

August 6, 2017



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

9:30am Worship Service

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Mission Statement:

“To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Welcome visitors – Whether you’re here with friends or relatives, or if you’re here by a mysterious, guiding hand, **welcome!** We’re glad you’re here. If you’ve not been here before, relax. We aren’t going to ask you to stand up and introduce yourself. If you’re new to First UMC, we do have print materials on the table at the back of the main level of the worship center... help yourself or just ask someone!

If children are with you, that’s wonderful. Jesus loves children and so do we. You might sit near the front so the children can see and hear everything. There are children’s activity bags on the coat tree at the back of the sanctuary; a special children’s time, “From a Child’s Point of View,” and children’s bulletins are on the table. We do offer a staffed nursery for pre-school children during worship if you’d prefer to use it for part or all of the service. The easiest way to get there is to have an usher provide an escort.

Ask an usher about using a **hearing assist device**; or for a **large print Hymnal** or Bulletin. Inside this bulletin is an insert. Please fill it out and use it for an “offering” at that time of the service. Beverage and light refreshments are offered in the Gathering Place at the conclusion of worship. Everyone is welcome!!

Together We Come Into God's **PRESENCE**

* Indicates to Rise in body or in spirit. (Items in **bold** spoken by congregation)

PRELUDE

Dee Wallace/Jo Brown

(Let this be a time when you prepare your heart for worship.)

WELCOME

* PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EXPLANATION OF INSERTS

* SONG OF PRAISE

"Morning Has Broken"

No. 145

(The Light of Christ enters our worship)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are called to be branches in Christ's body,

People: And we yearn to be connected to the vine of Jesus.

Leader: We are called to be growing with God in the midst of the challenges in this world.

People: And so, we search for places to plant the seeds of faith, seeking God's loving presence.

All: Prepare our hearts to receive God's word, and guide our spirits to respond in order to serve Christ.

ACT OF PRAISE

Dee Wallace/Jo Brown

FROM A CHILD'S POINT OF VIEW

Glenn Fear

(The pocket change collected in the copper kettles each week is given to missions. Use this time to complete your small insert to be put in the offering plate later in worship.)

God Calls Us to **PRAY**

(The paper insert in your bulletin includes space to write prayer concerns.)

PRAYER SONG

"Through It All"

No. 507

PRAYER OF WORSHIP

Let us Pray: **Gracious and Loving God, Giver of life, You take our insignificant lives, and plant seeds of love meant to grow and flourish. We are called, as Your people, to sow seeds of love as we serve Your Kingdom, and to reach out to those whom society has cast off. Grow us in our faith, that we may bloom into Your people, the ones who share love, hope, and grace. Amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

We Proclaim Christ's *WITNESS* Through the Word

* SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 13: 1-9, 31-32 (NRSV) Mary Jo Heil
Leader: The Inspired Word of God for the people of God. Response: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "Pesky Faith" Melinda Stonebraker

Experiencing the Generosity of God by the Giving and Receiving of *GIFTS*

OFFERTORY Dee Wallace/Jo Brown

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS

Let Us Pray: **Great Redeemer, we stand in awe at the miracles of the natural world, and we look at the tiniest of seeds, wondering what will happen. Thank You God for the abundance of creation that surrounds us. We offer back to You these gifts which You have entrusted to us. Although we consider our offerings to be small and insignificant, we trust You God, to use what we present in miraculous ways. We praise the God of small seeds, the God of people and ideas, and the God of amazing power. Amen.**

We Are Sent Forth for God's *SERVICE* to the World

* SONG OF SENDING "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" No.128

* BLESSING AND SENDING

Leader: The seed of God's kingdom is forever being sown in this world.

People: Help the seeds of our faith to thrive and flourish beyond our worship.

Leader: Even as summer growth turns to winter dormancy, Christ's love continues to multiply.

People: So we depart in the assurance of Christ's perennial love. Amen.

