now it’s time to pass it on. It turned a pretty frightening period of time into a string of happy memories. We can all relate to those times when life can change in a heartbeat. I’ve included you on this mailing list, to offer you awareness. Can you help this time? Great, so sign up! Is it a time that won’t work for you now? Ok, pass the email on to someone who you think can help. I’ll be sending these out periodically, so when it’s right for your family, we would love your participation. Sometimes we just need a nudge.

To get started, go to these web addresses below.

[Shirley Bohland's Meal Train](#) <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/9egmkv>

[Lee Hansen's Meal](#) <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/odley1>

*If you would like to be added to the list of folks who get the email or text with needs, Contact Amy Ashwood ([ashwood51@gmail.com](mailto:ashwood51@gmail.com)), Li na ([lgreen@fumcgb.org](mailto:lgreen@fumcgb.org)) or call the church office (920-437-9252.)*

**First Quilters and Fiber Artists August meeting dates:**

Thursday evening, September 7 at 6:00 PM

Thursday morning, September 14 at 9:00 AM

Saturday, September 23, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM for Big Table Saturday

We meet in Room Z120 of the Ziemer Building, and newcomers are always welcome!

Questions: Call Wanda Kruse - 920-737-2435 or Debbie La Violette-Spevacek - 920-374-8829

**The Crochet Group** is inviting anyone interested in joining our group on Sunday, September 10 from 2:00 PM – 4:00PM to help us crochet granny squares. We have a goal to make and donate granny square afghans to NEW Community Shelter ... no matter if experienced OR you need to learn. Come and help us make this happen! Fun and treats provided!!! We will meet in Z120 of the Ziemer Building

Saturday, September 30 - Days for Girls Workshop in the Gathering Area - 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM.

**Evelyn's Book Club**

*The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah, is an epic novel of love and heroism and hope, set against the backdrop of one of America's most defining eras-the Great Depression. Texas, 1934. Millions are out of work and a drought has broken the Great Plains. Farmers are fighting to keep their land and their livelihoods as the crops are failing, the water is drying up, and dust threatens to bury them all. One of the darkest periods of the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl era, has arrived with a vengeance. In this uncertain and dangerous time, Elsa Martinelli-like so many of her neighbors-must make an agonizing choice: fight for the land she loves or go west, to California, in search of a better life. *The Four Winds* is an indelible portrait of America and the American Dream, as seen through the eyes of one indomitable woman whose courage and sacrifice will come to define a generation".

We will meet on Friday September 15 at 12:30 PM at the Aging and Disability Resource Center at 300 S. Adam's, Green Bay, WI. There are many copies of this book at the Brown County Library.

# Prayer Requests



*The printed last name option is only available to individuals who are requesting a prayer for himself or herself and/or immediate family.*

## CONTINUE TO KEEP IN PRAYER:

Amanda  
Amber Jolie  
Amelia Dexter  
Amira Rynish  
Amy W  
Amy & Pat Klimek  
Andrew & Family  
Anthony  
Audrey Crosby  
Barbara Raime  
Beth  
Betty Birzer  
Bev Coulter  
Bill Morris  
Bill Shepherd  
Bob & Susan G  
Bobby C  
Bonny Dolan  
Branch Benton  
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Dawn  
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Jasmine  
Jean  
Jeanie  
Jess  
Jodi  
John  
John Brzozowski  
John & Jolie King  
John Mortonson  
John Schad  
Karen  
Karla  
Kelly  
Kirchner Family  
Krissy  
Lee Hansen  
Lenard Turner  
Linda Pliska  
Lisa Malmberg  
Margie Lightner  
Maria Gregor  
Marjorie Beckman  
Mark  
Marlene B  
Marlene White  
Maryanne  
Mary Hofmann

Mary Jo Solie  
Mary Jones  
Melissa  
Molly  
Nancy Jones  
Neil  
Nicole  
Noah  
Novak Family  
Pat Hanlon  
Paul Cook  
Payten  
Rev. Patrick Green  
Rhonda  
Robin Zak  
Romy  
Ryan Jones & Family  
Samantha  
Sarah H  
Sears Family  
Shelley Barstow  
Shirley Bohland  
Stan  
Steve Bader  
Steve Christenson  
Steven Kenney & Family  
Steve Kresin  
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