

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ 7/22: Food Pantry (10:00)
- ◆ 7/24: Moms Group (5:00)
- ◆ 7/27: UMW trip to Black Mtn. Home (8:15)
- ◆ 7/30: 5th Sunday Breakfast (9:15), Back to School Splash (6:00)

Please note: the Trustees, Finance Committee and Church Council will not meet in July.

Everyone is invited to join us for a 5th Sunday Breakfast on July 30th. Bring a dish to share as we gather in the Fellowship Hall for a time of food & fun from 9:15-10:15.

Our small group for new moms, expecting moms, and moms of little ones is meeting again on July 24. This group offers friendship and support for these new mothers while the nursery gives them a moment to catch their breath. They meet in the church parlor at 5:00 pm.

Food Pantry Items of the Month

For the month of July, the Food Pantry is collecting items to supplement food for our neighbors in need. The needed items are canned salmon, canned fruit, cereal, and syrup. In addition, the food pantry can always use canned meat. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector.

Prayer Cover: Katie Walker

Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams
Family of Dr. Steven Berk
Travis Buchanan
Family of Bruce Carson
Catherine Cartus
Family of Rev. Ricky Clowers
Family of Ryan Cradic
Vernon Crawford
Lauren Dake
Jackie Denny
Paul Duncan
Phyllis Eckerson
Vivian Eckerson
Cecilia Fleckstein
Jim Furches
Betty & Earl Gouge
Family of Dalton Gough
Pam Hagen
Mendy Hall
Nora & Tony Haynes
Scott Huff
Mackenzie Jennings
Jean Jones
Joyce Josie
Deni Kiehl
Linda Kostreva
Aubrey Lee
Karen Martin
Bob & Wanda May
David McElveen
Jim & CarolAnne Milliken
Tom Palmer
Ruby Payne
Bob & Athena Peebles
Carolyn Peebles
Family of Dee Dee Reid
Steven Schmidt
Louise Scott
Anna Grace West
Manna House



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude "I Surrender All" Arr. Brian Buda

First Things First

Call to worship

Leader: We are called to follow Jesus,

People: but following Jesus isn't easy.

Leader: No, it will demand our dedication and energy.

People: It will change our whole lives.

Leader: Take the risk, and trust in God's promises.

People: In faith, we seek the strength we need to live into God's eternal kingdom.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven" #66

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Almighty God, we are thankful that Your love and mercy are deeper than our minds can comprehend.

People: We confess that we spend much time learning to live in this world, and little time understanding Your eternal will and ways.

Leader: We have learned to seek abundance rather than justice.

People: we have learned to seek privilege rather than equality.

Leader: We have learned to seek personal comfort rather than compassion.

People: we have learned to seek judgment rather than understanding.

Leader: We have learned to enjoy a feast while others starve.

People: We have learned to envy those who have more than we have.

Leader: Lord, forgive us for being selfish and short-sighted.

People: Open our eyes to see the world as You see it, and move us to follow You in humility and service to all people.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: Trust in the Lord, seek God's ways, and remember the good news of the Gospel:

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

New Testament Reading Revelation 3:14-22

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "We Believe" Screen

Mission Moment

Doxology #94

New Testament Reading James 4:1-10

Anthem "Take the world But Give Me Jesus"

Sermon "Friend of the world" Rev. Gary Ihfe

Hymn of Commitment "O Jesus, I Have Promised" #396

Benediction

Benediction Response

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
That where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

The Circle of Faith was happily surprised Thursday by a visit from Betty Gouge and her niece Kara at our Circle meeting. We have missed Betty!

If you are interested in being a part of a Habitat for Humanity team build anytime this fall, please put your name down on the contact list in the Narthex.

Pastor Jodie and Pastor Gary will be on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in July. Please pray for them as they follow the footsteps of Jesus in places like Bethlehem, Qumran, the Dead Sea, Jericho, Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Magdala, the Jordan River, Nazareth, Caesarea, Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, Mount Zion, Jerusalem, and many other holy sites.

Pastor Jodie and Pastor Gary will be unavailable until July 25. If you are in need of a visit, call, or prayer, please contact Gerald Fields at (423) 943-4176. If you have a pastoral emergency and need a clergy person, Rev. Caleb Frazier is on call at (423) 330-8143.

The UMW Circles are hosting a trip to the Black Mountain Home for Children on July 27. The church vans will leave at 8:15 am. You can reserve a spot by leaving a message with the church office, but you need to sign up by July 17.

SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

7/9 11:30-1:30: lunch followed by tie-dye fun

7/16 11:30-1:30: lunch and disc golf at ETSU

7/19 11:30-1:30: Sr. High hiking to Margarett Falls

7/23 4:30-6:30: Kiddie Pool Kickball with the Cradics

7/30 6:00-8:00: Back to School Splash at Legion St. Pool

For more information, please contact
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Offering boxes are located at the front and rear of the sanctuary and in the narthex.