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October 11, 2026

***20th, Sunday after
Pentecost***

GATHERING/WELCOME

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Amanda McMillan

Beloved, God's never-ending love spills out all around us, drawing us together in beloved community with God, neighbor, and all creation.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

God's always-present grace surrounds us, enlivening us to love ourselves and our neighbors just as Christ loves us.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

God's persistent peace sweeps through us, guarding our hearts and empowering us to live as agents of God's mercy and justice wherever we go.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

May our rejoicing overflow into our families, neighborhoods, and the whole earth that through our living, working, resting, and playing, God may be glorified.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2026.

SONG OF PRAISE:*UMH#127****“Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah”**

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; (want no more) feed me till I want no more.	2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; (strength and shield) be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee; (give to thee) I will ever give to thee.	

Acolytes bring in the light of Christ acknowledging the Presence of God.

A YEAR WITH GOD: *We color Ordinary Time green as we look for the extraordinary in the ordinariness of our life.*

CENTERING PRAYER SONG: “Gentle Shepherd”**W&S#3096**

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need you to help us find our way. Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us, for we need your strength from day to day.	There's no other we can turn to who can help us face another day; gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need you to help us find our way.
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CONFESSION: God pours blessings upon us, even as we choose to go our own way.

God is present and seeks to bring healing and wholeness to all.

Therefore, I invite you to confess all that would separate you from God or one another.

Let us pray.

When we have fashioned idols of our own desire

or worshiped the temples of our own tradition,

Lord, have mercy.

Time for personal reflection and confession.

When we have denied your invitation to the banquet of love and justice,

or failed to extend the invitation to others,

Christ, have mercy.

Time for personal reflection and confession.

When we have adorned ourselves with worry rather than joy
or failed to be gentle, knowing you are near,
Lord, have mercy.

Time for personal reflection and confession.

All pray in silence.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:

Praise be to God, our sins are forgiven.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
Praise God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

YOUNG DISCIPLES TIME

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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**Holy Spirit, illumine for us this Word, that the message of the gospel may come to us in power.
Amen.**

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 4: 1-9

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Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

SONG OF PREPARATION:

UMH#164

"Come My Way, My Truth, My Life" v. 1,3

1. Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath, such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death.	3. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move, such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love.
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SCRIPTURE: Matthew 22: 1-14

Pastor Laura

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: Rejoice in the Lord!

Gerry Gamel, FUMC Mason Lay Leader

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY:

***SONG OF THANKS:** Doxology

UMH #95

***SONG OF COMMITMENT:** “Take My Life and Let It be”

UMH #399

1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.	2. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose.
3. Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.	

SENDING FORTH – BLESSING

This service is live-streamed on
[Youtube.com/@fumcmason](https://www.youtube.com/@fumcmason)

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MH=United Methodist Hymnal; FWS=The Faith We Sing; W&S=Worship and Song

Asterisk (*) indicates to stand, as you are able.



Prayer Guide for the Week

New every morning is your love, great God of light, and all day long you are working for good in the world. Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors, and to devote each day to your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Together , Let us pray for

The people of this congregation...

Those who suffer and those in trouble...

Resisting injustice, oppression, and evil...

The concerns of this local community...

The world, its people, and its leaders...

The church universal – leaders, members, and its mission...

The communion of saints...

For the grieving families of: Patsy Kothmann Ziriaux, Harold Hoerster, George Eastes.

For individuals requesting prayers: Mary Polk, Wes Creech (Steady Steps Parent) Rene Schulze is at home, Jan Jordan having second knee replacement. First one not successful, please continue to pray for Barbara Young, Troy Klaerner (Leslie's Brother)

For our military, law enforcement, and first responders.

U.S. Army: Kalyn Bauer – **Marines:** Zane Chalk (Joyce Raska's grandson)

For our Veterans and military members and their families who may be struggling with their mental health, that they can get help.

The chapel is always open for prayer. Come by during the week and experience the current prayer station, use the prayer guide, or just sit in silence.

Assisting in Worship

Lay Reader: Amand McMillan

Ushers: Winfred and Carmen Bauer

Organist/Pianist: Chris Farmer

Music Leader: Leslie Whitworth

Acolytes: James Pierce, Wyatt Holcombe

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Giving and Attendance

LAST WEEK'S GIVING (OCT 04, 2026)	\$9,451.98
OCT MTD GIVING.....	\$13,839.01
OCT. MTD EXPENSE.....	\$953.45
LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE (OCT 04, 2026)	53



Oct. 31st- 5-6:30pm- Trunk or Treat in FUMC west parking lot
Nov 13 – Blue Ribbon Service Day, we will provide sandwiches for the students, sign-up sheet will be in the Social Hall
Nov 19th – Steady Steps Book fair proceeds from this book fair are going to Steady Steps.

This week's Calendar

Sunday, October 11

**Noisy Bucket Offering Sunday- Rio Tx. Donation
for Steady Steps**

9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages

11:00 AM Worship Service

4:00 – 5:00 pm Boy Scouts

Monday, October 12

Office Closed

Steady Steps Closed

09:30 AM *Prayer Shawl*

10:00 AM Chair Yoga

06:30 PM Cantata Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 13

02:40 PM Steady Steps Chapel

04:00 PM After school Chapel

05:30 PM Steady Steps Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 14

10:00 AM Chair Yoga

06:00 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, October 15

**Birthday: Melany Canfield
Ceil Worden**

Friday, October 16

10:00 AM Chair Yoga

Saturday, October 17

Sunday, October 18

Children Sabbath

9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages

11:00 AM Worship Service

4:00 – 5:00 pm Boy Scouts