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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost | Communion Sunday
250th Independence Day Weekend, July 5, 2026 • 9:30am

Before entering worship, please ask for prayer cards from Ushers to make your request.

Kindly record your presence in the attendance pad in the pews.

Please silence all mobile communication devices.

***Please rise in body and spirit as you are able.**



GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PRELUDE *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Wyeth **Linda Camp**

WELCOME

SPECIAL MUSIC *America the Beautiful* arr. Carol McMillen **Kay Daugherty**

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)** **Ann E. Clark**

Leader: Rejoice, people of our Living God! Celebrate the life within You, and Christ's presence in Your midst!

People: Our eyes shall be opened! The present will have new meaning, and the future will be bright with hope.

L: Rejoice, people of God! Bow your heads before the One, Jesus Christ, who is our wisdom and our strength.

P: We place ourselves before this God, that we may be touched and cleansed by the power of The Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Bread for the Journey Pg 51 #5 Paul J. Flucke Pilgrims Press NY, NY 1981

***OPENING PRAYER (unison)** **Ann E. Clark**

O God, keep our whole country under Your protection. Wipe out sin from this land; lift it up from the depth of sorrow, O Lord, our shining Light. Save us from deep grief and misfortune, Lord of all nations. Bless us with Your wisdom, so that the poor may not be oppressed and the rich may not be oppressors. Make this a nation having no ruler except God, a nation having no authority but that of Love. Amen.

Toyohiko Kagawa, Japan, 20th Cent. 1950 Harper & Brothers

***OPENING HYMN UMH #717** *The Battle Hymn of The republic*

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS **Rev. Robert Sathuri**

L: Lord in Your mercy

P: Hear our prayer

SILENT PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (unison) **Rev. Robert Sathuri**

Almighty God, You rule all the peoples of the earth. Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom You have committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the world. Give to them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together. Holy Spirit give to the people of our country zeal for justice and strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with Your gracious will. Forgive our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love the truth. We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Book of Worship Pg. 442 Andy Longford. U.S.A, 20th Cent.

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.

CARES CHORUS (sung)

*I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at your feet,
and any time I don't know what to do, I cast all my cares upon you.*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*Ushers will pass the offering plates in the pews.
Thank you to all who give during worship and online.
Please remember to sign the attendance pads*

Offertory

More About Jesus Sweney

Linda Camp

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95 (sung)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye Heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

Rev. Robert Sathuri

God of grace and mercy, you call us to be servants in Your son's Holy Name. While popular culture often diminishes self-sacrifice, we know that being a servant leader is a worthwhile calling. Help us focus on the Christian practice of hospitality by freely giving to others in Your name. Accept this offering as a profound gesture of our desire to serve You today and always. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Worship and Song #146 David Bell, 2007 General Board of Discipleship

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 33:1-22

Ann E. Clark

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God!

P: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE:

"In Whom Do We Trust?"

Rev. Robert Sathuri

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please follow on page 15 of the United Methodist Hymnal:
The Great Thanksgiving



All are invited to come forward and receive communion at the direction of the ushers.

Gluten-Free bread is available.

Please indicate to an usher if you would like to receive communion in your pew.

Consecration of the bread and the cup.

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Please sing the first and last verses of the Communion songs

#616- *Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast*

#641- *Fill My Cup, Lord*

#437- *This is My Song*

*CLOSING HYMN #696

America the Beautiful

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

*POSTLUDE

O God, Our Help in Ages Past Croft

Linda Camp



PRAYER TIME

To request prayers before or during Worship Service,
please ask for cards from the Ushers.



Prayers for those in assisted living and nursing facilities or homebound

Annette H. // Bill Hoff. // Gary S. // Bill B.

Prayers for God's healing touch-members

Donna H. // Gary S. // Denise & Brian H. // Annette H. // John S. // Phyllis P. // Leslie S.

Prayers for family and friends of members seeking God's healing

James B. son-in-law of Cliff B. // Joel, nephew of Robert & Teresa S.
Victoria, sister of Ann C.

Prayers for God's Help & Blessings

Lambert & wife, Symballine, in their prayerful efforts to return to the U.S.A.

