

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 our United Methodist Men.

Thanks go out to the Altar Guild for their assistance last week.

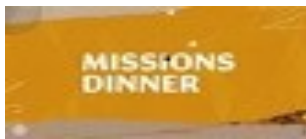


FUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week

Forgiving God, you have released us from all we owe, except to love. How glorious it is to live debt-free! Give us grace to release others as you have released us, so that all may know your freedom. Amen.



If you or anyone you know is in need of a lap robe or prayer shawl, please contact the Church Office. Thank you!



Save the Date!

There will be a Mission Dinner on Wednesday, July 24th in the Fellowship Hall.

Logan and Addy will be sharing their experiences on the recent Kenya mission trip.

Dinner will be provided.

Church Lock Up

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



6/23: Mack Hipp
6/23: Tom Lowery Jr.
6/23: Bryan Scott
6/26: Joy Fanelli
6/26: Bobbie S Wilson
6/27: Cindy Corn
6/30: Sandra Webb



Vespers

Vespers will be 7-5-24

Theme: **The Power of Your Word**

Does it represent you?

Matthew 5: 33-37

June 16 Financial Recap

Check the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for complete financial information.

Needed Weekly: \$9963

Received 6/16: \$4511.77

Year to Date Needed: \$289,856

Year to Date Received: \$239,484

Luncheon Honoring Rev. Dr. John Brantley

Join in the Church Luncheon honoring John and Wendy Brantley following today's worship



service. It is a time for Fellowship and to show Rev. Dr. Brantley our appreciation for his service here.

There will be a basket for your messages and love offerings.

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am - 4 pm
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The Liturgical Color is Green

Welcome and Announcements

The Chiming of the Hour

Focusing Words: Inhale the calming presence of God, then exhale the chaos wreaking havoc on your hearts. As Christ speaks, "Peace! Be still," feel your spirit relax and release the tempest all around.

† **Prelude** "How Firm a Foundation"

arr by John Purifoy

† **Call to Worship:** "Come and See"

by Marilyn Houser Hamm

† **The Greeting (Psalm 9)**

Leader: Put your trust in God, who knows our names.

People: The holy one does not forsake those who seek God.

Leader: Be gracious to us, Holy One.

People: For you are the One who lifts us from the storm.

Leader: We praise you in every time in space.

People: We rejoice that your hand guides us.

† **The Invocation**

† **The Hymn of Praise** "Stand By Me" UMH 512

† **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:**

"It Is Well with My Soul"

UMH 377

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: "His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

arr by Nicol Sponberg, Todd Smith & Allan Hall

Duet by Gordan Eanes & Susan Gooch

† **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: "Be Still"

by David Evans, arr by Jane Holstein

The Scripture: Mark 3:20-35

The Sermon: "Boundaries of the Kingdom" Pastor

The Closing Hymn: "Are Ye Able" UMH 530

vs. 1,2,4

† **The Benediction**

† **The Choral Benediction**

"Majesty, Worship His Majesty" UMH 176

The Postlude Coro from "Water Music"

by G.F. Handel

† *Congregation Standing (as able)*

*UMH-United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS-The Faith We Sing*

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

Mark 3:20-35

²⁰ Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat.

²¹ When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."

²² And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons."

²³ So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan?"

²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

²⁶ And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come.

²⁷ In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house.

²⁸ Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter,

²⁹ But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin."

³⁰ He said this because they were saying, "He has an impure spirit."

³¹ Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him.

³² A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you."

³³ "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked.

³⁴ Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!"

³⁵ "Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."