* POSTLUDE Dee Wallace/Jo Brown

Please join us for refreshments in the Gathering Place after worship. Everyone is welcome!

**Time Changes Beginning September 10th
Worship 10:00am
Sunday School 8:45am**

Jenny Seylar - Pastor	Melinda Stonebraker—Discipleship Ministries Director
Don Griffith - Custodian	Greg Brown -Director of Xn Chaos
Greg Brown- Administrative Ministries Coordinator	Andrew Allen - Xn Chaos Accompanist
Alice Ann Gallagher - Chancel Choir Director	Denise Cartwright - Choir Kids Director
Dee Wallace - Choir Kids Accompanist	Jo Brown & Dee Wallace - Accompanists
Megan Coppess-Little Friends Preschool Director/Teacher	

August 6 Sunday Servants

Acolytes: Volunteers
Children's Lesson: Glenn Fear
Liturgist: Mary Jo Heil
Ushers: Karen Streffling, Heidi Schumaker,
Marv & Kay Miller
Greeters: Rick & Judy Rouse
Nursery: Jen Johnson
PowerPoint: Brian Heil
Fellowship Coffee: Bob & Becky Young,
Sherry Willey

August 13 Sunday Servants

Acolytes: Volunteers
Children's Lesson: Gail Fleming
Liturgist: Barb Rickard
Ushers: Chris & Christina Eicher, Rick & Judy
Rouse
Greeters: Gary O'Leary family
Nursery: Volunteer Needed!
PowerPoint: Tina & Landon Hill
Fellowship Coffee: Volunteers Needed!

PRAYERS

Hospitalized/Procedures: Judy Lukemyres (Deb Conant's sis)

Healing: Bernie Beaudry (Mary McKinney's dad), Nick Brown, Gary Eichhorn, Deb Eisele, Jerry Ferguson, Frances Ford, Marvin Ford, Bob Gould, Rex Idlewine, Jen Johnson, Carsten Kime, Chris Kuehl, Ted Licht, Erma Lyle, Chris McKinney, Lynn McIntosh, Ken McKay, Taylor Miller (Sherry Willey's granddaughter), Steve Person, Judy Reidel, Dawn Spickermann, Mike Smith, Jim Thiele (L. Salmonson's bro), Rhonda Waugh, Wayne Williams (Sylvia Ferguson's bro), and others.

Prayers for those in Life Transitions: Sylvia & Ken Gould

Individuals & Families experiencing loss

Couples/Families searching for the way forward

Persons & families of incarceration

Persons in employment limbo

Families struggling with the impact of drug and alcohol abuse or other addiction

Persons uprooted due to "natural" and/or "human" disaster; and those who are called to help

Persons/people persecuted for religious convictions

In Treatment: Clara Italiano, Kevin Lewis, Linda (Kay Miller's sis), Jerry Swinton

Hospice/Palliative Care: Joe Cheshareck (Gail Fleming's bro-in-law), Ruth Clark, Bernice Eisele (Mike's mother) @ St. Cloud, MN

Armed Services: Thomas Brown (Seydel's son-in-law), Kyle Marchik, Kaitlyn McKinney, Corey Ormsby, Chris Paul, Dave Russell

July 30: Worship 150; General Fund \$1,374.00, Shared Blessings \$5.00, The Gathering \$214.12, The Oasis \$214.11
GRAND TOTAL \$1,807.23

This Week:

Sunday, Aug 6

8:00am Prayer

9:30am Worship

Monday, Aug 7

6:45pm Missions Meeting

Tuesday, Aug 8

1:00pm GIG

6:45pm Leadership Council

Wednesday, Aug 9

1:30pm Bible Study

Thursday, Aug 10

9:30 Communion at Cedar Manor

10:00am GIG

6:30pm Chaos Rehearsal

6:30pm SPPRC

Sunday, August 13

8:00am Prayer

9:30 am Worship

**Pastor Jenny is out of town with family
August 4-7. In case of emergency,
contact the church office. 886-2331**