

## CELEBRATING REV. KIM BOS

On Sunday, June 21, we will take time during worship and fellowship hour to celebrate Kim's ministry and offer our thanks as she and her family prepare for their new adventure with First United Methodist Church in Mount Pleasant. We invite you to join us for this special celebration. Please consider bringing a card, note, or written word of appreciation to share with Kim and her family. Whether you have known her for many years or have simply been inspired by her ministry, your encouragement will be a meaningful gift as they make this transition.

Come help us celebrate, give thanks, and send Kim and her family with our love, prayers, and best wishes for the journey ahead.

## TABLE TALK: FAITH, POLITICS, AND FOLLOWING JESUS

What does it mean to follow Jesus in a time when faith and politics are often deeply intertwined? Beginning Wednesday, July 1, our regular Table Talk gathering will become a five-week book discussion centered on *The Flag + The Cross: White Christian Nationalism and the Threat to American Democracy* by Philip Gorski and Samuel Perry. We will meet Wednesdays at noon through July 29 at the Downtown Campus.

In *The Flag + The Cross*, the authors explore the history and influence of white Christian nationalism in the United States and examine how it differs from the teachings of Jesus. Through history, sociology, theology, and contemporary examples, they challenge readers to consider the relationship between faith, power, and public life while inviting Christians to reclaim a faith rooted in humility, justice, and love of neighbor.

If you've attended Table Talk before, the format will feel familiar. Bring your lunch, bring your book, and join the conversation. This will be an opportunity to gather around the table, share perspectives, ask questions, and learn from one another, so whether you are curious about the topic, looking to deepen your understanding, or simply enjoy thoughtful conversation, you are welcome to join us. Books are available for \$10 each. To reserve a copy, please contact Barb in the church office by June 25 so that we can order enough books for everyone.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PRIDE: BIG RAPIDS

On Sunday, June 28, UMMMC will once again participate in Pride: Big Rapids, and we are looking for volunteers to help staff our booth throughout the event. A sign-up sheet is available in Fellowship Hall.

Why do we participate? Because we believe every person is created in the image of God and worthy of love, dignity, and belonging. As an inclusive and affirming congregation, we want our LGBTQIA+ neighbors to know that there are churches where they are not merely welcomed, but celebrated as beloved members of God's family.

Our presence at Pride is an opportunity to listen, build relationships, share who we are, and offer a visible reminder that faith and affirmation can coexist. For many people, a conversation at Pride may be their first positive interaction with a church in years—or ever. You don't need to be an expert. You simply need to be willing to offer a smile, extend hospitality, answer questions about our church, and help create a welcoming presence in our community. If you are willing to serve for part of the day, please sign up in Fellowship Hall. Together, we can help ensure that our neighbors know they are loved, valued, and welcome.

## PARIS CAMPUS WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

Beginning June 14, the Paris Campus will return to a 9:00 AM worship time. This change will allow Pastor Jeremy to be present and preach at Paris more regularly while strengthening connections across UMMMC. Pastor Jeremy will typically preach on the second and fourth Sundays each month, with Dave Hanna, Kate Hanna, and Ray Setlock leading worship on other Sundays.

## What's Happening

### SUNDAY, JUNE 7

9:30AM - Worship @ Paris (North) Campus  
10AM - Worship @ First Church (Downtown) Campus  
11:15AM - UMMMC Family Meeting & Potluck @ Downtown Campus

### TUESDAY, JUNE 9

9AM - Director's Meeting @ Downtown Campus  
10AM - Worship Design Team @ Downtown Campus

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

10AM - SOUL Circle @ Downtown Campus  
11AM - Worship Planning @ North Campus  
5:30PM - "Purpose Driven Life" Dinner / Book Study @ North Campus

### THURSDAY, JUNE 11

5:30PM - Community Dinner @ Downtown Campus

### FRIDAY, JUNE 12

2PM - Block Party @ Downtown Campus

## FAMILY MEETING & POTLUCK - JUNE 7

On Sunday, June 7, we'll gather for a UMMMC Family Meeting and Potluck immediately following worship at our downtown campus. This is one of the key ways we come together as a whole church—to connect, share a meal, and stay engaged in the life and direction of our ministry. You'll hear updates about what's happening across our campuses and where we're headed next. Everyone is invited, and if you're able to bring a dish to pass, it's always appreciated. Make plans to stay and be part of the conversation!

