

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ 11/19: Thanksgiving Potluck (11:30)
- ◆ 11/21: Church Council (6:00)
- ◆ 11/28: Circle of Hope (6:30)
- ◆ 12/2 Men's Christmas Breakfast (9:00)
- ◆ 12/9: Women's Christmas Brunch (10:00)
- ◆ 12/10: Youth Christmas Play (10:30) Taste of First (4:00)
- ◆ 12/12: ELC Christmas Program (5:30)
- ◆ 12/13: Children & Youth Christmas Parties (5:30)
- ◆ 12/17: Choir Christmas Cantata (10:30)
- ◆ 12/24: Christmas Eve Worship (7:00)

REMINDER: we will not have Wednesday Night Fellowship this week

Food Pantry Items of the Month

For the month of November, the Food Pantry is collecting items to supplement food for our neighbors in need. The needed items are instant potatoes, canned yams, turkey gravy mix, boxed stuffing mix, and other holiday foods. In addition, the food pantry can always use canned meat & canned fruit. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector.

Prayer Cover: Mike Eddy

Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams
Gina Billings
Bob & Carla Brown
Catherine Cartus
John & Michelle Cradic
Vernon Crawford
Jackie Denny
Paul Duncan
Phyllis Eckerson
Vivian Eckerson
Tom Eorgan
Cecilia Fleckstein
Jim Furches
Betty & Earl Gouge
Pam Hagen
Nora & Tony Haynes
Cindy Holmes
Scott Huff
Keith & Jean Jones
Joyce Josie
Deni Kiehl
Tammy Kosa
Linda Kostreva
Karen Martin
Bonnie Marrs
Bob & Wanda May
Dan McGuire
Kent & Midge Merrill
Jim & CarolAnne Milliken
Tom Palmer
Ruby Payne
Bob & Athena Peebles
Carolyn Peebles
Bobby Seay
John & Susan Trotter
Anna Grace West
Family of Janice Williams
Manna House



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude "Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether" Arr. Charles Callahan

First Things First

Call to Worship

Leader: God has called us all to this place of worship.

People: We, who are many, are one body in Christ.

Leader: Each of us is unique, with differing gifts and talents.

People: We are prophets and poets, thinkers and teachers, artists and advocates, consolers and caregivers.

Leader: We are all God's beloved children, gifted to witness to God's glory.

People: We open our hearts this day to hear God's word, to worship, and to discern what God has called us to be.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise "We All Are One in Mission" Screen

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Holy God, we have promised to take up our cross and follow You.

People: If we are honest, we know we hold back so much.

Leader: We have promised to seek Your truth and guidance,

People: but we follow paths of self-interest rather than focusing on our relationship with You.

Leader: We have promised to worship You with our lives,

People: but we have committed ourselves to the values of our culture.

Leader: We have promised to do Your work in the world,

People: but we passively accept the suffering around us, expecting others to stand up and work for the change we would like to see.

Leader: Have mercy on us and forgive us.

People: Challenge us to use the gifts we have been given, to pursue Your justice and mercy for all people, sharing Your love in ways both great and small.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: God, who blesses us and loves us, walks beside us as we offer our talents and skills in ministry to others. Have faith, and stand firm on the good news of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to try again. Thanks be to God! AMEN

New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-20

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" #581

Mission Moment

Doxology #94

Discipleship Testimony

New Testament Reading Matthew 25:31-46

Anthem "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Sermon "Serving God by Serving Others" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Reflection "My Tribute" Dan Mahoney

Invitation to Discipleship

Hymn of Commitment "Send Me Out" Screen

Benediction

Benediction Response

I wanna be Your hands and feet
I wanna be Your voice ev'ry time I speak
I wanna run to the ones in need in the name of Jesus
I wanna give my life away all for Your kingdom's sake
Shine a light in the darkest place
In the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus

Join us after worship today for a Thanksgiving Potluck. We hope you can come as we celebrate and give thanks together!

Camp Bays Mountain is hosting Christmas Camp again this year! Overnight camp for 3rd-9th graders is Friday, 12/8, at 6:30 pm until Saturday, 12/9, at 6:30 pm. Day camp for 1st-9th graders is Saturday, 12/9, from 8:30 am until 6:30 pm. Campers will enjoy lots of fun activities while learning about the meaning of Advent and Christmas. If you are interested in sending your 1st-9th grader to Christmas Camp, you can sign up at www.campbaysmountain.com or talk to one of the pastors.

	Oct. 2021 YTD	Oct. 2022 YTD	Oct. 2023 YTD
Contributions	375,332	367,947	379,174
Expenses	443,723	480,959	508,851
Income (loss)	(68,391)	(113,012)	(129,677)

First UMC is "hosting" Family Promise during the week of Christmas. Family Promise helps those who have experienced homelessness and places them in hotels until suitable housing can be found. This Christmas, we can make a difference for the 5 families in the program by choosing one or more tags from the Family Promise Christmas tree in the narthex and purchasing suggested items. We hope to have 2 gifts for each family member. Please return the wrapped gifts no later than Sunday, December 17.

Clare's Closet is accepting donations of slightly used winter outerwear (coats, hats, gloves, scarves, or hoodies) for the upcoming season of giving. All donations may be taken to the box located in the connector. As always, your generous support of this ministry is greatly appreciated. The next distribution will be December 16.

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