

## The Community Gathers

PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST	Sue Gustafson
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Cindy Kocher
PASSING THE PEACE	
OPENING HYMN	A Charge to Keep I Have #413
CALL TO WORSHIP	
LEADER: Come! Now is the time to worship!	
<b>PEOPLE: We come to worship God who guides us.</b>	
LEADER: Jesus tells a story of a vineyard owner and his tenants who choose violence instead of giving the owner the fruits of the harvest, challenging us to choose—will we reject the Cornerstone or find in Jesus our sure foundation?	
<b>PEOPLE: God guides us as we learn to pattern our lives after the rhythms of God's grace.</b>	
LEADER: Too often we fall back into the pattern of rejecting what is good for us, forgetting that the life of faith is always about following God who provides for us and loves us.	
<b>PEOPLE: When we follow God's guidance, we learn to live God's new pattern of life described in the commandments and demonstrated by Christ.</b>	
SONG OF PRAISE	Grace Alone #2162
OPENING PRAYER	
<b>Liberating God, you give us commandments not as a burden to bear but as an invitation to live the life you have for us. Grant us open hearts ready to accept your invitation, that we might become a people who bear the fruit of the freedom and new life you give us. Amen.</b>	
JOYS, CONCERNS AND GOD SIGHTINGS	
PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY	
PRAYER SONG	Depth of Mercy UMH#355
	<u>Thanksgiving</u>
SCRIPTURE SENTENCE	
<i>"The goal I pursue is the prize of God's upward call in Christ Jesus "</i>	
<b>~Philippians 3:14</b>	

## TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY	#94
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING	
<b>Generous and giving God, you have offered us a deep and soul-satisfying relationship with you, one that extends far beyond our earthly journey; and too many of us have opted for a "faith-lite" experience. One day a week or a couple of times a month has been a better fit. We have rejected what you so generously offer us, even as we dwell in and are sustained by your vineyard. As we offer our gifts this day, may we better receive the relationship you offer us and may we walk more closely. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.</b>	
	<u>Hearing and Responding to the Word</u>
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Philippians 3:4b-14
HYMN	Sanctuary #2164
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Pastor Mark
GOSPEL LESSON	Matthew 21:33-46
AFFIRMATION	
The word of God for the people of God	
<b>Thanks be to God.</b>	
MESSAGE	"The Extreme Picture" Pastor Mark Crist
PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER	
	<u>Going into the World to Serve</u>
SENDING SONG	Be Thou My Vision UMH#451
TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD	
BENEDICTION	
BENEDICTION RESPONSE	Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing UMH#671 (First stanza only)
POSTLUDE	

**Events this Week:**  
**Sunday, October 8, 2023**  
 9:30am Crusaders  
 9:30am Searchers  
 10:30am Worship  
 Potluck after Worship  
 5:30pm Yoga in the Choir Room  
 6:30pm Emotionally Healthy  
 Spirituality Class

**Monday, October 9, 2023**  
 5:30pm FUMC Council

**Wednesday, October 11, 2023**  
 5:00pm Sitting with Jesus  
 5:30pm Choir Practice  
 6:00pm Table Talk Meal  
 6:30pm Classes begin

**Thursday, October 12, 2023**  
 5:00pm Girl Scouts Meeting

**Sunday, October 15, 2023**  
 9:30am Crusaders  
 9:30am Searchers  
 10:30am Worship  
 3:30pm Meet at church  
 Hayrack ride at  
 Loren & Joyce Swenson's

5:30pm Yoga in Choir Room  
 6:30pm Emotionally Healthy  
 Spirituality Class


**Upcoming Events:**  
**October 16-23**  
 School Fall Break

**October 22, 2023**  
 2:00pm Community Baby Shower

**October 29, 2023**  
 2:00pm  
 Church Conference in Courtland


*Prayer Requests*

AMANDA WATERMAN  
 LAURA CHRISTENSEN  
 TRISH & DAN WATERMAN  
 GWYDOTTA UKENS  
 HARLEY & DARLA ADAMS  
 SHEILA FLESHER  
 JOYCE SWENSON



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**


8~Tammy Istas  
 12~Jasmine Ukens  
 13~Stephanie Hake  
 14~Joyce Swenson  
 14~Frances Shaw



CHURCH CONFERENCE  
 SUNDAY  
 OCTOBER 29, 2023  
 2:00 TO 3:30PM  
 COURTLAND, KS.

CONCERT BY  
 RECORDING ARTIST  
 JARON BELL

Ice Cream Social  
 to Follow




**HAY RACK RIDE**  
 OCTOBER 15, 2023  
 MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 3:30  
 OR MEET AT LOREN SWENSON'S AT 4:00PM

YOUTH WILL BRING ITEMS FOR SMORES.  
 CHURCH WILL SUPPLY THE HOTDOGS AND BUNS.  
 BRING YOUR FAVORITE SIDE DISH.



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October 8, 2023  
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Office Hours:  
 Monday — Thursday  
 9:00-4:00pm  
 Friday  
 Closed

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