

The Community Gathers

PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST Pam Campbell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Cindy Kocher

PASSING THE PEACE

*OPENING HYMN "All Who Love and Serve Your City" UMH#433

* CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Beloved, living on this side of the resurrection, it is easy for us to glance over those times when Jesus predicts his death.

PEOPLE: Instead, Lord, open our hearts to what is being said.

LEADER: Beloved, consequently we are often like the disciples; we don't think Jesus' prediction of death has many implications for us.

PEOPLE: Instead, Lord, open our hearts to what you are saying to us today.

LEADER: Along the way, Lord, being like the disciples, we miss opportunities because we think we are entitled to a place of power and privilege rather than being humbled servants who have healed and offer the healing you offer to others.

PEOPLE: Instead, Lord, open our hearts so we welcome all your children because in doing so, we welcome you.

HOLY CONVERSATION

Have you ever judged someone whose personal circumstances you knew nothing about? How did that affect your relationship with God?

SONG OF PRAISE "Like a Child" UMH#2092

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we live our lives as best we can — dealing with difficult relationships and situations, putting failures and disappointments behind us, and moving into each new day with as much energy, goodwill, and optimism as we can muster. But here, right now, we seldom have the right answers, we seldom seek your higher wisdom in our lives, we just move ahead. Forgive us for not asking for your insight. Fill us with your wisdom, that we may live lives of goodness and peace. Amen.

JOYS, CONCERNS AND GOD SIGHTINGS

PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

CHOIR ANTHEM "Peace Like a River/Amen" Renata Knox, Choir Director

Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

"Are any of you wise and understanding? Show that your actions are good with a humble lifestyle that comes from wisdom." ~ James 3:13

TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

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

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of Love and Mercy, we bring these offerings with grateful hearts, honoring your enduring guidance in our lives. Just as Wisdom works with willing hands and provides for those in need, may these gifts be used to nurture and uplift our community. Inspire us to follow your teachings of kindness and generosity. Transform our contributions into acts of love and justice, spreading your light in the world. May we always give credit to your divine wisdom and grace. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Hearing and Responding to the Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 1

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Angie Gabel McConkey

* GOSPEL LESSON Mark 9:30-37

* AFFIRMATION

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

MESSAGE "For all the Anita's" Pastor Mark Crist

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Going into the World to Serve

SENDING SONG "Make Me a Captive, Lord" UMH#421

* BENEDICTION

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

* OUR MISSION, OUR PURPOSE

LEADER: Our mission is to provide a place for all to ...

PEOPLE: BELONG!

LEADER: To our community.

PEOPLE: BELIEVE!

LEADER: In and experience the transforming love of Jesus Christ, and ...

PEOPLE: Become His Disciples.

ALL: Belong! Believe! Become!

POSTLUDE AND TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Events this Week:

Sunday, September 22, 2024

- 9:30am Crusaders
- 9:30am Searchers
- 10:30am Worship
- 2:00pm EHS Class
- 5:30pm Yoga

Saturday, September 28, 2024

Fall Fest
Sign up Sheets on the Bulletin Board

Sunday, September 29, 2024

- 9:30am Crusaders
- 9:30am Searchers
- 10:30am Worship
- 2:00pm EHS Class in the Parlor

October 3-5, 2024

Camp Horizon Adult Retreat

Sunday, October 6, 2024

9:30am Reception for Wayne & Alberta Neel

Saturday, October 12, 2024

9:30am Women in Faith

Sunday, October 13, 2024

2:00pm Baby Shower for David & Kyra Strait



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

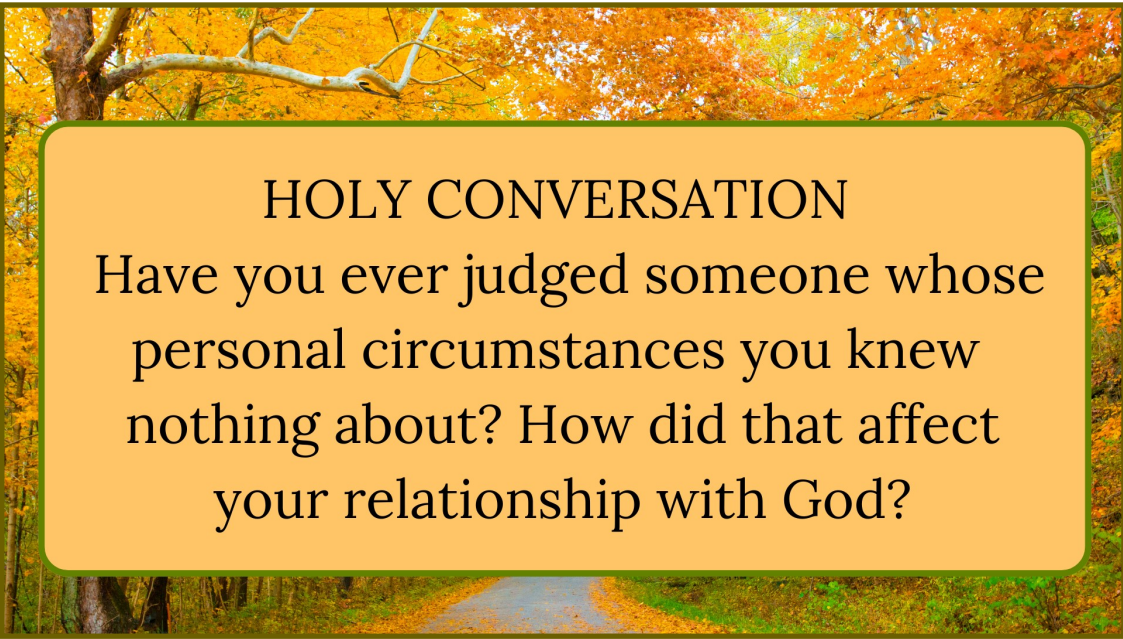


Happy Birthday

**26~Amanda Waterman
26~Madelyn Stiles
27~Michelle Johnson**


Attendance & Financials

	Attendance	Offering
September 1, 2024	52	\$4,182.00
September 8, 2024	38	\$965.00
September 15, 2024	39	\$2,105.00
Monthly Budget		\$16,783.00
Offering to date:		\$7252.00
Year-to-Date:		\$116,329.00



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

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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.



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