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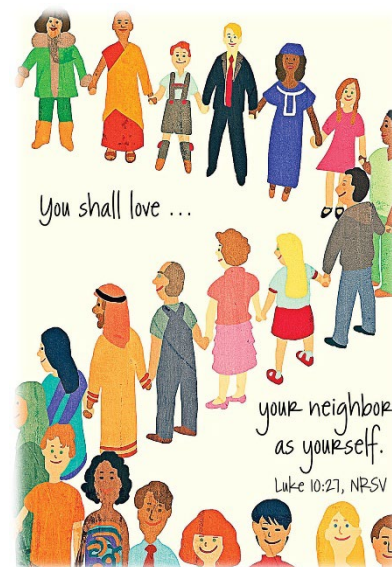
GATHERING/WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

God is good and loving to the faithful.

Give thanks and praise for all that God has done for us.

God is good! Praise the Lord!



***Song of Praise “God of Grace and God of Glory” v. 1,3,4” UMH #577**

1. God of grace and God of glory, on the people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.	3. Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.	4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.
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Centering Prayer Song: “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” FWS #2193

1. Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

CONFESSION:

Gracious and Merciful God, your love is steadfast, and your mercy endures forever. Forgive us for not loving as you love. Forgive us for the ways and words we've used to oppress your people and help us to forgive those who've oppressed us. Forgive us for the deeds that we've done that have burdened instead of uplifted the hearts and minds of those we've encountered. Forgive us for silence during times of injustice and free us to rise and advocate for those who live under the leadership of unjust rulers, who live in a state of turmoil and depression. Help us to reconcile and make peace with one another. Help us to bear one another's burdens and to be agents of your liberating love so that all of your people will be able to live justly. We confess our sins before you silently now, knowing that you are willing and able to cleanse and revive us through Christ's resurrecting power, in whose name we pray. Amen.

All pray in silence.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Before,

because of your evil thoughts and actions, you were strangers and enemies of God. Now, you have been reconciled to God by the death and resurrection of Christ. Now, you can live in peace, restored by the blood shed on the cross. Live thankfully! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Open our hearts and our minds, so that we can understand the fullness of your Word. Fill us with the light of the Holy Spirit, and bless the servant you have chosen, to share the Word proclaimed today. In the name of Christ, the Word revealed. **Amen.**

Colossians 1:1–14

1:1Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, 2To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. 3In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 4for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, 5because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel 6that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. 7This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, 8and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. 9For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. 11May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully 12giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

***Song of Preparation: "Pues Si Vivimos (When We Are Living)"**

UMH #356

1. When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, and when we're dying, it is in the Lord. Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God, we belong to God.

2. Through all living, we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering. When we are giving or when receiving, we belong to God, we belong to God.

Luke 10:25–37

10:25An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 26He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" 27He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." 28And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." 29But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. 31Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. 32So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. 34He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' 36Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" 37He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

SERMON: "Rescued from Darkness"

Rev. Laura Hewett Becker

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

***SONG OF THANKS: #95 Doxology**

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE

***Song of Commitment "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" v. 1,5 UMH #717**

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; he hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword; his truth is marching on	Refrain: Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.	5 He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave, he is wisdom to the mighty, he is honor to the brave; so the world shall be his footstool, and the soul of wrong his slave. Our God is marching on. [Refrain]
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Blessing/Benediction

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



Please pray for our members and loved ones who are homebound or residing in nursing homes. Also, please pray for:
The Families of..... Rev. Norman Roe, Katherine Gist (wife of Pastor Joe Gist), Ben Simcox brother of Leticia Rayburn.

..and for the following individuals: Randy Eastes (undergoing chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer brother to George), Bert Nesloney, Barbara Young, Jerry Bearden, LeiLei Vermulen (chemo treatments), Tim Grimshaw (son of Beverly & Randall), Marty Evans (son of Dennis & Kay Evans), Tami Smith, Aubrey Burrow, Gerry Gamel, Kathy Kerr, Kash (Rodney Flemings 1 yr old grandson), Kerry Graham Rustin, Rance Vierus, Haley Beda, Rick Woerner (Father of Tiffany K.), Joan Whitaker, Shirley Beth Lyles, Lauren Hoerster, Anne Chappell, Connar Reardon, Doris Grote, Lorine Metz, Bonnie Woerner (Stepmother of Tiffany Klaerner), the church, the homeless, and all those affected by war and those affected by natural disasters. UM Army coming to Mason FUMC.

Please pray for our members and loved ones who are in the military. U.S. Army: Joseph Alba, T.J. Schovajsa, Britney Schovajsa and Kalyn Bauer **USAF:** Matt Adam **US Navy:** Ferd T. Slocum III & Truman Coe

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Giving and Attendance

LAST WEEK'S GIVING.....	\$6,486.05
JUNE MTD GIVING.....	\$10,266.38
JUNE BUDGETED INCOME.....	\$31,242.58
JUNE MTD EXPENSE.....	\$5,636.89
JUNE BUDGETED EXP.....	\$31,675.27
LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE.....	49

This week's Calendar

Sunday, July 13th

9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages

11:00 AM Worship Service

Monday, July 14th

9:30 AM Prayer Shawl

10:30 AM Senior Exercise Group

5:15 PM Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 15th

Birthdays: Chris Hewett

2:30 PM Steady Steps Chapel

Wednesday, July 16th

Birthdays: Russell Watson

10:30 AM Senior Exercise Group

Thursday, July 17th

Friday, July 18th

Birthdays: Sophia Ory

10:30 AM Senior Exercise Group

Saturday, July 19th

Birthdays: Amy Zesch

Sunday, July 20th

Birthdays: Cheri Glass

9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages

11:00 AM Worship Service

Upcoming Events



Vacation Bible School will be hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church July 21-23 from 9am-11:45am. FUMC, Art Methodist, and Mason Global Methodist churches are co-hosting. Students entering Kinder-6th grade in the fall of 2025 are invited to attend. Junior High students, High School students and adults are needed to volunteer to help with the children. Use the QR code to

register students. Contact Deandra Palacio for more information
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