



Welcome & Announcements

Worship Leader:

Jason Johnson

*Musical Call to Worship

“He Has Made Me Glad” #2270

Opening Prayer

Ever present God, we gather to worship you and to receive food for our journey. It is fitting that we come together today here in this place, in the heart of our community, for this time of worship isn’t just about us, but about all those we are called to serve in our community and world. Open our hearts to receive your blessings. Amen.

*Singing our Praise

“Church in the Wildwood”

New Testament Reading 1 John 4:16-21 Liturgist: Kent Anderson

Response: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks Be to God, Amen

Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders

Gospel Reading

John 6:32-35

Sermon

“Give Us Our Daily...Guacamole?” **Pastor Melanie Adams**

Time of Prayer

(Where have you seen God’s presence? What joys and concerns are in your hearts and minds?) Silent Prayer, Reflective Prayer, and the Lord’s Prayer #895

Song

“Step by Step”

Offertory

“Mighty to Save”

*The Doxology

“Give Thanks”

*Offertory Prayer [Unison]

Loving and gracious God, you offer us so much more than guacamole. You are our life. You show us the way of love and peace. And so, we are moved to be more loving, more at peace in our hearts, and more generous with our gifts and resources. We dedicate these offerings and ourselves to your service. In Christ we pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

“Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone”

Our Purpose

Our purpose statement has changed to reflect our overall mission and ministry, and our new First UMC “Brand.”

What is our purpose?

To provide a place for all to BELONG to our community, BELIEVE in and experience the transforming love of Jesus Christ, and BECOME his disciples. BELONG! BELIEVE! BECOME!

Benediction

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Please continue to pray for our church each day at 7:40 am or pm. Set your phone alarm to remind you! If you need a copy of the short 740 guide, there are extras in the ladder style organizer outside the sanctuary.

“Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us.” (Ephesians 3:20) May this be our prayer!

Additional prayer suggestions: For all our fall ministries starting again soon: Wednesday evening Table Talk meal and classes, Exploring Membership mini-class in Oct., confirmation classes, etc. And pray, too, for our time of worship together, that each person present feels a part of our worship time and that the Holy Spirit fills us with power and grace. Please pray for our musicians, our liturgists, worship leaders, staff, and pastor!

PRAYERS

Please see the Prayer Board outside the office for ongoing prayer requests.

Pray for our congregation: For the ministry of making, nurturing, and sending out of disciples; because we believe that God's Love is the answer for the most difficult questions of our world today. Jesus changes lives!

Zora Anderson
Steve Corp
Carol Fellhour
Nita Lambert
Family of
Richard Paquette

If you are interested in baptism and/or church membership, please call the office to make an appointment to talk with Pastor Melanie.

Thoughts to Ponder

What are some favorite Bible verses that guide you day by day?

Here are a couple of mine:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your paths." - Proverbs 3:5-6

"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid." - John 14:27

Events this week in church:

Sunday, September 9th

9:30 am Praise on the Plaza

Monday, September 10th

6:00 pm Stewardship

7:00 pm Finance

Wednesday, September 12th

5:30 pm "Sittin' with Jesus"

6:00 pm Table Talk Meal

6:30 pm Table Talk Classes

Sunday, September 16th

Muffins for Missions

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship

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We are looking for teachers and helpers for our Wednesday evening Table Talk classes (K-6 grades) beginning Sept. 12.

You would not have to teach every week. Please contact the church office or Cindy Kocher if you'd like to help raise up little disciples of Jesus!



Special Thanks to our Praise Band members: Melanie Adams, Pam Campbell, Maddie Johnson and Samantha Terrill

*Our Orphan Train Statue is here and will be unveiled on **September 20th** @ 5:15 pm. Make plans to attend, help us unveil this adorable statue and stay for refreshments. Thank you, Friends of FUMC for funding and donating this piece of artwork that is a part of history.*



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