

Beginning Sunday, September 11, the church will run vans to pick up children, youth, and their families for Sunday School and worship. We are so excited about this new opportunity for outreach and growth! For this ministry to be successful, your help is needed:

- Adult volunteers to drive or ride on vans for pick up and drop off
- Sunday School classes and small groups to provide grab-and-go breakfast once per month
- Everyone to pray for and welcome any new people who might attend

If you can help or need more information, contact Pastor Jodie at jodie.ihfe@1stchurchjc.org

Everyone is invited to a potluck picnic on Sunday, September 25 at Rotary Park. Begin gathering at 5:00, and dinner will be served at 5:30. Please bring a main dish, side, or dessert to share; drinks and paper goods will be provided. We have reserved Harris Pavilion (next to the playground) and a bluegrass band from ETSU will provide music after dinner.

Prayer Cover: Judy Cook

Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams
 Erma Budd
 Amanda C.
 Catherine Cartus
 Scott Combs
 Vernon Crawford
 Lindsay Daniel
 Eric Davidson
 Chad & Sandi Decker
 Jackie Denny
 Family of Ken Diehl
 Phyllis Eckerson
 Vivian Eckerson
 Courtney Eddy
 Phyllis Eorgan
 Ray Feagins
 Susan Fields
 Jim Furches
 Betty & Earl Gouge
 Kay Haga
 Mendy Hall
 Beverly Harris
 The Hrenda family
 Scott Huff
 Janet Ihfe
 Ellen & Natalie Kaltenbacher
 Mike Kellum
 Mary Anne King
 Linda Kostreva
 Sally Lee
 Barbara Marrs
 David McElveen
 Al Meeks
 John Melendez & family
 Jim Milliken
 Helen Mills
 Family of Robert Newman
 Family of Rick Norman
 Tom Palmer
 Janet Pickel & family
 Taylor Rodriguez
 Maven & Mayes Rogers
 Matt Rosecrance
 Steven Schmidt
 Louise Scott
 Ed Searcey
 Nancy Stevenson
 Davis Story
 Sue Tabbert
 Anna Grace West
 Jay & Melissa Wilkinson
 Family Promise
 Brother's Keeper
 Healthcare workers
 US Military & families
 Ukraine
 Manna House
 Students & teachers
 Flood victims



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Things First

Prelude "Love Divine" Setting by Charles Callahan

Call to Worship

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God.

People: With genuine love, may we live together in harmony and peace.

Leader: We are called to proclaim God's love in word and deed.

People: We are called to offer God's love to all God's children.

Leader: Come with joy, and celebrate God's unending love.

People: May our hearts be renewed, and our love for each other be strengthened as we worship together.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise "Joyful, Joyful, we Adore Thee" #89

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Merciful God, we have heard many times that we should love one another as You love us.

People: We confess that love is difficult for us, and sometimes we simply choose not to think how our decisions and actions affect others.

Leader: Forgive us when we are not patient and kind.

People: Forgive us when we fail to show gentleness and compassion.

Leader: Forgive us when we are boastful, arrogant, and rude.

People: Forgive us when we are resentful and rejoice in the pain of others.

Leader: Forgive us when we forget that all people are Your children.

People: Teach us to love, that we might be called Your friends, and become friends to everyone around us.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: God has remembered God's steadfast love for us. Receive God's healing love, share the good news with all you meet, and remember the good news of the Gospel:

People: Through Jesus, our friend and brother, we are forgiven and freed to try again. Thanks be to God!

AMEN

New Testament Reading John 15:12-17

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "How He Loves" On Screen

Mission Moment

Doxology #94

Old Testament Lesson 1 Samuel 18:1-4

Anthem "The Greatest Commands"

Sermon "David & Jonathan: True Friendship" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Hymn of Commitment "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

Benediction

Benediction Response

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come

And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son

And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love

Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love

Wednesday Night Fellowship

This week we will have our first Wednesday Night Fellowship of the season, with BBQ and bingo in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner begins at 5:45.

Please make reservations by **Tuesday, 9/13 at noon** by returning the slip found in the pew pads or by contacting the church office.

Women's Bible Study meets at 1:00 pm every Tuesday in the **Open Door Classroom**.

Food Pantry Items of the Month

For the month of September, the Food Pantry is collecting items for our neighbors in need. The needed items are laundry detergent and toilet paper. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector.

Offering boxes are located at the front and rear of the sanctuary and in the narthex.