

Announcements

Hearing Assist Devices are available for your convenience during worship at the AV Desk.

FOOD BANK- Help Stock Our Mason County Food Pantry-

We have a grocery basket which will be used to collect needed items on the 2nd Sunday of each month. If you are giving something from your own pantry, please check the expiration dates.

Monday Afternoon Bible Study

The bible study held on Monday afternoons will begin on Monday, May 24th. *The May 17th Meeting has been CANCELED.*



Summer Sunday School Begins June 6

Our theme will be "Fruit of the Spirit". Each week we'll have an opening with music, prayer, and introduction of the Bible lesson. Every week will be a little different - videos, guitar, skits, narration, and... who knows?!

Children will then go to separate classrooms with activities, crafts, and more for 3 years - Kinder, Grades 1 & 2, and Grades 3-5.

Adult and youth leaders are needed to help each Sunday. You can get more information and sign up in the back of the Sanctuary or call Dianna Dail at 347-4819. **This is a great way to get to know some of our children and youth! Don't miss out on the fun as we learn together.**

Calendar

Sun. May 16

Birthdays:

8:30 A.M.

9:45 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

4:00 P.M.

5:00 P.M.

Mon. May 17

9:30 A.M.

Tues. May 18

Birthdays:

5:15 P.M.

Wed. May 19

7:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M.

5:45-6:45 P.M.

Thurs. May 20

7:30 A.M.

9:00-10:00 A.M.

Fri. May 21

Sat. May 22

Elliot Courtright & Cash Dyson

Worship

Sunday School

Worship on 102.5 KHLB

Worship

Boy Scouts (CR)

Confirmation Class

Prayer Shawl

Cara Ruffin

Church Council

BOB

Foundation Meeting

Choir Practice

Women's Bible Study (ZOOM)

TOTS

No Events

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(CR= Conference Room; GR=Gathering Room; SH=Social Hall)

Caden Klingelhefer will be baptized Today, May 16th.

This is will be a private baptism held at 2:00 P.M. at the Llano River.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

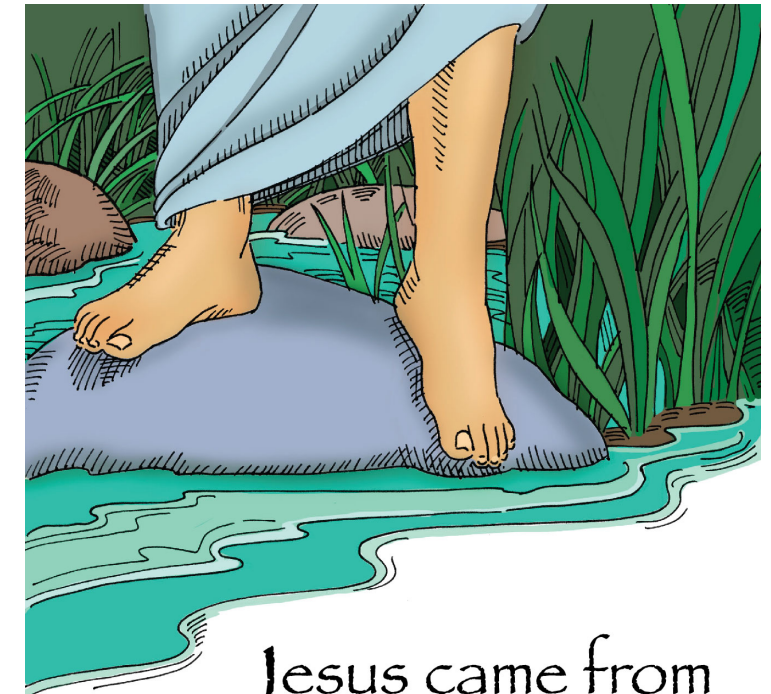
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Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

Mark 1:9, NRSV

May 16, 2021

Welcome!

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning. If this is your first time here, we ask that you fill out the visitor's section in the Attendance Book on the pew. Thank you, and may God bless you.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome & Sharing the Life of the Church Pastor Peter
Prelude & Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call to Worship

Call: Like a whisper that lures us to safety,

People: Strong as a shout that bids us to come,

Call: Gentle as a prayer that eases our worry,

People: Like a clear bell that rings out our name,

Call: Your Word comes to us, Loving God.

People: It calls us, comforts us, and urges us to depart from evil and do good, to seek peace and pursue it.

Call: Talking God, open our hearts to hear you

People: And free our voices to praise you.

*Hymn of Praise: “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” UMH 469

Prayer of the Congregation

God of grace & mercy, your constant love extends toward the heavens and your faithfulness reaches the clouds. You are like a strong mountain and a mighty sea. How precious is your love, O God of power and might. Your constant love provides shelter and protection. Your love sets a banquet of blessings, even when we struggle with faith and life, your presence blesses. How precious is your love, God of great power and might.

Concerns & Celebrations & Lord’s Prayer

Young Disciples’ Time

Celebration of Tithes & Offerings

Doxology UMH 95

*Hymn of Preparation: “They’ll Know We are Christians by our Love” FWS 2223

The Written Word:

Acts 8:26-40

Philip and the Ethiopian

²⁶Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” ²⁷So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to

worship, ²⁸and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”

³⁰Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked.

³¹“How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³²This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

“He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth.”

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?” ³⁸And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

Matthew 3:13-17

The Baptism of Jesus

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

¹⁵Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

¹⁶As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

The Spoken Word

The Sacrament Holy Communion (8:30 only)

* Hymn of Commitment: “Lord I Want to be a Christian in My Heart” UMH 402

*Benediction

**Please stand as you are able*

(UMH=United Methodist Hymnal; FWS=The Faith We Sing)



Please pray for our members and loved ones who are homebound and/or residing in nursing homes. Also, please pray for:

George & Mary Eastes, the church, Willie Lyles, Lydia Lehmborg, Blan Zesch, Steve and Debra Moore, Bruce Strickland, Michael Taylor, Travis Jenschke, Daveen Jorgensen, Carol Jordan, Pat & Carol Jean Reardon, Erin Lehmborg, Jimmie Schmidt, & Ann Fields.

Please pray for our members and loved ones who are in the military.

Matt Adam (USAF), Houston Haley (USAF), Joseph Alba (U.S. Army), T.J. Schovajsa (U.S. Army), Ferd T. Slocum III (U.S. Navy), James Vacek (U.S. Navy), Truman Coe (U.S. Navy), Kaleb Owen (USAF), Britney Schovajsa (U.S. Army), and Kalyn Bauer (U.S. Army).

Prayer requests may be made by writing them on the prayer request card and placing it in the offering plate or by calling the Church Office.