## SENIOR ENRICHMENT DAY - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

Senior Enrichment Day will be held at Big Rapids High School on Wednesday, June 24, 2026. The seminar series offered this year includes a choice of more than 40 diverse educational sessions, providing a "one-stop shop" for vital information for seniors. Options include fitness classes, painting, long-term care, and financial planning options, help with Medicare, Veteran's benefits, and more. The sessions are 45 minutes in length and are designed for seniors, their children, and caregivers. Registration materials for the Senior Enrichment Day may be found in the Information Center outside of the church office. You may also register online: [www.seniorenrichmentday.com](http://www.seniorenrichmentday.com)

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Week of June 7 - June 13, 2026

# Family News

# THE TIME IS NOW

THE FIELDS ARE RIPE FOR HARVEST.

JOHN 4:35



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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS: TUES - FRIDAY, 9AM - 3PM  
PASTOR OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY & THURSDAY, 9AM - 12PM & 12:30PM - 3PM

### NORTH CAMPUS - PARIS

109 Lincoln St  
Paris, MI 49338  
[ummecosta.org/paris](http://ummecosta.org/paris)

Worship Gathering  
in-person  
Sundays @ 9:30AM

### DOWNTOWN CAMPUS - FIRST

304 Elm Street  
Big Rapids, MI 49307  
[bigrapidsfirst.org](http://bigrapidsfirst.org)

Worship Gathering  
in-person and online  
Sundays @ 10AM

# Order of Worship - June 7, 2026

**"This is the Day" Call and Response** - Gordon Mallett

## Welcome & Announcements

**Musical Meditation** - Ed Mallett

**\* Call to Worship** (Reader / *People*)

The fields are ripe for harvest.

*The opportunities to love, serve, and share hope are all around us.*

Too often we wait for a better moment, a more convenient season, a clearer invitation.

*But Christ calls us to open our eyes and see.*

The time is now.

*The world is hungry for grace, justice, compassion, and belonging.*

The time is now.

*To live our faith with courage and purpose.*

The time is now.

*To join in the work God is already doing among us.*

Come, let us worship the One who sends us, equips us, and invites us into the harvest.

**\* Hymn**

## Praises and Prayers

*Prayers and Praises of the People*

*Pastoral Prayer*

*The Lord's Prayer*

**Scripture Reading** - John 4:27-38

Reader: The word of God, for the people of God.

People: *Thanks be to God!*

**\* Hymn**

**Message** - "The Time Is Now", Ray Setlock

**Silent Prayer of Reflection**

**Offering**

**\* The Doxology**, UMH #95

**\* Hymn**

**\* Benediction**

**Postlude**

\* PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT

NOTES:

# Welcome to Paris!

Welcome to Paris, the North Campus of United Methodist Ministries of Mecosta County - we're so glad you're here! This is a place where faith feels like family, where neighbors become friends, and where we learn and grow together in Christ's love.

Whether you're visiting, returning, or looking for a church home, you are welcome here. Come as you are, bring your questions and your hopes, and make yourself at home.

If you need anything or have questions, our church family is here to help. We're blessed to have you with us today.

## SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK - JOHN 4:27-38

New International Version

<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?"

<sup>28</sup>Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup>"Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?"<sup>30</sup> They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

<sup>31</sup>Meanwhile his disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat something."

<sup>32</sup>But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about."

<sup>33</sup>Then his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?"

<sup>34</sup>"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. <sup>35</sup>Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. <sup>36</sup>Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. <sup>37</sup>Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor."

Your generosity makes a difference! To avoid any confusion in our giving systems, please make your checks out to Paris UMC or UMMMMC. Thank you for your continued support!



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