

Greeters

8:45 Office - Kathy Stephens
Narthex - Bob Stephens
Portico - Amy Keener
11:00 Office - Rachel Tarr
Narthex - Allan Tarr
Portico - Sandy Webb



Nov. 19: Crystal Lynch
Nov. 22: Michael Putman
Nov. 23: Bliss Cole
Nov. 23: Julie Martin
Nov. 24: Frank Beldowski
Nov. 24: Janella Condra
Nov. 25: Miriam Niemira
Nov. 25: Betty Perry

LIJ Kids LIJ Kids / Youth Impact News

Happy Thanksgiving!

FUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week

Save us, Lord, so that we too may be a blessing.
Wash away our guilt, so that we may forgive.
Heal us, so that we may alleviate pain. Fill us
with hope and courage, so that we may offer a
despairing world the light of your justice and
love. Amen.



Nov. 22 & 23: Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Month of December Sunday Worship will be held at 10:00

Dec. 3: 10:00 Children's Program
Dec. 6: 5:00 Mission Dinner, UMCOR Buckets
Dec. 7: 11:00 Joy Circle
Dec. 10: 10:00 Worship
Dec. 17: 9:00 Christmas Pot Luck Breakfast
Dec. 17: 10:00 Cantata
Dec. 20: 4:00 Church Wide Mission - Caroling
Dec. 24: 10:00 Worship
Dec. 24: 5:00 Worship
Dec. 25 thru Jan.2: Church Office Closed for Staff Holiday
Dec. 31: 10:00 Worship

Invitation to Church Membership

Anyone wishing to join this church by profession of faith or by transfer of your membership, please come forward during the closing hymn or speak to the pastor following worship. Know that you are always welcome.



The Claddagh Circle would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child. We collected 63 boxes!

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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November 19, 2023

8:45 & 11:00 a.m. Worship - The Color is Green

The Worship of God

Welcome and Announcements

The Chiming of the Hour

* **Prelude** "Give Thanks"
arr. by John Innes

* **Call To Worship**
"We Plow the Fields and Scatter" (All Good Gifts)
arr. by Stanley W. Cowan

† **The Responsorial Psalm**
Psalm 65 UMH 789-790

† **The Invocation**

† **The Hymn of Praise** "We Gather Together"
UMH 131

† **The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

† **The Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

† **The Hymn of Preparation**

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” UMH 694

You Are Welcome Here

You enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your Heavenly Father. Come then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips, into His presence, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the men and women who, in the name of Jesus Christ, built this historic place of worship and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with prayer and praise. Beseech His blessings on those who love this house of faith as the inspiration of their labor, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest upon your going out and your coming in.

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music

“Prayer from “Juda Maccabeus”
by Mark Hayes

† **The Presentation and Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

The Anthem

“Simple Gifts”
Shaker Hymn, arr. by John Coates, Jr.

The Scripture

Matthew 25:14-30 NRSV

Sermon

“Talented People” Pastor

The Closing Hymn “Now Thank We All Our God”

UMH 102

† **The Benediction**

† **The Choral Benediction**

“He Who Began a Good Work in You”
TFWS 2163

He who began a good work in you,
he who began a good work in you-
will be faithful to complete it,
will be faithful to complete it,
He who started the work
will be faithful to complete it in you.

The Postlude

“Soon and Very Soon”
by Cindy Berry

† *Congregation Standing (as able)*
* 11:00 am Service Only
8:45 am Service Only

UMH-United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS-The Faith We Sing

Matthew 25:14-30

The Parable of the Talents

¹⁴ “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?’ ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹ For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’