

SEAMLESS SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

This year, we will once again be a feeding site for this program. We will serve lunch and breakfast bags, Monday-Thursday 11:30-12:00 from June 3rd-July 18th.

Serving our community and God's children this week will be the Altar Guild.

Thanks go out to Lynn Higginbotham and Nancy Smith for their assistance last week.



FUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week



Lord God Almighty, this day we are grateful to honor earthly fathers. It is for you, however, our Eternal Father, whom we reserve our utmost adoration and praise.

Amen.

Thank you so much for the farewell lunch, the cards, gifts, prayers, and the blessing y'all have been in our lives these past six months! It has been a joy and honor in every way. We love you!

Chris & Kerri Shoemaker

Church Lock Up

6/16-6/22: Bill Munson
6/23-6/29: Hank Chapman
6/30-7/06: Bill Munson
7/07-7/13: Lloyd Vautrot
7/14-7/20: Charlie Leonard



Singles Mingles Event

Sunday 6/16@ 1pm
"The Ladies Treat the Gents"
It is also board game day



6/16: Susan Andersen
6/16: Carol Simmons
6/18: Pam Chapman



VBS 2024

A HUGE thanks to our Camp Staff that were the hands and feet of Jesus this past week.

We had 52 campers, counselors and leaders at Camp Firelight! Thanks also to the congregation for their Prayers, food and monetary support.

We all are trying to learn to Trust God to Go with us, Trust God to Lead the Way, Trust God to Share Wisdom, Trust God to Give us Peace and Trust God to Spark Joy so we can go and share Jesus' Light!

Honoring the Brantleys



Join us for a Church Luncheon to honor John and Wendy Brantley following the June 23rd worship service. This is a time for fellowship and a time to show Rev. Brantley our sincere appreciation for his service. The

Church will provide fried chicken and the congregation is asked to bring sides, salads and desserts.

There will be a basket for messages and love offerings.

Please remember to RSVP for the luncheon by calling the office at 706.635.2555 by June 19th.

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm
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June 16, 2024

The Liturgical Color is Green

Welcome and Announcements

The Chiming of the Hour

Focusing Words: Descendants who would be more numerous than the stars in the sky. How many, like us, have found a home within its branches?

† **Prelude** "God of Our Fathers"

arr by Smith/Hustad

† **Call to Worship:** "Come and See"

by Marilyn Houser Hamm

† The Greeting

Leader: God of covenant love,

People: we praise you for planting seeds of your love within Abraham, Sarah, and their descendants.

Leader: God of incarnate love,

People: we marvel at the magnificent family tree that your divine love has created for us.

Leader: God of welcoming love,

People: we thank you that you have made a home for us within the branches of your family tree.

Leader: God of everlasting love,

People: we worship you, we love you, and we honor you with all that we are.

† The Invocation

† **The Hymn of Praise** "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

(vs.1,3,5) UMH 160

† **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:**

“Hymn of Promise”

UMH 707

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. here.

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music: “This Is My Father’s World”

arr by Smith/Hustad

† **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: “Thanks Be to God”

Text by F. Pratt Green, Music by Judy Hunnicut

The Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5: 6-17

The Sermon: “The Ministry of Reconciliation” Pastor

The Closing Hymn: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

vs. 1,2,3,6

UMH 154

† **The Benediction**

† **The Choral Benediction**

“Majesty, Worship His Majesty” UMH 176

The Postlude “Tell the Good News”

arr by Ed Good

† *Following the service, the Prayer Team is available at both the Narthex and Altar. They are wearing white scarves.*

2 Corinthians 5: 6-17

5:6 So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord --

5:7 for we walk by faith, not by sight.

5:8 Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

5:9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

5:10 For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

5:11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences.

5:12 We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart.

5:13 For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

5:14 For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died.

5:15 And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

5:16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way.

5:17 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!