

Events this Week:

Sunday, September 15, 2024
 9:30am Crusaders
 9:30am Searchers
 10:30am Worship

Monday, September 16, 2024
 5:30pm M&M's

Wednesday September 18, 2024
 5:30pm Blessing of the Animals
 No Table Talk
 Join us at the Plaza

Saturday, September 21, 2024
 9:00 Ladies Coffee at Jitters

Sunday, September 22, 2024
 9:30am Crusaders
 9:30am Searchers
 10:30am Worship
 2:00pm EHS Class in the Parlor

Saturday, September 28, 2024
 Fall Fest
 Sign up Sheets on the Bulletin Board



Happy Birthday

15~Crystal Wilson
 16~Jodi Rehbein
 18~David Edwards
 18~Jan Novlan
 20~Jeremy Coons



Prayer Requests

KYLE SWENSON LAURA CHRISTENSEN
 JAN NOVLAN TRISH & DAN WATERMAN
 JOAN KROHN AMANDA WATERMAN
 MARVIN PETERSEN HARLEY & DARLA ADAMS
 JOSH FREEBORN DEB KETTERMAN, SAVANA,
 DAKOTA BROCKMAN LIBBY & HATCHER

Attendance & Financials

	Attendance	Offering
August 25, 2024	52	4,848.00
September 1, 2024	52	4,182.00
September 8, 2024	38	\$965.00
Monthly Budget		\$16,783.00
Offering to date:		\$5,147.00
Year-to-Date:		\$114,224.00



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SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

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 but lose their lives? What will people give
 in exchange for their lives?”*

~ Mark 8:37-38



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 Monday — Thursday
 9:00-4:00pm
 Friday
 Closed

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Do No Harm ~ Do Good ~ Stay in Love With God.
John Wesley



Welcome to our guests!
 We are glad you are here.
 We hope you were blessed by
 your experience at
 First United Methodist Church
 this morning and will tell friend.



The Community Gathers

PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST Pam Campbell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Christy Hasch

PASSING THE PEACE

* OPENING HYMN "Lift High the Cross" UMH #159

* CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Beloved, the voice of Wisdom calls to us from the street corner, the grocery store aisle, the noisy dinner table, and the quiet places of our hearts. Will you listen?

PEOPLE: Yes, with God's help, we will listen!

LEADER: Wisdom calls to us with hard truths, showing us where we've strayed in our hearts and as a community and urging us back onto God's path. Will you follow?

PEOPLE: Yes, with God's help, we will follow!

LEADER: Wisdom's call persists through the twists and turns, the rough patches, the barely discernible paths forward, and the moments we feel completely lost. Will you hold onto Wisdom wherever she takes you?

PEOPLE: Yes, with God's help, we will hold onto Wisdom!

LEADER: Then Beloved, let us worship God together as we cling to wisdom on our journey along the path of salvation paved with God's love.

PEOPLE: Yes! Let us worship God together! Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE "Where He Leads Me" UMH#338
(Stanzas 1 & 4)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We long for wisdom, O Lord, but prefer that it be our own. We turn away from the ideas of others and ignore the possibility and promise that come from life together with you. Most of all, we drown out your gift of Wisdom as she seeks to get our attention, for we believe that we know better or would prefer to decide where we make her welcome. Forgive us, loving God. Bring an end to the self-righteousness that ignores you, and awaken us anew to the Wisdom that comes only from you. Show us how to walk in your ways and listen to your promise each and every day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

JOYS, CONCERNS AND GOD SIGHTINGS
PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

PRAYER SONG "Nearer My God to Thee" UMH #528
(Stanzas 1, 3, 5)

Thanksgiving

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TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

* DOXOLOGY "Praise God, From Whom all Blessings Flow" UMH # 94

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Love Divine, we bring these offerings with hearts attuned to your call. As we gather in your presence, may our gifts reflect the wisdom and discernment you desire for us. Use these offerings to nurture understanding, compassion, and justice in our world. Guide us to listen and act with insight, spreading your love and grace. Transform our giving into actions that make a difference. Help us grow in our faith and commitment to your ways. In the holy name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Hearing and Responding to the Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON James 3:1-12

HYMN "Jesus Loves Me" UMH #191
(1st stanza only)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Melody Leibbrandt

*GOSPEL LESSON Mark 8:27-38

*AFFIRMATION
The word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Pastor Mark Crist
PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING SONG Going into the World to Serve
"Take Up Thy Cross" UMH #415

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH #431

POSTLUDE AND TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

