

## Welcome to First Church!

Welcome to Big Rapids First United Methodist - also known as First Church - we are so happy you're here! If this is your first visit, it's been a while, or you're a regular attender -you are welcome! Our worship is traditional in style but intentionally casual in "vibe". We incorporate high quality instrumental and vocal music with dynamic preaching and teaching, to offer a worship experience that is uplifting and we hope transformative. Children's Sunday School gives our younger friends a place to learn about Jesus, while our parent's lounge gives caregivers a place to address the needs of the littlest among us. We also staff a nursery every week for those parents who might need a little "break", for infants through four years old.

Worship Celebration - Sundays @ 10:00AM  
Nursery Available - Infant - 4y/o @ 9:50AM  
Children's Sunday School @ 10:15AM  
(4 1/2 - 4th Grade, start in the Sanctuary)

Coffee and light refreshments are served immediately after worship, and everyone is welcome!

### Office Hours:

Monday - Closed,  
Tues - Friday, 9AM - 3PM

*Pastor Jeremy is not available on Friday, except in emergency situations.*

## This Week @ First Church

### SUNDAY, JUNE 3

10AM - Worship Celebration (Sanctuary)  
10AM - Child Care for Infants - 4 years old (Nursery)  
10:15AM - Sunday School, 4 1/2 - 4th graders (Classroom 1)

### TUESDAY, JUNE 6

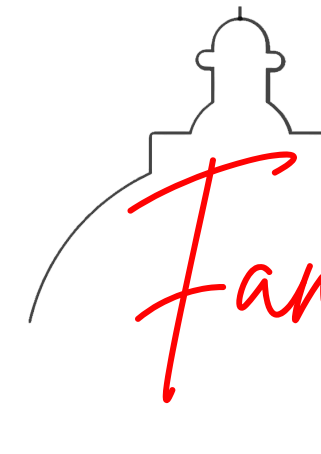
10AM - Worship Design Team (Fellowship Hall)  
5:30PM - Leadership Team (Fellowship Hall)

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

5:30 PM - Wild Wednesday @ First Church

### THURSDAY, JUNE 8

5:30PM - Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)



Week of June 4 - June 10, 2023

**FIRST CHURCH**

*Family News*

CURRENT TEACHING SERIES:

**JESUS**  
**AND WE**



*At Big Rapids First United Methodist Church we welcome, affirm, and celebrate people of any age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, national origin, ethnicity, faith tradition, physical and mental ability, economic condition, marital status, family configuration, or place on the theological or political spectrum.*

*We seek to love alike, even though we may not think alike. We embrace our differences as gifts that enrich our mission and ministries and help us grow in faith.*

*This statement of inclusion and welcome is for all people, especially those who have known the pain of exclusion and discrimination in the church, in our community, or in our culture. You are welcome here!*

## BIG RAPIDS FIRST UMC

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# Order of Worship - June 4, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - TRINITY SUNDAY

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

### \* Call to Worship

Take off your shoes!

*We are standing on holy ground.*

Shake off the dust!

*We are ready to start afresh.*

Let us worship God and receive Christ's teachings,

*that we may be renewed and strengthened*

*to share God's love with the world. Amen.*

\* Hymn - "Holy, Holy, Holy!, Lord God Almighty", UMH #64

Children's Moment - "It's A Small World", Kristal Bells

Choral Anthem - "God Has Given Me A Song to Sing!",

flute solo, Shelby Fate

pianist, Penny Cushway

Scripture Reading - Mark 6:5-6, Hebrews 11:1, 6, 8 (NRSVUE)

The word of God, for the people of God.

*Thanks be to God!*

Message - "Jesus and We - Faith Filled, Big Thinkers!"

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer (The Our Father), UMH #895

Hymn - "Come, Share the Lord", TFWS #2269

## Celebration of Holy Communion

\* Hymn - "Trust and Obey", UMH #467

## \* Benediction

## Postlude

*\*Please stand as you are able*

*Flowers are given in celebration of Charles & Paige Madden's  
6th Anniversary.*

## NOTES:



Check In Here

## Serving Today - June 4

Reader: Pat Little

Ushers: Pat & Marion Williamson, Joann Haist

Greeters: Pete Jensen, Kathi Parker

Children's Sunday School: Pam Fleming, Bev Wesche

Today's Focus - "The Lord's Prayer"- Spiritual Practices

Matthew 6:11 Give us the bread we need for today.

Nursery: Trisha Jadhav, Julie Tessin

## Serving Next Week - June 11

Reader: Charles Madden

Ushers: Mike & Jana Pisani

Greeters: Barbara Ross, Denise Jefts

Children's Sunday School: Rev. Karen Poole, Julie Tessin

Today's Focus - "The Lord's Prayer" - Art

Matthew 6:11 Give us the bread we need for today.

Nursery: Trisha Jadhav, Bev Wesche

## WILD WEDNESDAY KICKS OF THIS WEEK!!!

WW will be focused on creating VBS like experiences for children on Wednesday evenings at the church, and once a month for "Big Day" events. This ministry will be supported by a summer intern position but will require other adults to make sure everything runs well, and we are in compliance with safety standards. If you are interested in serving, please sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

## FREE MOM HUGS / BIG RAPIDS PRIDE - JUNE 25

As we did last year, BRFUMC will have a table at the Big Rapids Pride event on Sunday, June 25, 2023. We will also be partnering with other inclusive faith communities, and Free Mom Hugs, for this event. If you are interested in being present at the event, or participating as part of Free Mom Hugs, please email or text Pastor Jeremy, or plan to come to the volunteer meetup on June 12 @ 7PM (BRFUMC Fellowship Hall). And don't forget, FMH includes dads, too!

## COMMUNITY MEAL PROGRAM IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

Our Thursday Community Meal ministry is in need of volunteers to help our guests feel welcomed when they come to First Church. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please contact the office or Mike Gibson.

## BOARD OF YOUNG PEOPLES MINISTRY FUNDS SUMMER INTERN POSITIONS!

We are excited to announce that First Church and FSU Wesley both received grants from the Michigan Conference Board of Young People's Ministry to fund summer internships - and we've already hired THREE incredible young adults to fill those roles! Grace, Devin, and Milly (you'll meet them soon!) will work together on summer projects including Wild Wednesdays, Community Block Party, FSU Wesley Student Food Pantry, Angels of Action Summer Lunch Program, Big Rapids Pride Festival, and basically anything else that comes up between next week and mid-August. As you see these young adults around the building and community, please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome!

## ANGELS OF ACTION SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

This summer we will continue our partnership with Angels of Action to help feed hungry children in our area. This year they will be providing lunches to families on Tuesdays, so we need volunteers who are able to help on Mondays to prepare the food. The team will gather at Angels of Action on Mondays at 10 AM, starting on June 12, and will be preparing food to feed 200 children a fresh lunch for Tuesday, and packing other food for them to assemble at home on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please let Laurie Daniels know if you are interested / available to help with this incredible ministry.

## FALL BOOK / BIBLE STUDIES

We are beginning our planning for Fall 2023, and are hoping to offer several options for book / Bible studies. If you are interested in leading an adult book / Bible study in the fall, please contact Pastor Jeremy before August 1.

*The Information Center across from the office is a treasure trove of information - check it out! If you questions about any of the ministries or events at First Church, please contact the office.*