

This Week In Worship

Traditional

9:30 am

Hymn Sing, 9:15 am

Contemporary

11:15 am

"An Awesome Church"

Acts 2:43-47

Rev. Dr. J. D. Landis

Attendance

Sunday, July 10

Traditional

9:30 am - 422

Contemporary

11:15 am - 118

Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines

➤ Aug. 7 issue
due Wed., July 27

➤ Aug. 14 issue
due Wed., Aug. 3

e-mail your information to

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Summer Office Hours

Monday-Friday
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
June 20-August 19

Midland First United Methodist Church

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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If you are visiting and would like to learn more about our church, please pick up a Welcome Brochure from the turnstile on the counter at the back of the Sanctuary. Announcement bulletins are available from an usher or the Plexiglas racks at each entrance to the Sanctuary. We hope your time with us is memorable and we invite you to return next week!

Name Tags

To assist with associating names with faces, please remember to wear your church name tag. We are a large church and Rev. Landis and Carolyn would like to learn names as quickly as possible. There are several name tags on the board in the Narthex. If you need a new name tag, please call Tonya in the church office, 835-6797 ext. 20.



CHURCH ADDRESS

We have closed our box at the post office. When you send mail to the church, please use this address:

**315 W. Larkin St.
Midland, MI 48640-5152**

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

with Rev. Dr. Charles Keyworth

Join Dr. Keyworth for a 4-week study of the book of *Esther* this summer. The study dates are:

July 11, 18, 25, and August 1
9:30 - 11:00 am, Fellowship Hall

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Traditional Worship ~ 9:30 am, Sanctuary

Summer Contemporary Worship ~ 11:15 am, Sanctuary

July 31

“Wrestling With God”
Genesis 32:22-31

Rev. Dr. Charles Keyworth

August 7

“An Altogether Church”
Acts 2:42-47

Rev. Dr. J. D. Landis

Mid-Week Worship ~ 7:00 pm, Chapel

July 27

Rev. Catherine Christman



We want to pray for you. Please call Tonya in the church office, 835-6797 ext. 20, or e-mail prayer requests to prayer@fumcmid.org. Prayer requests are kept confidential.

Bishop Jonathan D. Keaton is recovering from surgery this month. Please keep the bishop and his family in your prayers.



Volunteers Needed for New Sanctuary Build

The Missions Work Area is sponsoring a weekly volunteer team to help Coleman's Faith United Methodist Church build a new sanctuary. Volunteers are needed every Thursday for at least the next several months and will participate in a variety of building activities - no skills needed other than willing hands and hearts.

Carpooling will be available from the church parking lot at 8:30 am returning at about 4:00 pm. Lunch, snacks, and water will be available from Coleman church members. The first team will begin on July 28. Please contact Jim Sedon (835-6455) or Duane Townley (835-7564) to sign up for any, or all, of these Thursday work teams.



Congratulations to Gerald and Betty Hath who are celebrating their 68th wedding anniversary July 24.



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lakeshore Retreat
Adult Retreat for Age 60+
Lake Huron Retreat Center ~ August 1-5, 2011**



Come to the beautiful Lake Huron Retreat Center in Burtchville, Michigan, Monday, August 1 – Friday, August 5, for Bible study, worship, music, arts and fellowship. This retreat is for men and women, married or single. There will be plenty of time to relax on the beach or in the camp lounge and watch the Great Lakes freighters go by. Cost is \$310 per person (two to a room) or \$265 (three per room). Camperships of \$50 a person will help defray costs. Contact Rev. Pam Buchholz for more information or register online at www.umccamps.org.

Bay Shore Family Camp Services

Saturday, July 30 - Friday, August 5 at 7:00 pm

Guest Speaker - Rev. Joel Deselm

During the week, special Bible studies are conducted at 9:00 and 10:30 am. Speakers include Rev. Dr. J. D. Landis who will address "Re-discovering Our Spiritual Heritage," and Rev. Terry Euper who will speak on "A Journey in Discipleship." There will be six Bible studies in all with great music and fun activities in the afternoons for all ages. It is Bay Shore's 100th Anniversary. Come up for the day or call 989-883-2501 for overnight.

You Saw Her Again Today

"She's going through such a hard time," you thought. "Too bad no one is there for her." But, we, at First United Methodist Church, can be there for her.

A Stephen Minister would like to visit, listen and care for your friend. For information, contact Rev. Dr. Lisa McIlvenna (835-7511), Jo Winchester (631-0122), Kendall DeVuyst (859-9194), Terry Townley (835-7564) or JaneWatkins (859-0712).



Worship Where You Wander



When you worship elsewhere this summer, please bring back a copy of the worship bulletin for our summer bulletin board. It's always fun to see where others have traveled and how others worship. Simply drop off the bulletin to the main office when you return to town. Safe travels!

