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GATHERING/WELCOME

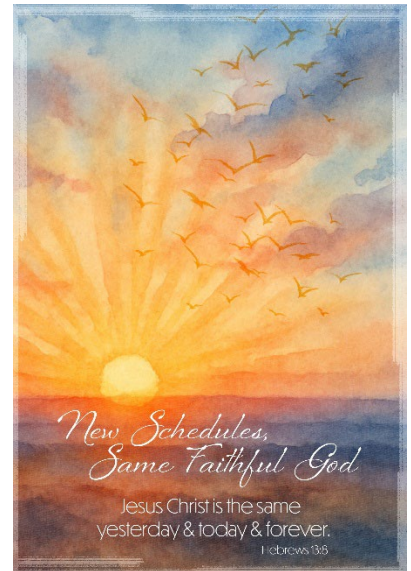
***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

The heavens declare the righteousness of God.

The earth declares God's beauty.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

God's word shines forth in glory.



***Song of Praise**

“Faith of Our Fathers”

UMH #710

1. Faith of our fathers, living still, in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword; O how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear that glorious word!	Refrain: Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.
2. Faith of our fathers, we will strive to win all nations unto thee; and through the truth that comes from God, we all shall then be truly free. Refrain	3. Faith of our fathers, we will love both friend and foe in all our strife; and preach thee, too, as love knows how by kindly words and virtuous life. Refrain

Centering Prayer Song:

“Seek Ye First”

UMH #405

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you Allelu alleluia	2. Ask and it shall be given unto you seek and ye shall find knock and the door shall be opened unto you Allelu alleluia
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CONFESSION:

Holy God, you call us to do good, seek justice, and care for those in need, yet how often we place our own comforts above compassion for others. Forgive us, we pray, and cleanse us from these and all our offenses through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

All pray in silence.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BIBLE PRESENTATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

God of Hope, by faith we know that you created the world, and that what is seen is made by things that are not visible. Open our eyes to your presence among us that we may hear your word with clarity and a sureness of hope, as we follow you in all righteousness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16

11:1Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. 3By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. 8By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. 9By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. 12Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." 13All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, 14for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. 16But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

***Song of Preparation: "I Know Whom I Have Believed" v. 1,2 UMH #714**

1. I know not why God's wondrous grace to me he hath made known, nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for his own.	Refrain: But I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I've committed unto him against that day.	2. I know not how this saving faith to me he did impart, nor how believing in his word wrought peace within my heart. (Refrain)
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Luke 12: 32-40

12:32"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 35"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; 36be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. 37Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. 38If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 39"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. 40You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: "By Faith"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS & LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE

**Blessing of the Backpacks/
Teacher Recognition**

***Song of Commitment "How Firm a Foundation" v. 1,3,5 UMH #529**

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?	3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow; for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
5. "The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."	

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: Harold Hoerster, Randy Eastes (undergoing chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer brother to George), Bert Nesloney, Barbara Young, Jerry Bearden, LeiLei Vermulen (chemo treatments), 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 & Terri Reardon, Connor 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, Hunter Goodwin **USAF:** Matt Adam **US Navy:** Ferd T. Slocum III & Truman Coe

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Giving and Attendance	
LAST WEEK'S GIVING.....	\$17,885.00
AUG. MTD GIVING.....	\$17,885.00
AUG. BUDGETED INCOME.....	\$30,829.22
AUG. MTD EXPENSE.....	\$4,883.40
AUG. BUDGETED EXP.....	\$41,373.31
LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE.....	61

This week's Calendar

Sunday, August 10th *Loose Change Offering*
Blessing of the Backpacks, Teacher Appreciation
& Bible Presentation Sunday
 9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 12:00 PM Back to School Luncheon

Monday, August 11th
Birthdays: Brad Glass
 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl
 10:30 AM Senior Exercise Group

Tuesday, August 12th
Birthdays: Randy Stockbridge
 2:30 PM Steady Steps Chapel
 5:30 PM Steady Steps Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 13th
 10:30 AM Senior Exercise Group
 5:15 PM Church Council Meeting

Thursday, August 14th

Friday, August 15th
Birthdays: Brent Hinckley

Saturday, August 16th

Sunday, August 17th
 9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 12:00 PM Back to School Luncheon