Prayers of Thanksgiving to God

For God's Gifts and Blessings

Prayers for Travel Mercies

Safety for all who are travelling

Prayers of comfort for those who are grieving at home and around the world

Prayers of Peace, Tolerance and Acceptance throughout the church, community and world

Prayers for earthquake victims, rescue and medical personnel in Venezuela.

- To make a submission for the All Week Long, please email or drop off in person by Wednesday at noon.
- If you require a pastoral visitation or phone call or have a prayer request that you would like for the All Week Long, please contact office@fumcpalatine.org
When requesting prayers for a friend or family member, please include an address so we can send them a note.
- You may also send prayer requests and requests for a Stephen Minister and other care ministries to unitedcaringministries@gmail.com or call/text 224-573-8401

Upcoming Events:

Sun, July 5: Communion & Worship 9:30a

Sun, July 12: Sunday Worship 9:30a

Sun, July 12: Church wide meeting with D.S Rev. Victor O Melad Jr.
Fellowship Hall (lower level) following worship

Sun, July 19: Sunday Worship 9:30a

Sun, July 26: Sunday Worship 9:30a

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization whose mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies to reach children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The UWF will again be sponsoring this summer's giving mission. Last year, many of our shoeboxes went to Malawi and the Central African Republic.

Pick up a shoebox and guidelines for filling it in the Commons beginning Sunday, July 5.

Return filled shoeboxes through July. We will also accept monetary donations to help the committee purchase items for shoeboxes. Contact Marsha B. if you have questions.

Thank you for your generosity!





Sharing the Word and Work of God

A New Vision for The United Methodist Church
Love Boldly. Serve Joyfully. Lead Courageously.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- **Summer Sunday School is now in session!** School Age kids will focus on the Parables! Kids will come to worship and be excused at the offering time to meet with their Sunday School teachers in the Lobby. They will spend the summer hearing the “Stories of Jesus” focusing on The Parables.
- **An exciting, new Youth Ministry** is starting this summer too. Teens, Youth, College Age and Young Adults are invited to a new Bible Study titled: “Faith and Evidence: From Genesis to the Empty Tomb” led by Bob Hadcock. This class will encourage Bible students to answer questions about the authenticity of the Bible. The class will meet at 11:00 on Sundays down in the Youth Room. Snacks, beverages and Bibles will be provided. The changes in Summer allow an opportunity for kids and youth who haven’t participated in the past to get in on a class that is brand new!
- **Higher Grounds (current issues) Currently on Summer Break until September.**

NEW MEMBER CLASS

If interested in joining the church, please contact Pastor Robert via email rsathuri@fumcpalatine.org.

MISSION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- **Palatine Food Pantry** Our next church wide collection will be on **Communion Sunday, July 5, 2026**. Please consider regular donations. **No Expired Foods Please.** Thank you.
- **Meals on Wheels** If you are interested in delivering meals, contact Gil W. Ph: 847-209-8603
- **Adaptive Books Workshop** -Will not meet in July, 11a -1p, Gathering Place (lower level)
- **Teddy Bears Ministry** - Tuesday, July 21, 2026, 1:00p, Gathering Place (lower level)
- **Prayer Blankets** Gayla Swansen (847-705-8659) to receive kits or for more information.
- **Love Packages** drop off Bibles and other Christian materials outside the church office.
- **FUMCP’s Community Garden** The 2026 season has started. All are welcome and no gardening experience is necessary. Questions? See/call Brian Huff @ 224-828-8802

SERVING OUR CHURCH

- **Liturgists** are needed for Sunday Service. Please sign up in the commons.
- **Seeking hosts** for refreshment time after the 9:30a service. Sign up form can be found on the table outside the kitchenette door in the commons.
- **A/V Support** on Sundays 9:15a - 10:45a please contact John Foley, jsjae1@gmail.com if you would like to join the A/V support team.
- **Church Library** Consider donating theological, religious, or other spiritually-themed books to our rejuvenated Resource Center. Resources can be dropped off to the church office.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE CONGREGATION

