

Prelude ~

Welcome/Announcements

Angie Gable-McConkey

Growth in Gratitude Movement

Lisa Brewer

Christ's Light Enters

**(Please stand as you are able)*

***Call to Worship**

Sing praises to God, brothers and sisters, and give thanks to God's holy name!

We praise you, O God, for you have restored us to life!

We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.

You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.

You turn our mourning into dancing!

Our souls cannot be silent! O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you forever!

*** Singing Our Praise** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #103

Opening Prayer

God, your changes touch our lives with mystery and hope. We come to this place today, ready to see your power working through us. Help us to be open to you speaking through all aspects of our worship, and to answer your call among us. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Reading of the Psalm

Psalm 67

#791

Liturgist: Lisa Valcoure

Children's Message

Angie Gable-McConkey

New Testament Readings

1 John 4:7-19

Message

"God"

Pastor Melanie Adams

Week 1 of Series: *Four Dirty Words*

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]

Thank you, God, for the opportunity to share in your creative and restorative work among people. Because you have blessed us, we have much to give. These offerings express our gratitude and our aspiration to be more fully your own loyal community. Amen.

Holy Communion (see screen)

*** Closing Song** "Grace Alone" #2162

***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 "Let There Be Peace on Earth" #431

Postlude ~

Potluck - Sunday, October 13th, 11:30 am

Join us for food, fellowship and fun!!! Bring a dish to share, your table service and an appetite!!

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!

Family of Lucille Blecha

Gerald Campbell

Jeff Doyle

Family of Keith Fuller

Tim Holt

Melissa Smith

Family of Myron Steinert

Family of Bob Strait

Family of Jean Wilcox

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!

Reflecting with Gratitude our Sacred Spaces

You received a **survey about what aspects of our sacred spaces** you are most grateful for when you arrived today. We invite you to be really present today as you consider how we move and function in this space together. What are you most grateful for? Mark those things on the survey. If there are things you simply don't notice or engage with leave those blank. If we asked you about something that you never realized was there but now that you know you'll engage with it going forward, let us know! Did we miss something you're grateful for during your time here? Be sure to add it at the bottom. Thank you for taking the time to give thanks with us for all of the wonderful things God is doing in the midst of our sacred space.

Wednesday our teens thought about all of the people for whom they are grateful and the way those people contribute to the community. They have sent thank you cards to someone in youth group, someone in the community that they admire, and one to themselves. If you would like to send a thank you card to our young people this week, please do! You can send them directly or drop them off in the office to be forwarded.

Please be sure to pick up **this week's take home gratitude practice: "I'm grateful for my home,"** an opportunity to reflect on the blessings of the places that provide us shelter and the things we place in them that make it home.

Events this week in church:

Sunday, October 6th:

World Communion Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

11:30 am Fellowship

Monday, October 7th:

10:30 am GPARCS meeting

Wednesday, October 9th:

5:00 pm Sittin' With Jesus

5:30 pm Choir Practice

5:45 pm **Faith-Food-Fun Fest**

Saturday, October 12th:

8:30 am "Sewcial"

Sunday, October 13th:

8:30 am **Stop the Bleed**

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

11:30 am Potluck



Wednesday, October 9, 2019
Meal: 5:45 pm
Spiritual Growth Time: 6:30 pm
Everyone is invited, bring a friend or 3!
This is a multi-generational event.

New T-Shirts have arrived!
If you pre-ordered, shirts are available for pickup after church or in the office.



Shirts are available for \$10 each or \$8 each for three or more.

GRATITUDE

Sermon Series: Four Dirty Words

The words in this series aren't actually dirty words, but too often we behave as if they are.

A mixture of humor and seriousness, these sermons will examine the following:

- Oct. 6 God
- Oct. 13 Holy Spirit
- Oct. 20 Evangelism
- Oct. 27 Bible



STOP THE BLEED
SAVE A LIFE
Stop the Bleed Training Class
Sunday, October 13th at 8:30 am
in the Fellowship Hall
Training provided by the Concordia Fire Department
For more details, contact Sydney Conner or Nancy Wentz.



Join us to make Layette Blankets!
Saturday, October 12th at 8:30 am
Fellowship Hall
Everyone is welcome—no experience required!



October 6, 2019

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