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OUR MISSION

To make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

OUR VALUES

CONNECT.GROW.SERVE.

We **CONNECT** with God through Worship.

We **GROW** with friends spiritually in grow groups.

We **SERVE** God by making a difference in our community and world.

An accessible restroom with changing table is located at the back of the sanctuary.

Hearing assistance devices are available at the **Welcome Center**.

Nursery is available during the 9:30am service. Activity bags are available at the **FIRSTKIDS** table.

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Welcome to
First United
Methodist Church

Saturday June 13, 2026 • 5:00 pm

WELCOME

***OPENING SONGS**

Thrive

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRAYER TIME

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Join in singing “*Celebrate*”.

MESSAGE

Set the Pace: Walk

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

Pastor Sara McManus

OFFERING

REFLECTION SONG

Friend In Jesus

OFFERING PRAYER

CLOSING SONG

I Thank God

***BLESSING**

Thank You For Worshiping With Us Today!

**The congregation is invited to stand as they are able.*

Children’s Church Note:

This summer we will only be having Children's Church on Saturday's during June and July. We will be taking a break in August to get ready for the fall.

VBS Registration is now open!
Use the QR Code on the right to sign up.



Monday, July 20 thru Thursday, July 23
6:00—8:00 pm starting with a meal at 5pm.

Open to children in Preschool (age 3) thru children going into 6th grade in the fall.



We will be doing VBS with Grace Lutheran this year and it will be held here at First United Methodist Church.

It’s a great time of activities such as games, music, story time and snack time all while learning about the birth of our Lord, Jesus.

If you would like to help with VBS, please contact Lori or Bobbie. *Come celebrate Christmas in July as we “Race You to the Manger”!*

June Mission of the Month is Respite Care Scholarships

We have two amazing organizations in town - Edgewood and Harmony Hill - that offer respite care for adults with extra needs. In our congregation, we have people who lovingly care for others or know people who do this and sometimes they need an extra break to get things done or go on short trips or any number of things.

For the month of June, all mission of the month giving will be put into a scholarship fund to assist those who want to utilize these services. We simply would fund the care, but the care would be fully coordinated by the caregiver with one of the two providers. As whole people, we all need time to fill our own cups, this is just another way for us to help one another accomplish that with fewer barriers.

Donations can be made by the following:

- ◇ Make checks out to First UMC and note “Respite Care” in the memo.
- ◇ Cash donations welcome. Please note for “Respite Care”.
- ◇ Visit www.watertownfirst.church/giving—select Mission of the Month—Note “Respite Care” in the comments.

Thank you for your support!

Summer Worship Schedule at First Church:

There will be No Saturday evening worship on the following weekends.

No Saturday Worship on June 20—Worship at Foundation Plaza on Sunday June 21 at 9:00 am (Please Note Worship Time Change for that weekend).

No Saturday Worship on July 4—Holiday Weekend

No Saturday Worship on September 5—Labor Day Weekend

We invite you to join us for One Service on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am.

A Huge Thank You to all our weekend (Sat. & Sun.) musicians for your dedication and beautiful music you provide all year long.

Samuel Summer Internship!

We are excited to announce that our summer intern for 2026 will be Cortlyn Paulson. Cortlyn just finished her sophomore year at Watertown High School and is a strong leader in our church. Throughout this summer, Cortlyn will learn about what it means to be a pastor, work at the church and understand what it looks like to follow her call. Like our previous interns, you'll find Cortlyn around the church, in the office and helping out in worship.



The Samuel Project is a 10-week summer program for high school students who already feel God's call of ministry. The Samuel project is focused on providing opportunities for high school age youth who desire to experience what a calling into ministry might feel and look like, prior to beginning higher education.

New Here or Just Visiting? We'd love to connect with you and pray for you. Please fill out a Connect Card and place it in the offering plate. Also stop at the Welcome Center for a free gift from First Church.

CHURCH FINANCES: Thank you for your financial gifts to First Church. Your support is appreciated and helps in so many ways. You can give online: www.watertownfirst.church/giving Or use the QR code.



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Monday, June 15

1:15 pm Coffee, Cookies & Conversation—Church Lounge
Memory Care Services
1:30 pm Edgewood
2:30 pm Cedar View

Tuesday, June 16

11:30 am Lunch a Bunch at Pizza Ranch

Wednesday, June 17

9:15 am Embracing God Bible Study—Church Lounge

Thursday, June 18

10:00 am Women's Bible Study—Fellowship Hall

Friday, June 19—Office Closed

Saturday, June 20

7:00 am Back Room Boys—Church Library
9:00 am Late Risers—Stones Café

No Saturday Night Worship on this Date

Sunday, June 21

9:00 am **Blended Worship Service at Foundation Plaza**
(No worship in the church building this day—Join us at the Plaza)

Monday, June 22

1:15 pm Coffee, Cookies & Conversation—Church Lounge

Wednesday, June 24

9:15 am Embracing God Bible Study—Church Lounge

Thursday, June 25

10:00 am Women's Bible Study—Fellowship Hall

Friday, June 26—Office Closed

Saturday, June 27

7:00 am Back Room Boys—Church Library
9:00 am Late Risers—Stones Café
3:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

5:00 pm Contemporary Worship Service

Sunday, June 28

9:30 am **Blended Worship Service**

Sunday • June 14, 2026 • 9:30 am

Prelude

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Centering Thought:

At times, life and faith require us to get uncomfortable, will you leave your comfort zone for God?

Greeting

Call To Worship & Opening Prayer:

Pastor: God calls us to move

All: But we fear the unknown.

Pastor: God calls us to move

All: But movement can be uncomfortable.

Pastor: God calls us to move

All: So we move, trusting that God goes with us preparing the way.

Prayer of Response:

Holy God, you call us again and again to leave our comfort zones and follow where you lead. We resist out of uncertainty and fear because the outcome seems uncertain. We become stuck, paralyzed by the unknown before us. Help us to hear your voice still speaking, help us to see you at work in the world. Grant us courage to have faith.. Grant us the boldness to serve how you call us to serve . Walk beside us as we journey in faith to encourage and strengthen us. Amen.

Act of Praise

We Are Called

TFWS #2172

LISTEN AND PRAY

1st Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Announcements

Prayers of the People

Sunday • June 14, 2026 • 9:30 am

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Time for Young Disciples

Join in singing "*Celebration*".

Song

We Walk By Faith

TFWS #2196

HEAR AND REFLECT

Gospel

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

Sermon

Set the Pace: Walk

Pastor Sara McManus

Reflection Moment

This Is a Day of New Beginnings (1-4)

UMH #383

Offering

* Doxology

Holy, Holy, Holy (vs 4)

UMH #64

* Offering Prayer

* Sending Song

Living Spirit, Holy Spirit

On Screens

* Benediction

Postlude

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Worship Notes



Set the Pace: Walk

GROW

Daily Scripture

M: Galatians 6:11-18
T: Revelation 21:22-22:5
W: 1 Samuel 15:10-23
T: Luke 6:43-45
F: Psalm 53

Devotional Questions

1. Movement of any kind - physical or spiritual - requires something new. How might this newness be a gift from God?
2. Where is God calling you to move?
3. How might your movement impact someone else?

Creative Response

Listen to this episode of "Compass Podcast"



CONNECT

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

One thing:

Movement is a practice of faith and trust, regardless the form of movement.

SERVE

Pray:

Pray for those brave enough to take the first step in whatever new chapter they face.

Do:

Go for a 5 minute walk each day and pray about something on your heart.

Go:

Kids Theater Camp: Annie
June 18 & 19
Town Players Theater
1 & 7 pm