

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ 9/10: Moses Movie Matinee (11:30)
- ◆ 9/11: Trustees (7:00)
- ◆ 9/13: Church-wide Wednesday Nighters resume (5:30)
- ◆ 9/17: Church Picnic (5:00)
- ◆ 9/19: Church Council (6:00)

We will have a **Moses Movie Matinee** TODAY at 11:30 in the fellowship hall. We will watch the animated classic **The Prince of Egypt** and we will have pizza, refreshments, crafts, and games. Fun for the whole family!

The Trustees will meet Monday, September 11 at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room.

The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, September 19 at 6:00 pm. All officers and team leaders should plan to attend. Council meetings are open for anyone to attend.

Food Pantry Items of the Month

For the month of September, the Food Pantry is collecting items to supplement food for our neighbors in need. The needed items are canned chicken, canned fruit, & laundry 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: Nancy Campbell

Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams
Family of Dr. Steven Berk
Bob & Carla Brown
Travis Buchanan
Family of David Burleson
Chloe Campbell
Catherine Cartus
Vernon Crawford
Family of Lauren Dake
Jackie Denny
Jenny Durban
Paul Duncan
Phyllis Eckerson
Vivian Eckerson
Cecilia Fleckstein
Jim Furches
Betty & Earl Gouge
Pam Hagen
Mendy Hall
Jacob Haun
Nora & Tony Haynes
Sharon Herzer
Scott Huff
Keith & Jean Jones
Joyce Josie
Karl Kapoor
Deni Kiehl
Tammy Kosa
Linda Kostreva
Aubrey Lee
Karen Martin
Bonnie Marrs
Bob & Wanda May
David McElveen
Jim & CarolAnne Milliken
Tom Palmer
Ruby Payne
Bob & Athena Peebles
Carolyn Peeples
Steve Reis
Bobby Seay
Steven Schmidt
Family of Louise Scott
Donna Smith & family
Anna Grace West
Manna House



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude

“Creation”

Franz Joseph Haydn, setting by Charles Callahan

First Things First

Call to worship

Leader: The glory of God is all around us.

People: The goodness of God surrounds us.

Leader: When we are burdened and weak, God strengthens us.

People: when we are uncertain, God’s wisdom lights our path.

Leader: Come, and rest in God’s presence.

People: We place our trust in God, our rock and our salvation.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” #66

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Gracious God, You surround us every day with the beauty of creation and all the good things we enjoy.

People: But every day our obligations and personal agendas occupy all our time and energy, so we miss seeing Your blessings.

Leader: In Jesus Christ, You showed us the way to abundant living, and salvation for our souls.

People: But our society does not favor justice, peace, and kindness, so we learn to trust in things we can touch and acquire.

Leader: Forgive us when we, in our busyness, forget to seek Your presence and guidance for our lives.

People: Forgive us when we forget that You are always with us. Draw near to us, as we draw near to You, so that we may discover the true life You created for us, and the joy of walking with You every day.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: Like a parent feels compassion for their children, so the Lord feels compassion on those who honor Him and keep His covenant. Seek the Lord, and remember the good news of the Gospel:

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

Old Testament Reading Psalm 103:6-18

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "How Great is Our God" Screen

Mission Moment

Doxology #94

Old Testament Reading Exodus 33:18-23, 34:5-9

Anthem "Rest in My Presence"

Sermon "Meeting God: On the Mountain" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Hymn of Commitment "Never Once" Screen

Benediction

Benediction Response

Never once did we ever walk alone
Never once did You leave us on our own
You are faithful, God, You are faithful
Ev'ry step we are breathing in Your grace,
Evermore we'll be breathing out Your praise
You are faithful, God, You are faithful

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Join us at Rotary Park (1001 N. Broadway) in the Harris Pavilion for a church family picnic next Sunday, September 17. We will gather at 5:00 and serve dinner at 5:30. Please bring a main dish, side, or dessert to share. Paper products and drinks will be provided. The ETSU Bluegrass Band will perform following dinner.

Youth & Children- are you interested in performing in the Christmas play? Practices begin on Sunday, September 17 after worship at 11:30 and will continue about every other Sunday. Lunch is provided!

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. Distributions will begin in October.

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Program: Family Bingo

Menu: Ham, broccoli, potatoes, salad, bread & dessert

Dinner begins at 5:30 and the worship service begins at 6:30.

Please make reservations by **Monday, 9/11 at noon** by returning the slip found in the pew pads or by contacting the church office.

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