

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ 8/6: Lemonade on the Lawn (11:30)
- ◆ 8/8: Women's Bible Study (1:00)
- ◆ 8/12: Men's Breakfast (9:00)
- ◆ 8/13: Kids CrAfternoon (11:30)
- ◆ 8/20: Staff Appreciation Lunch
- ◆ 8/26: Food Pantry (10:00)
- ◆ 8/27: Moses Movie Matinee (4:00)

Kids Crafternoon Fun! Next

Sunday, August 13, right after worship, children and their families are invited to the fellowship hall for games and crafts. Lunch is provided.

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

Immediately after church we will have Lemonade on the Lawn so we can talk & fellowship for a few minutes with some wonderful refreshments.

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: Steve Gross

Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams
Family of Dr. Steven Berk
Travis Buchanan
David Burleson
Family of Bruce Carson
Catherine Cartus
Family of Rev. Ricky Clowers
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
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
Bobby Seay
Steven Schmidt
Louise Scott
Donna Smith & family
Anna Grace West
Manna House



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Arr. Jan Sanborn

First Things First

Call to worship

Leader: If it had not been for the Lord, who reaches out to us,

People: we would perish in doubt and fear.

Leader: When life is painful and difficult,

People: God walks with us, even when we can't see it.

Leader: In the midst of trials and tribulations,

People: God provides strength and courage, even when we don't recognize it.

Leader: Come, and rest in God's abiding presence.

People: We will praise our God, who loves us and restores our lives.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise "Forever" Screen

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Merciful God, You are always faithful to us.

People: We confess that we are not always faithful to You.

Leader: You have called us and promised to be with us.

People: We forget to seek Your ways, thinking we can live on our own.

Leader: You have given us skills and talents to serve You and those around us.

People: We use what we have for ourselves, forgetting the needs of others.

Leader: Forgive us, Lord. Remind us that all we are, and all we have, are gifts from You.

People: Call us once again and give us obedient spirits, that we may depend on Your love, care for one another, and live together in peace.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: God is always on our side, loving us and restoring our lives. My friends, hear and believe 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 Acts 7:17-22

Morning Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "Be Still My Soul" #534

Mission Moment

Doxology #94

Old Testament Reading Exodus 1:22-2:10

Anthem "I Know the Plans"

Sermon "Meeting God: In the River Current" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Celebration of Holy Communion

Hymn of Commitment "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" #117

Benediction

Benediction Response

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;
Be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home

Today we will begin a worship series called Meeting God. Our worship will focus on the stories of Moses and how he encountered God throughout his life. We hope that in looking closely at these encounters we will also find ways that we can meet God in our lives.

Children & youth have resumed their regular scheduled Wednesday groups. Dinner is at 5:45 and groups meet from 6:30-7:30.

Attention, men! Please make plans to join Pastor Gary this Saturday, August 12 at 9:00 am for a men's breakfast. Pastor Gary will serve his special Breakfast Tacos, and we will have a chance to talk a little about what men's ministries we would like to see at First Church.

The Women's Bible Study will resume this Tuesday, August 8th, and Pastor Jodie will lead the study on Moses, which coincides with our Sunday Morning Worship Series "Meeting God." The women meet in the Open Door classroom every Tuesday at 1:00 pm.

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.