

JULY / AUGUST MISSION FOCUS

During the months of July and August, we will be collecting the following items at all three campuses. These personal care items be shared with those that attend the block party and anything left over will be added to one of our personal needs pantries that will be installed this summer:

- Laundry soap
- Dish soap
- Disinfectant spray
- Toilet cleaner
- Lysol wipes
- Other Cleaning supplies
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Kleenex
- Body soaps [for kids and adults]
- Lotions
- ChapStick
- Toothbrushes [for kids and adults]
- Toothpaste [for kids and adults]
- Mouth rinse
- Floss
- Deodorant
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Brushes
- Q-tips
- Nail files
- shampoo and conditioner
- Band-Aids
- Feminine hygiene products
- Diapers (all sizes)
- Wipes

SPECIAL OFFERING

On Sunday, July 14 we will receive a special offering for OUR BROTHERS KEEPER at all three campuses.

Welcome to First Church!

Welcome to Big Rapids First United Methodist, an inclusive and affirming congregation (you can read our welcome statement here: [bigrapidsfirst.org/welcome](http://bigrapidsfirst.org/welcome)) - we are so happy you're here! If this is your first visit, or you're not familiar with us, check out our "First Visit" page online @ [www.bigrapidsfirst.org/firstvisit](http://www.bigrapidsfirst.org/firstvisit). Here you will find information about what to expect in worship, where to park, options for kids, and maybe mostly importantly - the location of the bathrooms! If you require additional assistance, please ask any of our welcome team members, and they will be happy to help!

Happening This Week

SUNDAY, JULY 7

9AM - Worship Celebration @ Paris UMC  
9:50AM - Hymn Sing @ First Church  
10AM - Worship Celebration @ First Church  
*Fellowship / Coffee Hour Immediately Following Worship*  
10:15AM - Fellowship / Coffee Hour @ Third Ave  
10:45AM - Hymn Sing @ Third Ave  
11AM - Worship Celebration @ Third Ave UMC

MONDAY, JULY 8

12PM - Alcoholics Anonymous @ Third Ave  
7PM - UMMMC Leadership Team Meeting @ First Church

TUESDAY, JULY 9

10AM - Worship Design Team @ First Church  
12PM / 7PM - Alcoholics Anonymous @ Third Ave  
7PM - Community Outreach and Evangelism Team @ First Church

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

11:30AM - Community Lunch @ Third Ave  
5:30-7:30PM - Wild Wednesday @ First Church

THURSDAY, JULY 11

5:30PM - Community Dinner @ First Church  
7PM - Alcoholics Anonymous @ Paris

FRIDAY, JULY 12

6AM / 12PM - Alcoholics Anonymous @ Third Ave

SATURDAY, JULY 13

10AM - Crafting With A Cause @ First Church (Fellowship Hall)  
11AM - Alcoholics Anonymous @ Paris

SUNDAY, JULY 14

1PM - ALL CHURCH PICNIC @ NORTH END PARK

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- July 14 UMMMC will host a Family Picnic for the members and friends of the First, Third Ave, and Paris churches. We have reserved space at North End Park, from 1:00PM - 5:00PM. Food and drinks will be provided. Bring your favorite lawn games and a camp chair.
- Crafting With A Cause - Join us on Saturday, July 13 @ 10AM in the Fellowship Hall at First Church! We will be tie dying personal hygiene bags, making plarn mats, and tying blankets for Angels of Action. You don't have to be crafty or possess any skills to join in the fun at Crafting with a Cause - just show up, have fun, and help make a difference in our community!
- August 18 - UMMMC, and the Third Ave Campus, will host a block party at Third Ave on Sunday, August 18th from 5PM - 7PM. The focus will be on caring for mind, body, spirit, and others. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be passed around at Third Ave and Paris and posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall at First Church.

Week of July 7 - July 13, 2024

Family News



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - CLOSED / TUES - FRIDAY, 9AM - 3PM

PARIS UMC

109 Lincoln St  
Paris, MI 49338  
Worship @ 9AM

FIRST CHURCH

304 Elm Street  
Big Rapids, MI 49307  
Hymn Sing @ 9:50AM  
Worship @ 10AM  
Fellowship @ 11AM

THIRD AVENUE UMC

226 North Third Ave  
Big Rapids, MI 49307  
Fellowship @ 10:15AM  
Hymn Sing @ 10:45AM  
Worship @ 11AM

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# Order of Worship - July 7, 2024

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

### \* Call to Worship

Today, we gather as a community of faith, bringing with us our questions, our uncertainties, and our doubts.