FUMC INFORMATION



*Open Hearts.
Open Minds.
Open Doors.*



We are a dynamic faith community, seeking to follow Christ's example of loving God, nurturing one another, and serving the world.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 24, 2011 Liturgist: Rev. Catherine Christman 9:30 AM

9:15 - HYMN SING

GREETINGS AND SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

The music is the signal to end our conversations and prepare our hearts for worship.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” arr. Whitworth
Jantz Black, organist

***CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT** “Spirit of the Living God” #393

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, heavenly Dove, and alight upon us. Anoint us to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release, recovery, and freedom to those in need.

People: Empower us to work for God’s kingdom in such a way that life becomes a Jubilee, for us and for all people.

Leader: Lift up the lonely, the neglected, the outcast. Comfort the grieving. Restore the lost. Be the advocate of the afflicted.

People: Teach all your people. Remind us of Jesus, and lead us into all the truth.

Leader: Keep us on the edge of dynamic living, wrapped in the flames of new beginnings, and filled with power for personal renewal.

People: Form us in the likeness of Christ, that we may glorify God’s name.

Leader: Renew your church. Fill stagnant and empty lives with the breath of God. Overcome our apathy, and energize us with your engaging presence.

People: Give your church new vision, new hope, and a driving desire to claim the promise of new birth. In Christ’s name, Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** “Freely, Freely” #389

UNISON PRAYER

Thou who art over us, Thou who art one of us, Thou who art: Give me a pure heart, that I may see thee; a humble heart, that I may hear thee; a heart of love, that I may serve thee; a heart of faith, that I may abide in thee. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE OFFERING

Offertory “Just As I Am” arr. Bish

*Doxology “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #95

*Prayer of Dedication

***HYMN** “Take My Life, and Let It Be” #399
(Children please come forward during the last stanza.)

CHILDREN’S TIME Rev. Dr. J. D. Landis

THE CALL TO SCRIPTURE “Thy Word Is a Lamp” (refrain only) #601

SCRIPTURE READINGS (N.T. Pew Bible, pg. 119) Acts 2:17-21, 43-47
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON “An Awesome Church” Rev. Dr. J. D. Landis

MOMENTS FOR MEDITATION AND COMMITMENT

***HYMN** “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” #420

***BENEDICTION & RESPONSE** “Go Now In Peace” Price/Besig
(See music on inside back cover of hymnal.)

***POSTLUDE** “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” D. Wood

***Worshippers standing**

FOR FUN AND FELLOWSHIP...don’t forget to come to the pool area after the service. Punch, cookies and smiles will be served.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Thomas Ball by his family.

Sympathy and prayers to the family of Marian Schoff who passed away July 14.

“Welcoming is a lifestyle shared by each member of a worshipping congregation. St. Benedict said, ‘All guests who present themselves are to be received as Christ.’”

UM Council on Ministries

Midland First United Methodist Church



THIS WEEK IN ADULT SUMMER STUDIES

Take time this summer to ask your faith questions and take a closer look at the Bible. Come as often as you are able. Childcare is provided on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoon. For other classes, please contact the church office. New to the church or community? Drop into a summer study and let us get to know each other.

1. Serious Answers to Hard Questions - led by Rev. Pam Buchholz
Hearth Room, Sundays, 10:40 – 12:00, June 12 – July 31
Wednesdays, 12:30 – 2:00, June 8 – July 27
This Week's Topic: Resurrection
2. Living the Questions: An Introduction to Progressive Christian Thought-
led by Pat McIlvenna
Hearth Room, Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, June 14 - July 26
This Week's Topic: Out Into the World
3. Ancient-Future Bible Study - Peter - led by Katy Stokes
Grace A. Dow Library, Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 pm, June 21 - July 26
4. College Age Study-Fellowship: "Seek Social Justice"
Pankratz home: 4809 Warblers Way, Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, June 15 – July 27
5. Monday Morning Study of Esther - led by Dr. Charles Keyworth
Fellowship Hall, Mondays, 9:30 – 11:00 am, July 11 – August 1

Need Childcare During Adult Classes?

Sunday Morning: Bring children age 3 & under to the Nursery. Pre-K and older go to Middle Ground starting at 10:45 where David Keyworth will supervise activities. At 11:15 they'll go to worship for singing and then to Kids' Worship.

Weekday Classes: Childcare in P2 on Wednesdays. Call the church office for childcare on Monday or Tuesday.



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*To all who would know God and do God's will...to
all who would live and serve to make a Christian world...to
all who seek comfort and would find rest...to old and young,
wise and unlearned, rich and poor, saint and sinner, this
church opens wide its doors and, in the name of Jesus, bids
you welcome.*