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GATHERING/WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O
 God of our salvation;

**you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and
 of the farthest seas.**

By your strength you established the mountains;

you are girded with might.

You silence the roaring of the seas,
 the roaring of their waves,
 the tumult of the peoples.

**Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed
 by your signs;**

**you make the gateways of the morning and the
 evening shout for joy.**

***Song of Praise**

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" v. 1,2,3

UMH #110

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.	2. Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.	3. And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us. The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.
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Acolytes bring in the light of Christ acknowledging the Presence of God.

CENTERING PRAYER SONG: "Lord Listen to Your Children Praying" FWS #2193

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:

No words can express the depth of our need; or reveal the extent of our sin. But you know us completely, O God. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions. You rescue us from evil and clothe us with love. Humbly, we thank you; for no words can express our gratitude for the gift of your salvation. 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:

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. By your Spirit make yourself known to us through the reading and preaching of your Word, that we might be faithful witnesses in this life and joyful companions in the next, even with Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

4:6As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. 7I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. 8From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. 16At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! 17But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. 18The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

SONG OF PREPARATION:

“Be Thou My Vision”

UMH #451

1 Be Thou my Vision O Lord of my heart Naught be all else to me Save that Thou art Thou my best thought By day or by night Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light	2 Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord Thou and thou only first in my heart Great God of heaven, my treasure my thou art.	3 Great God of Heaven my victory won May I reach heaven's joys oh bright heaven's sun Heart of my own heart whatever befall Still be my vision oh Ruler of all
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SCRIPTURE: Luke 18: 9-14

18:9He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 10"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' 13But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' 14I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “The Prayer of Comparison”

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY:

***SONG OF THANKS: 95 Doxology**

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE

***SONG OF COMMITMENT: “Lord I Want to be a Christian” UMH #110**

1 Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.	2 Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
3 Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.	4 Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

BLESSING/BENEDICTION

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



Please pray for our members and loved ones who are homebound or residing in nursing homes. Also, please pray for: the family of Teddy Ray Doyal

the following individuals: Corey Lewis, Katherine Graham (friend of Nikki Watson diagnosed w/ cancer), George Eastes, Amy Reardon (CJ Reardon’s daughter), Bert Mahnken, Harold

Hoerster, Randy Eastes (undergoing chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer brother to George), Daryl Watson, Barbara Young, Jerry Bearden, LeiLei Vermulen (chemo treatments), Marty Evans (son of Dennis & Kay Evans), Aubrey Burrow, Gerry Gamel, Kathy Kerr, Kash (Rodney Flemings 1 yr old grandson), Kerry Graham Rustin, 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.

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

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Announcements

*Reminder to sign up to work the food pantry on
October 27 @ 3:45 PM*

JOIN US FOR OUR TRUNK OR TREAT!

Come out on Oct. 31st and dress up your trunk and help pass out candy! It's always great fun! If you are unable to be there but would like to help, we are accepting bags of candy to pass out that day. Please let Deandra know if you would like to help.

*Reminder to register for the Book Study of the
Christmas Carol with John Pierce!
We will be ordering books next week so don't miss out!*



This week's Calendar

Sunday, October 26th

Birthdays: Tiffany Klaerner & Madelyn Heath

9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages

11:00 AM Worship Service

Monday, October 27th

9:30 AM Prayer Shawl

10:30 AM Senior Exercise Group

3:45 PM FUMC at Food Pantry

Tuesday, October 28th

2:40 PM Steady Steps Chapel

5:00 PM Steady Steps Planning Meeting

Wednesday, October 29th

10:30 AM Senior Exercise Group

6:00 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, October 30th

Friday, October 31st

10:30 AM Senior Exercise Group

5:30 PM Trunk or Treat

Saturday, November 1st

Sunday, November 2nd ***All Saints Sunday***

75th Anniversary Celebration

11:00 AM Worship Service