- **Christian Fiction Book Club** Our upcoming book is "Under The Tulip Tree" by Michelle Shocklee, award winning historical Christian fiction writer. July 16, 7:00 p.m. in the adult meeting room. Please contact Teri Schmelzel at aschmelzel@yahoo.com

MUSIC

- **Summer Music** We are looking for musicians and vocalists to share their talent during the summer. Contact camp-townerl@elmhurst.edu or sign up in the commons area by the bulletin board. Chancel choir is on hiatus for the summer.
- **Bell Choir** If interested in joining, contact John Foley, jsjae1@gmail.com



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June 3, 2026

Subject: Call for Special Charge Conference – July 12, 2026

Dear Rev. Robert Sathuri and FUMC Members

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

In response to your request, I am officially calling a Special Charge/Church Conference for Palatine First United Methodist Church to be held on Sunday, July 12, 2026, immediately after the worship service located at 123 N. Plum Grove Road, Palatine, IL 60067.

The sole purpose of this special conference is to vote on the sale of two portions of the property.

I will be presiding over this meeting.

Please ensure the conference is announced to all professing members in accordance with the Book of Discipline, providing at least ten days' notice through all available communication platforms.

Kindly submit a copy of the conference minutes to the district office within five days of the meeting. The minutes should be addressed to our District Administrative Assistant, Debbie Rogers, at drogers@umcnic.org.

Thank you for your faithful ministry.

Blessings,

Rev. Victor O. Melad, Jr.

Lake North District Superintendent

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First United Methodist Church of Palatine Financials May 2026 – Operations – Budgeted Financial Statement

	May	May YTD
Revenue (Receipts)	\$30,288.93	\$216,565.22
Expenses (Payments)	\$24,350.18	\$150,811.84
Revenue vs. Expense +/-	+\$ 5,938.17	+\$ 65,753.38
Mortgage	\$16,831.00	\$ 84,155.00
BALANCE +/-	-\$10,892.83	-\$ 18,401.62

Thank you for your gifts to the church!

A MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

Dear Church Family,

I am writing to you today as the church's Chair of Finance to make you aware of the possibility that the church may need to sell the vacant lots currently hosting the church's community garden. I have spoken previously in church about potential asset sales. It is not our wish to sell any of the church's assets, but the fact is that our pledges have not met our finance goals for the last few years. As good stewards, we must be prepared to do what is necessary. The Church Council has asked that the Trustees look into such a sale. This will not happen immediately, as the process for doing so is lengthy, but we have begun to take necessary steps to be prepared if needed. We've all done a great job at reducing church debt, but the mortgage is still a huge drain on our budget. Reducing it would enable us to better serve you and the community. If a sale becomes necessary, all due diligence of appraisals and such will be done, following all prescribed UMC processes. We would list the properties for sale and would strive to sell to an entity whose principles and values align with the church's. We want everyone to be aware of this situation so there are no surprises. If you would like further information or might be interested in buying these lots, don't hesitate to let me know.

There will be an all Church Conference on Sunday, July 12 at the conclusion of the worship service to discuss and vote on this issue.

Yours in Christ, Sam Ferguson.

RESOLUTION

Resolved, that the First United Methodist Church of Palatine Charge Conference authorizes the Board of Trustees to sell the real property commonly known as: 50 North Hale Street, Palatine IL (PRIN 02-14-323-006) and Lot North of and Adjacent to 50 North Hale Street, Palatine IL (PRIN 02-14-323-005) on terms not less favorable than market value established by certified real estate appraisal; and to execute all documents necessary to effect the transaction. This action is conditioned upon the written consents of the pastor and district superintendent, and compliance with the DBCLB review and any first-offer requirements by United Methodist Institutions.

The resolution will be voted on at the Church Conference scheduled for July 12th. We will be sending the attached letter to all professing members this week.

- [Click Here for Online Giving](#)

Or visit fumcp.org or directly to

<https://giving.myamplify.io/App/Form/a03e4c6c-c290-44c6-8186-31e01bc8c77a>

Building Use forms & Applications
can be downloaded at

<https://www.fumcp.org/office-forms>

Submit to Bharrington@fumcpalatine.org

Prayer Requests can be sent to
unitedcaringministries@gmail.com
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