

First United Methodist Church
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August 31, 2025

GATHERING/WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

God calls us to service,

rather than honor.

God call us to love the unknown,

rather than the familiar.

We come to this time of worship,

trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,

who is the same yesterday, today, and forever



***Song of Praise**

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

UMH #185

1. When morning gilds the skies my heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!	2. The night becomes as day when from the heart we say: May Jesus Christ be praised! The powers of darkness fear when this sweet chant they hear: May Jesus Christ be praised!
3. Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound: May Jesus Christ be praised! In heaven's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this: May Jesus Christ be praised!	4. Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised! Be this th' eternal song through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!

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:

Merciful God, forgive us for we exalt ourselves and mock the humble. We choose to believe we are self-sufficient rather than trust in your strength. Open us to your spirit, that we might serve all people without regard to the outcome, devoting ourselves to your honor alone. We pray in Jesus' name. 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

YOUNG DISCIPLES TIME

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

God of Wisdom, open us to the work of your Spirit, that we may hear and faithfully respond to your holy Word. Amen.

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

13:1 Let mutual affection continue. 2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. 3 Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. 4 Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. 5 Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." 6 So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" 7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. 15 Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. 16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

*Song of Preparation:

"Shout to the Lord"

FWS #2074

<p>1. Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing power and majesty praise to the King. Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name. I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.</p>
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Luke 14:1, 7-14

14:1 On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. 7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. 8 "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, 9 and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. 10 But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. 11 For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." 12 He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 14 And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

SERMON: "Give Up Your Place"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE

*Song of Commitment	"Lord, Speak to Me"	UMH #463
1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of thy tone; as thou hast sought, so let me seek thine erring children lost and lone.	3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things thou dost impart; and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.	
5. O use me, Lord, use even me, just as thou wilt, and when, and where, until thy blessed face I see, thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.		

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: Bert Mahnken, 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, 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, **US Marine Corp:** Hunter Goodwin, **USAF:** Matt Adam **US Navy:** Ferd T. Slocum III & Truman Coe

Upcoming Events

MYF is back and will meet on August 31st

1st Wednesday Fellowship- Sept. 3rd- UMC Trivia and Potluck

**MINISTERS—ALL MEMBERS OF FUMC
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Giving and Attendance	
LAST WEEK'S GIVING.....	\$2,069.00
AUG. MTD GIVING.....	\$31,617.04
AUG. BUDGETED INCOME.....	\$30,829.22
AUG. MTD EXPENSE.....	\$42,354.87
AUG. BUDGETED EXP.....	\$41,373.31
LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE.....	51

This week's Calendar

Sunday, August 31st

Birthdays: Scott McMillan

9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages

11:00 AM Worship Service

5:30 PM MYF

Monday, September 1st *Labor Day*

Office Closed

Birthdays: Donna Nelson & Monica Hinckley

9:30 AM Prayer Shawl

Tuesday, September 2nd

10:30 AM Nurture Committee Meeting

2:40 PM Steady Steps Chapel

Wednesday, September 3rd

10:30 AM Senior Exercise Group

5:00 PM First Wednesday Fellowship Potluck

6:00 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, September 4th

Friday, September 5th

10:30 AM Senior Exercise Group

Saturday, September 6th

Sunday, September 7th *Prayer Shawl Sunday*

9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages

11:00 AM Worship Service