

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ 8/13: Kids CrAfternoon (11:30)
- ◆ 8/16: Wednesday Night activities for children & youth (5:45)
- ◆ 8/20: Staff Appreciation Lunch
- ◆ 8/23: Wednesday Night activities for children & youth (5:45)
- ◆ 8/26: Food Pantry (10:00)
- ◆ 8/27: Moses Movie Matinee (4:00)

Kids Crafternoon Fun! Right after worship today, children and their families are invited to the fellowship hall for games and crafts. Lunch is provided.

The Women's Bible Study meets every Tuesday in the Open Door Classroom at 1:00. Pastor Jodie is leading the study on Moses, which coincides with our Sunday Morning worship Series "Meeting God."

Food Pantry Items of the Month

For the month of August, the Food Pantry is collecting items to supplement food for our neighbors in need. The needed items are canned chicken/salmon, cereal, pancake syrup, & detergent. 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: Judy Cook

Prayer List

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



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude "Go Down, Moses" Traditional Spiritual, Arr. Mark Hayes

First Things First

Call to worship

Leader: From whirlwind and burning bush, in the still of night and in sheer silence-

People: God calls the faithful to sacred work.

Leader: God beckons us to turn aside and invites us to stand on holy ground.

People: God welcomes the faithful into sacred space.

Leader: God is calling.

People: We will be attentive and worship the Lord!

Invocation

Hymn of Praise "Holy is the Lord" Screen

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God of justice, You always hear the cries of the oppressed.

People: As Your people, You call us to resist evil, to seek justice, to take up our cross, and to commit our lives to the cause of Your love.

Leader: We confess that we are afraid to confront earthly powers that privilege some and diminish others.

People: We are afraid, that in doing so, we might lose the comfort and security we enjoy.

Leader: Forgive us, God of things eternal.

People: Open our hearts to hear Your voice, our eyes to look upon our neighbors in need, and our hearts to respond with compassion, that we might faithfully follow in the way of Christ.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: God will never abandon those who follow Him. Christ died for us, was raised for us, and will love us forever. With great joy, hear and rejoice in the good news of the Gospel:

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

Old Testament Reading Psalm 105:1-11

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "The God of Abraham Praise" #116

Mission Moment

Doxology #94

Old Testament Reading Exodus 3:1-15

Anthem "Lord, Be With Us On This Day"

Sermon "Meeting God: In the Unexpected" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Hymn of Commitment "In the Desert on God's Mountain" #3029

Benediction

Benediction Response

Far from deserts, far from mountains,
Yearns a bound humanity,
Filled with fire of holy groundling,
Burning bushes may we be,
Drawing all to God's bright presence,
Beacons of divinity

Thank you all so much for your generous support of the ministries of First UMC. As the chart below indicates, giving this year is up compared to the last 2 years, and expenses are also up. Our current church finances are typical of the second quarter of the year. Thank you again for your support!

	July 31, 2023 YTD	July 31, 2022 YTD	July 31, 2021 YTD
Contributions	268,917	248,369	258,622
Expenses	358,302	337,308	304,550
Income (loss)	(89,385)	(88,939)	(45,928)

Let's honor and celebrate our FUMC staff! We will have a potluck luncheon with meat/entrée provided on Sunday, August 20 following the 10:30 worship service in the fellowship hall. Staff need not bring a dish, but please bring a guest.

We will have a **Moses Movie Matinee** on Sunday, August 27 at 4:00 pm in the fellowship hall. We will watch the 1956 classic **The Ten Commandments** and compare it to what we are learning about the story of Moses.

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.

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