

FUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week

Lord, your words are Spirit and Truth. Speak to us this day and we will worship you in like manner. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Wheelchairs are available for use in the Church. They are located at the Portico entrance.



It's time to start thinking about Shoeboxes! November 17th is Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Sunday

You can include:

- a "wow" quality toy such as a stuffed toy/animal, a doll, a soccer ball and pump.
- school supplies or personal items (combs, socks, toothbrushes and shoes).
- Do not include food, candy, war-related items or toy guns.
- No liquid or breakable items.

This may be a child's only gift and only chance to hear about the love of Jesus Christ. More info to follow soon.

Church Food Pantry Needs: Our freezer in the Ben Barrett room is now operational! Donations of frozen meals are requested. Other needs are baby items (diapers, wipes or baby food), adult diapers or pull-ups, cereal, canned fruit, canned meat or shelf ready (powdered or boxed) milk. Thank you! for your generosity!



9/08 Paul Stanhope
 9/10 Betty McCutchen
 9/11 Barbara Fogle



Prayer shawls and lap robes are available to anyone at no charge. Please contact the Church office or Barbara Chapman.



LIJ Kids News

Calling all Kids! Our normal Wednesday after school fun is back!

The normal schedule for this Fall will be 3:30-5:00pm.

We will continue our normal pick-up at EES after school. If you go to Mountain View or Clear Creek, please let us know if you need help with transportation to get your kids here. If you are able to transport kids from one of these schools on a monthly basis, please let me know. We are excited to get back to digging into God's Word and having fun in the name of Jesus!



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 is every Wednesday from 6:30-8pm. Please contact Susan Gooch for more information.

Handbell Ringers Needed!

Have you ever thought it might be fun to play the handbells in church? This is your chance! For inquiries, please call/text Sarah Thorne at 706-972-0014.



Financial and Attendance Updates

Please check the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for updated financial information.

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Liturgical Color is Green
The Worship of God - Holy Communion

Prelude “Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates” from “Messiah”

Piano duet by Gabrielle Cornett and Susan Gooch
From Messiah, arr By Larry Shackley

The Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation

Focusing Words: James 2, Mark 7

Everyone matters or no one matters. Here, everyone matters, and all are welcomed by the love of God.

† Choral Call to Worship

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”
by Lanny Wolfe

† The Greeting - James 2, Mark 7 Liturgist Becky Moon

Leader: Place your trust in God.

People: God’s faithfulness is unshakeable.

Leader: May our worship this day strengthen our faith.

People: May our faithfulness be unshakeable.

Leader: May our words and actions be good and true.

People: May we grow in godliness each and every day.

† The Hymn of Praise:

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

UMH 581



In Honor of our Church Members that have recently passed away

A memorial service was held Wednesday, September 4th for Maynard Griggs who passed away August 31st.

This afternoon, a memorial service will be held here at the church for Frances Reddick from 2-4pm with visitation and light refreshments to follow.

† 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 & Congregational 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

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

UMH 454

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Pastor

The Offertory Music:

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

arr by John Rutter

† 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

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 Scripture: Mark 7:24-30

Jesus the Bread of Life

²⁴ Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

²⁶ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill.

²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.” ²⁸ Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?” ²⁹ Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.” ³⁰ So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?”

The Sermon: “Great Faith”

Pastor

Sacrament of Holy Communion

UMH 12

The Closing Hymn

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

TFWS 2213

† During this time, the Pastor and Prayer Team are available at the altar. Anyone wishing to join this church should also come forward.

† The Benediction

† The Choral Benediction

Invitation to Church Membership

Anyone wishing to join this church may come forward during the closing hymn.
Know that you are always welcome here.