

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ 10/29; Men's Bible Study (7:15)
Women's Bible Study (1:00)
- ◆ 10/30: Trunk or Treat
- ◆ 11/3: Coffee & Cocoa (11:30)
- ◆ 11/6: Nurture Meeting (10:30)
- ◆ 11/7: Circle of Faith (10:00)
SPRC Meeting (6:00)
- ◆ 11/10: Crafternoon, UMW Bake Sale
- ◆ 11/12: Finance (6:00), Trustees
(7:00)
- ◆ 11/17: Thanksgiving Lunch
- ◆ 11/19: Church Council (6:00)

Rehearsals for the all-age Christmas play begin today following worship and will continue every Sunday until the play on December 8. Lunch or snacks will be provided. Contact Billy Walker for more information.

Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child are available in the narthex. Pick up a box, fill it with small toys & gifts, and return it to church by November 10 to spread God's love to children around the world this Christmas.

Food Pantry Items of the Month

For the month of October, the Food Pantry is collecting the following items for our neighbors in need: cereal, canned tuna, dish detergent, crackers in sleeves, & laundry detergent. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector.

Prayer Cover: Novice Gross

Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams
Laurie Blayney
Family of Bruce Carson
Catherine Cartus
Family of Devonne Cole
Scott Combs
Vernon Crawford
Thomas & Elizabeth Crowder
Eddie Deakins
Jackie Denny
Paul Duncan
Phyllis Eckerson
Vivian Eckerson
Tom Eorgan
Clint Ferguson
Cecilia Fleckstein
Jim Furches
Family of Betty Gouge
Family of Sophie Gough
Makayla Green
Hannah Hensley
Family of Harry Hrenda
Scott Huff
Johnny Humphreys
Keith & Jean Jones
Anna Kapoor
Deni Kiehl
Tammy Kosa
Linda Kostreva
Karen Martin
Bob & Wanda May
Family of Midge Merrill
Jim & CarolAnne Milliken
Tom Palmer
Blake Passmore
Ruby Payne
Bob & Athena Peebles
Abigail & Frances Robinson
Family of Lisa Runner
Bonnie Sampson
Bobby Seay
Family of Fran Thomas
J.D. Toth
John & Susan Trotter
Steve Uelhof
Grier Washam
Doris Welch
Anna Grace West
Sarah Wilhoit
Family of Sue Zabala
Manna House
Flood & storm victims
Ella & Addison



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude "God of Grace and God of Glory" Setting by Paul Manz

First Things First

Call to worship

Leader: In this place of worship, we gather together as God's people.

People: As God's people, we seek to grow in faith.

Leader: As God's people, we walk together in peace and harmony.

People: As God's people, we look on others with dignity and respect.

Leader: As God's people, we stand for what is good in the face of evil.

People: As God's people, we will seek God's ways, and trust in God's unfailing love.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise "Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above" #126

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Holy God, we confess that many times we fail to live as people who are redeemed by Your love and know Your salvation.

People: We confess that we are often reluctant to share compassion, understanding, and grace with one another.

Leader: Be merciful when we are unforgiving and unforgetting.

People: Be merciful when our arrogant pride makes us forget we are all equal in God's eyes.

Leader: Be merciful when anger and judgment cause us to ignore the needs of those around us.

People: Be merciful when we seek to exact revenge on those who hurt us.

Leader: Be merciful when we, in short, fail to exemplify the goodness, patience, and love of Jesus.

People: Lord, create in us pure hearts, so that the light of Christ may guide our way, and the love of Christ may shine through our lives to all people, both great and small.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: God hears our prayers of repentance and wraps us in tender mercy. God accepts us and calls us to abundant life, so rejoice and live in the good news of the Gospel:

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

New Testament Reading Romans 12:14-21

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "One Thing Remains" Screen

Mission Moment

Doxology #94

Video

Old Testament Reading Esther 7:1-10

Anthem "walk in the spirit of Love"

Sermon "Missing God" Rev. Steve Reis

Hymn of Commitment "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #298

Benediction

Benediction Response

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Postlude "Rejoice, the Lord is King" Arr. Albin Whitworth

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK IS TRUNK OR TREAT!

Dinner will be at 5:30, folks can decorate their trunks at 6:00, and Trunk or Treating will be from 6:30-7:30. The menus is hot dogs, baked beans, cole slaw, and dessert. Hope to see everyone there! we still need donations of candy and especially more volunteers to host trunks!

UMW News

There will be a UMW Bake Sale after church on Sunday, November 10th. Proceeds will go to repairs for the doors and canopies at FUMC.

The 1st Church UMW world Thank Offering is due by the end of October. The funds will be used locally for the ongoing disaster recovery. Donations can be made by cash or check. Please make checks out to United Methodist Women and indicate on the check it is for world Thank Offering. Donations can be given to Nancy McMann, Sharon Herzer, Pam Heaton, or Judy Cook.

Clare's Closet is accepting donations of new or slightly used winter outerwear (coats, hoodies, hats, scarves, and gloves) in all sizes. The collection box is located in the connector. Distribution continues each month through March during Food Pantry days.

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