

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ 8/20: Staff Appreciation Lunch
- ◆ 8/22: Women's Bible Study (1:00), Circle of Hope (6:30)
- ◆ 8/23: Wednesday Night activities for children & youth (5:45)
- ◆ 8/26: Food Pantry (10:00)
- ◆ 8/27: Moses Movie Matinee (4:00)

Let's honor and celebrate our FUMC staff! Join us for a potluck luncheon following worship today in the fellowship hall.

The Circle of Hope will meet Tuesday, August 22 at 6:30 pm at the Hunter's Lake Clubhouse. Janice Moore will be hosting and Donna Smith will be the cohost. The program will be led by Katie Mahoney.

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: Finley 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
Cecilia Fleckstein
Jim Furches
Betty & Earl Gouge
Pam Hagen
Mendy Hall
Nora & Tony Haynes
Sharon Herzer
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



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WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude "CWM Rhondda" Setting by Paul Manz

First Things First

Call to worship

From Psalm 16

Leader: Protect me, God, for I trust in You.

People: You are my Lord; all I have that is good comes from You.

Leader: I praise You, because You advise me and lead me.

People: I will seek You always; with You by my side, I will not be overcome.

Leader: You teach me how to live a holy life.

People: You fill me with joy; at Your right hand, I will find pleasure forever.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #127

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Living God, You have revealed Yourself to us and given us all we need to follow You.

People: Yet we doubt ourselves, grasp for meaningless pleasures, and seek hollow assurances.

Leader: Forgive us when we fail to offer acts of compassion and grace to those around us.

People: Forgive us when we turn away from those who find themselves in difficult and desperate situations.

Leader: Forgive us for not noticing Your presence in the faces of every person we encounter.

People: Open our minds to see what You are doing in Your world.

Leader: Give us faith and strength to follow where You lead.

People: Give us courage to be faithful disciples, walking in paths of justice, peace, and love.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: Although following God's way is difficult, we can be assured that God is always with us, bringing encouragement and help. Follow the One who offered His life for us, and remember the good news of the Gospel:

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

Old Testament Reading Psalm 77:11-20

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "Cornerstone" Screen

Mission Moment

Doxology #94

Old Testament Reading Exodus 14:5-14, 21-25

Anthem "In the Palm of His Hand"

Sermon "Meeting God: At the End of the Road" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Hymn of Commitment "Way Maker" Screen

Benediction

Benediction Response

You are way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.
You are way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.
That is who You are, that is who You are,
That is who You are, that is who You are,
That is who You are.

Please take a moment to complete the Discipleship Survey insert. Each adult only needs to complete the survey one time (on paper or online.) This survey is intended to aid in the upcoming discipleship series, **Committed to Christ**, beginning in October.

Join us in prayer for those affected by the wildfires in Hawaii. Wind-driven fires on Maui have prompted evacuations and caused loss of life and widespread damage. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is currently coordinating with the California-Pacific Annual Conference to provide a solidarity grant for emergency supplies. Donate to this and other US disasters at <https://advance.umcmmission.org/p-620-umcor-us-disaster>

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.