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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

Prelude

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Centering Thought: When have you felt your faith most at work?

Greeting

Call To Worship & Opening Prayer: Based on song “Finlandia”

Leader: Our skies are blue and our fields are green

All: So are the skies and fields of our neighbors

Leader: The sun that shines here

All: Shines on our friends, far and wide

Leader: No matter what happens in life, the sun will shine, the skies will be blue and the fields will turn green

All: Faithful God, you are so good. Help us to cultivate an understanding of faithfulness that reminds us of all the ways you continue to work. That when skies appear gray, they are blue somewhere else. And when our fields have gone brown, others are turning green. And that the sun will always shine through your Son. Amen.

Act of Praise *America the Beautiful* UMH #696

LISTEN AND PRAY

1st Reading Psalm 117 (NIV)

Announcements

Prayers of the People

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 *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* UMH #101

HEAR AND REFLECT

Gospel *Exodus 3:1-16 (NIV)*

Sermon *The America’s Holy Ground: Yellowstone*
Pastor Amy Atkins

Reflection Moment *Here I Am, Lord* UMH #593

Holy Communion: *All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion.*
Offering plates will be available at the front of the church for your gifts.
If you cannot come up for communion, please let an usher know and we will share it with you in the pew.

* **Sending Song** *Lord, We Come to Ask Your Blessing* TFWS #2230

* **Benediction**

Postlude

Thank You For Worshiping With Us Today!
* The congregation is invited to stand if they are able.



We invite you to help us kick off our 2026 VBS! Run, Walk, Bike, Skate, or just cheer us on as we “Race You to the Manger”!

**Saturday, July 18th—VBS 5K / Start from & Return to First Church
7:00 am Registration / 8:00 am Race Begins**

- * All ages are welcome to participate with feet or wheels BUT **NO Motorized items are allowed.**
- * Race route will be mapped out for those who wish to cheer on the racers.
- * Water stations will be available along the way.
- * If you’d like to volunteer to host at one of the water stations, please contact the church office.

This will be a fun and exciting day for all. Hope to see you there as we “Race You to the Manger” for VBS.

July Mission of the Month is VBS - Your donations will help with expenses for meals, snacks, crafts etc. Registration for children is free.

Donations can be made by the following:

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

Thank you for your support!

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, July 6

- 1:15 pm Coffee, Cookies & Conversation—Church Lounge
- 5:30 pm Women of Grace Fun Night at Sr. Max’s

Tuesday, July 7

- VBS Decorating Party

Wednesday, July 8

- 9:15 am Embracing God Bible Study

Thursday, July 9

- 10:00 am Women’s Bible Study—Fellowship Hall
- VBS Decorating Party

Friday, July 10—Office Closed

Saturday, July 11

- 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

Sunday, July 12

- 9:30 am Blended Worship Service

Monday, July 13

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

Wednesday, July 15

- 9:15 am Embracing God Bible Study

Thursday, July 16

- 10:00 am Women’s Bible Study—Fellowship Hall

Friday, July 17—Office Closed

Saturday, July 18—5K Walk Run to Kick off VBS

- 7:00 am Registration for 5K**
- 8:00 am 5K Begins at Church and ends at Church**
- 7:00 am Back Room Boys—Church Library
- 9:00 am Late Risers—Stones Café
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Vacation Bible School at First United Methodist Church July 2026.

Monday, July 20 thru Thursday, July 23 / 6:00—8:00 pm starting with a meal at 5 pm.
Open to children in Preschool (age 3) thru children going into 6th grade in the fall.
Registration Now Open. Use the QR Code

Worship Notes



Yellowstone: Faithfulness

GROW

Daily Scripture

M: Colossians 1: 27-2 7
T: 1 John 2:1-6
W: Amos 7: 1-6
T: Acts 1: 15-20
F: Psalm 85

Devotional Questions

1. How might God be calling you to stretch your faithfulness?
2. How has God's faithfulness shaped you recently?
3. Preservation can look different: recycling, litter clean up, telling someone they belong just as they are, seeing God's image in yourself - which challenges you most?

Creative Response

Read this
blog from
Creation Justice.



CONNECT

Psalm 117

One thing:

We are called to be faithful to preserving God's creation - in nature, others and ourselves.

SERVE

Pray:

Pray for those enjoying God's creation at camp this summer.

Do:

Pick a park or trail and go for a walk, think of all God created and offer a prayer of thanks along the way.

Go:

Watertown Municipal Band
Concert
Foundation Plaza
Most Sundays
7:30pm