

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 will be the Joyful Noon Circle.



FUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week



Father God, your plan from the beginning was that we who believe in you and profess your Son Jesus as our Lord and Savior would be adopted as sons and daughters into your eternal fold.

We thank you for this priceless gift. Amen.

LIJ Kids Summer Fun Dates

July 17th - Pool party at the Davis house
5:00-7:00pm.

Marianne will have pizza and drinks! Bring a towel.

We will leave the church at 5:00 if you want to follow or carpool. Family is invited, please RSVP!

July 21st - Afternoon @ the Movies
(Time & Movie TBT)

August 11th - Save the Date!



Volunteer opportunities are available with the Prayer Team. Many thanks to our two newly-trained volunteers Sharlee Cobb and Linda Dickerson.



Church Lock Up

7/07-7/13: Lloyd Vautrot
7/14-7/20: Charlie Leonard

7/17: Jenny Easley
7/18: Linda Daughtry
7/20: Nell Bater

Welcome

Welcoming the Shearons

We welcome Rev. Dr. Mike Shearon and his wife Holly today at our Church luncheon following the worship service.

All are welcome to join us !

Choir News

The chancel choir is taking a short break during the month of July and will be returning to the choir loft the first Sunday in August. There is plenty of room for new voices to join this dedicated group of worship leaders! Prayerfully consider singing with them or nudge the person behind you with the beautiful singing voice! Regular choir rehearsal resumes on Wednesday, July 31 from 6:30-8:00pm. Please contact Susan Gooch for more information.

July 14th Financial Recap

Check the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for complete financial information.
Needed Weekly: \$9963
Received 7/7: \$9186

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: 2 Samuel 6, Ephesians 1
Dance before the Lord with instruments of praise. Know that you are adopted into the family of God.

† **Prelude** "Grace Greater Than All My Sin"
arr by Mary McDonald

† Call to Worship

† **The Greeting (2 Samuel 6, Psalm 24)**
Leader: All are welcome in the house of the Lord.
People: Find here the hospitality of radical fellowship.
Leader: Worship with clean hands and pure hearts.
People: We are lifted up by the King of glory.
Leader: We are adopted into the family of Christ.
People: We will leap with joy before our God!

† The Invocation

† The Hymn of Praise

"God Hath Spoken by the Prophets" UMH 108

† **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.

Pastoral Prayer

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:**

“Amazing Grace” UMH 378

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: “Sing Praise” (Israeli folk tune)

arr by Deborah Govenor

† **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**

Special Music: “The Storm Is Passing Over”

arr. by Barbara Baker, performed by Women's Ensemble

The Scripture: Mark 6:14-29

The Sermon: “One of the Most Chilling Biblical Passages”

Pastor

The Closing Hymn:

“We'll Understand It Better By and By” UMH 525

† **The Benediction**

† **The Choral Benediction**

“Sent Forth by God's Blessing” (vs 1) UMH 664

The Postlude “For All the Saints”

by Ralph Vaughan Williams

† *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.*

John the Baptist Beheaded

¹⁴ King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, “John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him.”

¹⁵ Others said, “He is Elijah.” And still others claimed, “He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago.”

¹⁶ But when Herod heard this, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!”

¹⁷ For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married.

¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.”

¹⁹ So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to,

²⁰ because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled yet he liked to listen to him.

²¹ Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday, Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee.

²² When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests.

The king said to the girl, “Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you.”

²³ And he promised her with an oath, “Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom.”

²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, “What shall I ask for?”

“The head of John the Baptist,” she answered.

²⁵ At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: “I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter.”

²⁶ The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her.

²⁷ So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison,

²⁸ and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother.

²⁹ On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.