

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ 7/21: Staff Appreciation Lunch, Wayfinders tubing trip
- ◆ 7/23: Circle of Hope potluck (6:00)
- ◆ 7/24: District UMW event- packing food boxes at Second Harvest (9:00-11:30), youth picnic (5:30)
- ◆ 7/27: Food Pantry
- ◆ 7/28: Back to School Splash
- ◆ 8/1: UMW Meeting- officers at 10, General Meeting at 11
- ◆ 8/7: Wednesday Neters resume for children & youth
- ◆ 8/28: Wednesday Neters resume for adults
- ◆ 8/30-9/2: Young Adult Retreat

SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

July 24: picnic at the park
July 28: Back to School Splash

On Tuesday, July 23, at 6:00 pm the Circle of Hope potluck will be held at Kathie Tucker's home.

Food Pantry Items of the Month

For the month of July, the Food Pantry is collecting items to supplement food for our neighbors in need. The needed items are instant or canned potatoes, peanut butter, & skillet meals (i.e. Hamburger Helper). Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector.

Prayer Cover: Novice Gross

Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams
Laurie Blayney
Donna Brookshear
Hugh Broome
Family of James Carmical
Family of Bruce Carson
Catherine Cartus
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
Betty & Earl Gouge
Hannah Hensley
Family of Harry Hrenda
Scott Huff
Johnny Humphreys
Keith & Jean Jones
Deni Kiehl
Tammy Kosa
Linda Kostreva
Karen Martin
Bob & Wanda May
Midge Merrill
Jim & CarolAnne Milliken
Tom Palmer
Blake Passmore
Ruby Payne
Bob & Athena Peebles
Bobby Seay
Family of John Staley
Family of Mike Terry
Family of Fran Thomas
J.D. Toth
John & Susan Trotter
Steve Uelhof
Doris Welch
Anna Grace West
Sarah Wilhoit
Family of Sue Zabala
Manna House



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2024

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude "Let All Things Now Living" Arr. Kristina Langlois

First Things First

Call to worship

Leader: The road we travel is often long and uncertain,

People: but God faithfully walks with us!

Leader: We don't always recognize God's presence in our lives,

People: but in our need, God is revealed to us.

Leader: Let us open our eyes to see God's goodness.

People: Let us open our hearts to behold God's redeeming work.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise "Come Sing, O Church, In Joy" Screen

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Living Lord, by the power of Your spirit, You are present among us,

People: yet, like Your early followers, we fail to see You standing with us.

Leader: We do not realize that You are walking beside us,

People: for we are rushing to meet the demands of hectic schedules and overcrowded lives.

Leader: We do not notice You in everyday encounters,

People: for we are distracted by daily labors and our own concerns.

Leader: We do not recognize You in the faces of those we pass on our streets,

People: for we are quick to judge, and can't imagine that You are walking with them also.

Leader: Forgive us, gracious Lord.

People: Open our eyes to see You all around us, so that seeing You clearly, we might follow You more faithfully in paths of compassion and love.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: God is with us in this place. God walks with us in the world. So, do not fear. Live in peace, and remember the good news of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.
Thanks be to God! AMEN

New Testament Reading Ephesians 4:1-13

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "You Are My King" Screen

Mission Moment

Doxology #94

Video

Psalter Reading Psalm 126

Response: The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

(please sing when invited)

Anthem "The Earth is the Lord's"

Sermon "Psalms for the Journey" Rev. Steve Reis

Hymn of Commitment "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand" #724

Benediction

Benediction Response

When I shall reach that happy place,
I'll be forever blest,
For I shall see my Father's face,
And in his bosom rest.
I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound for the promised land;
Oh, who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the promised land.

UMW News

The Three Rivers District United Methodist Women will meet on Wednesday, July 24th to pack food boxes at Second Harvest from 9:00-11:30 am.

First Church UMW will meet on Thursday, August 1st. Officers meet at 10:00 am and the General Meeting is at 11:00 am in the Parlor with a coffee hosted by the Circle of Faith.

Let's honor and celebrate our FUMC staff! Join us for a potluck luncheon following the morning worship service today in the Fellowship Hall.

Celebrate a great summer and the start of another school year at the annual **Back to School Splash** on July 28 from 6-8 pm at the Legion Street Pool. All children, youth, young adults & all their families and everyone from the church who loves them are invited for dinner, swimming, and fellowship.

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