*We come with hearts open to seeking and understanding, knowing that God meets us where we are.*

As we worship, let us remember the words of the father who cried out, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief."

*We lift our voices to the Lord, who welcomes our doubts and strengthens our faith.*

Let us worship God, trusting that God is with us in our questioning and will lead us to deeper understanding.

**\* Hymn** - "I Love to Tell The Story", UMH #156

## Children's Message

**Special Music** - "What Wondrous Love Is This", Linda Peek

**Scripture Reading** - Matthew 28:16-17 & John 20:24-28 (NRSVUE)

The word of God, for the people of God.

*Thanks be to God!*

**Hymn** - "Spirit Song", UMH #347

**Message** - "Dealing with Doubt"

## The Lord's Prayer

**Stewardship Moment** - \* "The Doxology", UMH #95

**\* Hymn** - "It Is Well with My Soul", UMH #377

### \* Benediction & Postlude

*Pastor Jeremy will greet people in the Warren St Lobby immediately after worship.*

*\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.*

## NOTES:



Check In Here

## Serving Today - July 7

Reader: Pat Little  
Ushers: Pat and Marion Williamson  
Greeter: Denise Jefts  
Children's Sunday School: Trisha Jadhav, Casey Leavelle  
Nursery: Diane Parrish, Katie Aris  
Fellowship Host: Dixi Boswell

## Serving Next Week - July 14

Reader: Carol Hillman  
Ushers: Colin & Roberta Cline  
Greeter: Pete Jensen  
Children's Sunday School: Larisa Draves, Bev Wesche  
Nursery: Diane Parrish, Jana Pisani  
Fellowship Host: Char Fitch

## NEW CAMPUS PASTOR FOR THIRD AVE & PARIS

We are thrilled to welcome our new Associate Pastor, Ray Setlock, to our church staff team! Ray will be serving as the Campus Pastor for both Third Avenue and Paris United Methodist Churches, bringing his passion and energy to our vibrant communities. In his new role, Ray will work closely with Pastor Jeremy to spearhead our Outreach and Evangelism efforts across all campuses, ensuring that our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world is at the forefront of everything we do.



Ray comes to us with a heart for ministry and a deep commitment to spreading the love of Christ. His enthusiasm for connecting with people and sharing the Gospel is contagious, and we can't wait to see how God will work through him in our congregations. As we continue to grow and serve together, Ray's leadership will be instrumental in helping us reach new heights in our mission.

Join us in welcoming Ray Setlock to our church family! Let's embrace this exciting new chapter with open hearts and minds, ready to make a powerful impact in our community and beyond. Together, we will continue to transform lives and make a difference for the Kingdom of God.

## GIVING SYSTEM

We have worked hard to ensure that giving systems at each campus will remain the same. You can continue to give through the system of your local campus, in the same ways you have always given. Checks can be made out to First UMC, Third Ave UMC, or Paris UMC, and current electronic giving systems will stay in place as well. It is our hope to roll out electronic giving options at the Paris and Third Ave campuses this fall.

## LEADERSHIP TEAM HOLDS FIRST MEETING JULY 8TH

We have officially appointed a 2024 Leadership Team! This team bridges the gap between now and January 1, 2025 when a new leadership team will begin their term, after being elected by the fall church conference. The Leadership Team serves as the fiduciary, strategic, and generative body of the congregation. Their primary tasks are working with the Executive Pastor to tend to the stewardship of tangible assets, set the congregation's priorities, ensure that resources are aligned with those priorities, and remain future-focused to anticipate the shifting needs of the congregation and community.

We currently have an "open slot" for another leader from Third Ave. If you are a member who is actively engaged in ministry at Third and are interested in serving on the Leadership Team this year, contact Pastor Jeremy. Members of the Leadership Team are listed below:

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| Adriana Mallett - Third | Beth Bejcek - First     |
| Dixi Boswell - First    | Jane Pedelty - Paris    |
| Kate Hanna - Paris      | Matthew Parrish - First |
| Valerie Delaney - First | Wil Olson - First       |