

Events this Week:
Sunday, July 9, 2023
 9:30am Crusaders
 9:30am Searchers
 10:30am Worship Services
 11:30am Good Neighbor Meeting

Monday, July 10, 2023
 5:30pm FUMC Council

Wednesday, July 12, 2023
 5:00pm Sitting With Jesus
 5:30pm M&M's

Saturday, July 15, 2023
 9:00am Ladies Coffee at Jitters
 3:00pm VBS meeting and workday

Sunday, July 16, 2023
 9:30am Crusaders
 9:30am Searchers
 10:30am Worship Services
 5:30pm VBS


Upcoming Events:
July 16, 17, 18
 5:30pm VBS
July 23, 2023
 Send off for Youth Mission Trip
July 30- Aug 4
 Youth Mission Trip

All We need is:
 A Cup of 
 A Few 
 And a 
 Full of Jesus!

LADIES COFFEE
 JITTERS
 9:00AM.
 JULY 15, 2023
 ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH ARE WELCOME!

VBS

will be collecting school supplies—
 help boost the number of items
 collected by bringing your items
 July 1st —23rd!
 Items can be left in the
Food Box in the church entry.



Colored Pencils Crayola Crayons Markers
 #2 Pencils Blue and Red Pens 3-Ring Binders
 Glue (Sticks and Bottles) College or Wide-Ruled Paper

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!


9~Ben Retter
 11~Bruno Rehbein
 12 Tyler Anderson
 15~Mary Gantz



Prayer Requests

AMANDA WATERMAN
 TERESA BENSON
 LAURA CHRISTENSEN
 TRISH & DAN WATERMAN
 DOUG MOORE
 TOM THRONSON
 TARYN MOSHER

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and
 don't lean on your own understanding; in all
 your ways surrender to God and He will
 make your paths straight."
 ~Proverbs 3:5-6



July 9, 2023

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 Monday —Thursday
 9:00-4:00pm
 Friday
 Closed

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Do No Harm ~ Do Good ~ Stay in Love With God.
John Wesley



The Community Gathers



PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Angie Gabel-McConkey

(*Please stand as you are able)

*PASSING THE PEACE

*OPENING HYMN Here I Am, Lord #593

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: At times, God's word seems rare.

PEOPLE: **Still, God's light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overtake it.**

LEADER: When God's word seems rare, that's when the Lord calls.

PEOPLE : **"I'm here. You called me?"**

LEADER: It's easy to mistake another voice for God's.

PEOPLE: **Again, the Lord calls—three more times...**

(Softly speak your name three times out loud.)

LEADER: Listen and feel the tingle.

PEOPLE: **Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.**

SONG OF PRAISE Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone) (Screen)

OPENING PRAYER

You speak in unexpected places, and with unexpected voices, God. And we aren't always sure how to listen. We aren't always sure who to listen to. We aren't always sure if we're really hearing you. Be blunt with us, please. Be clear. Give us the challenge of loving you, of loving all other, and of loving ourselves. And help us to live fully the call you place on each of our lives! Because you are God who loves us all, even when we don't know where to turn. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER SONG Sanctuary #2164

PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

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TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

#94

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of compassion and mercy, you claim each of us as one of your children. Like a parent, you are joyful when we find joy and your heart aches when we fall, fail, or feel less than the beloved heirs to the kingdom you meant us to be. The yoke the Bible describes doesn't burden us but reminds us that you yearn for us to be a church, a community, that supports, steadies, and sustains when life makes us weary, The gifts we give this day we give in gratitude for this yoke that helps us finish the race in faithfulness. Bless our giving and its use, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Hearing and Responding to the Word
SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Samuel 3:1-11

HYMN Jesus Loves Me #191 (First Stanza)

CHILDRENS MESSAGE Cindy Kocher

GOSPEL LESSON John 1:35-51
The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "I am Sam, Sam I am" Pastor Mark Crist

Thanksgiving

PRAYER A Creed Prayer for Human Relations (See Screen)

Going into the World to Serve

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!

*SENDING SONG Be Thou My Vision #451

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Let There Be Peace on Earth #431
Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*POSTLUDE

