

**Prelude ~** Pam Campbell

**Welcome/Announcements** Angie Gable-McConkey

**Growth in Gratitude Movement Introduction** Lisa Brewer

**Christ's Light Enters**  
*\*(Please stand as you are able)*

**\*Introit** "In Christ There is No East or West" Choir

**\*Call to Worship**  
We are gathered here as a people of faith in God.  
**As a people of faith, we have a unique perspective: We look beyond the visible, the physical, and the temporary.**  
The eyes of faith look to the invisible, the spiritual, the eternal.  
**For there our hope and our salvation is to be found. Thanks be to God!**

**\* Singing Our Praise**  
"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" vs. 1,2,3 #57

**Opening Prayer**  
**Compassionate God, we confess our tendency to view the world in our own human terms rather than yours, and thus to lose sight of you. We come today seeking to see with eyes of faith. Teach us to look at our lives from your perspective. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

**The Psalm** Psalm 121 #844  
Liturgist: Marsha Wentz

**Anthem** "Alleluia" Choir  
Directed by: Renata Knox

**Children's Message** Mary Thoman

**New Testament Reading** 2 Corinthians 4:13-18

**Message** "Focusing on the Things that Cannot Be Seen"  
Pastor Melanie Adams

**Sharing of Prayers: Gratitude and Challenges**  
*(Where have you seen God's presence? What gratitude and/or challenge is in your heart or on your mind?)*

**Silent Meditation & Pastoral Prayer**  
**Lord's Prayer** #895

**The Offering**

**Doxology** "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" #94

**Offertory Prayer [Unison]**  
**In faith, we bring these offerings to you, Gracious God. In faith, we commit them and ourselves to your service. We give these gifts with profound gratefulness to you for your constant presence and loving grace. Amen.**

**Reception of New Member:** Troy Keiswetter  
Also, welcome KcAnna and Kaleb Keiswetter!

**\* Closing Song** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" #474

**\*Our Purpose**  
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** Pastor Melanie Adams

**Benediction Response** "In Christ There is No East or West"

**Postlude ~** Pam Campbell

## 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!



**Steve Corp**  
**Tim Holt**  
**Betty Miller (Trinity)**  
**Melissa Smith**  
**Family of Jean Wilcox**



**Troy,  
KcAnna  
&  
Kaleb  
Keiswetter**

**Welcome to CFUMC!!!**

# Growth in Gratitude Movement

Today we begin a six-week journey of Growth in Gratitude!! So many times, in our lives we tend to focus on our problems and the world's negativity. This journey can help you refocus on the things in your everyday lives that are blessings. Please join us as we enrich our lives with **GRATITUDE!**

You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. II Corinthians 9:11-12

Have you ever googled "why be grateful"? It's a really fascinating black hole of information from psychologists, religious leaders of all faiths and even just everyday people who have experienced gratitude changing their life. You'll find tips to help you practice gratitude, health benefits, and often the case for why grateful people are more generous, happy and fulfilled. As Christians, gratitude is more than just a key to happiness, it's a spiritual discipline rooted in the belief that everything good that happens around us is generated out of God's love for us.

## Events this week in church:

### Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>:

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship Service  
11:30 am Fellowship

### Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>:

5:00 pm Sittin' With Jesus  
5:30 pm Choir Practice  
5:45 pm Table Talk Meal  
6:30 pm Table Talk Classes

### Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>:

*FALL FEST FOOD BOOTH*

### Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>:

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship Service  
11:30 am Fellowship

Sending **GRATITUDE** to Melanie Adams, Connie & Phil Bentz, Dave & Lisa Brewer, David & Judy Edwards, Wendy Holt, Randy Johnson, Don & Darlene Pearson, Marvin Petersen, Kathy Poore, Lori Racagnno, Carol Ruud, Marsha Wentz, Monte & Nancy Wentz for volunteering for All Church Work Day!!!! The church was treated to some TLC!!!



## FALL FEST FOOD BOOTH

Saturday, September 28th

SLOPPY JOES BOX LUNCH



Volunteers and donations are wanted.

Please see sign up sheets located on the hallway bulletin board.

### Interested in Membership and/or Baptism?

Contact the church office to set up an appointment to visit with Pastor Melanie.

**Welcome to our guests!**

We are glad you are here. We hope you were blessed by your experience at First United Methodist Church this morning and will tell a friend!

### Thoughts to Ponder

Can you think of a situation in your life where viewing it from God's perspective changes everything? How does knowing God sees our lives from an eternal perspective help you with your problems today?



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