

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, October 4, 2015

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
5:00pm UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship)

Monday, October 5, 2015

6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

4:30pm WATF (Wednesday At The First) Children's Activities (K-5th Grade) (Kid's Nook)
5:30pm WATF (Wednesday At The First) Meal
6:00pm Handbells (Choir Room)
6:30pm Adult Bible Study
7:30pm Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room)
October 11 Bulletin Deadline (12:00pm)

Sunday, October 11, 2015

8:30am United Methodist Men (UMM) Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
5:00pm UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship)

SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Amy Lewis
Lobby Door Greeters: Pete Owens, Ellison Outen
Altar Guild: Kay VanDeman and Julia Tucker
Nursery: Caroline Berry, Henrietta Kollitz
Counters: Jane Mayhew, John Moore
Alternate Counter: Mary Burr
Children's Church: NO CHILDREN'S CHURH
Head Usher: John Sanderson
Flowers Next Sunday: Gini Eddins
Acolyte: Lawton Harris
Cross Bearer: Margaret Jean Harris
Hostess: Marianne Crawford
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Next Week's Lay Reader: Sara M. Therrell

Worship Attendance, September 27 — 119;
Worship attendance the same Sunday last year —104

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The Mission of the First United Methodist Church is to win and nurture souls for Jesus Christ by sharing and living the message of salvation.



October 4, 2015
19th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

Prelude

Greeting and Opening Prayer (Responsive Reading) Rev. Randy Madsen
Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew.

The risen Christ is with us. **Alleluia! We give our thanks to God!** Almighty God, You knew us before we were born; our desires are yours to see, our secrets are yours to know. Awaken us now by the Power of your Holy Spirit, and cleanse our hearts **that we may glorify your name, and receive your Son, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

***Hymn of Praise No. 64 in the Hymnal "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"** Nicaea

Psalter Reading No. 761 in the Hymnal (Read Responsively) Psalm 29 Greg Sanderson

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Madsen

Confessional Prayer and Pardon (Responsive Reading) Rev. Madsen

Merciful God, we confess that our self-will has often separated us from you, and from people whom we need and love. We have often chosen the world, not you. We have often chosen ourselves, not our neighbors. We have deceived and betrayed others. We have ignored the needs and the pains of many. And we have failed to see beyond our own desire. Forgive our sin, O Merciful God. Make us free by the Power of your Great Mercy for the joys of obedience to your Great Love. Through Jesus Christ our Great Redeemer we pray.

In the silence of these moments, let us tell the truth about ourselves before God, and listen for the truth about Him.

Hear the Good News: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God, Amen.**

Affirmation of Faith (Responsive; Johannine) Rev. Madsen
We believe in God the almighty Father, **and in Jesus Christ, His Son.** Who was, who is, and who is yet to come! **In Him all things were made,** and in Him all things will be made complete. **We put our whole trust in His grace. Therefore, we are one in him, the Church.**

Gathering God's Tithes and Our Offerings, Offertory Greg Sanderson
***Doxology No. 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"** Old 100th
***Presentation of Tithes and Offerings with Prayer** Greg Sanderson

Sermon "On the Rock" Rev. Madsen

Order of the Lord's Table

(All are invited to partake in Holy Communion. Please come down the center aisle, starting with the pews closest to the altar, after receiving the elements, you are encouraged to kneel or stand at the altar and pray. Please return to your seat by using the outside aisles.)

***Hymn of Dedication No. 368 in the Hymnal "My Hope Is Built"** The Solid Rock
(During the hymn you are invited to come to the chancel rail, kneel, pray to God, then return to your pew when ready.)

***Benediction** Rev. Madsen

***Postlude**

***Indicates where you should stand if you are able.**

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Margie M. Bennett by Jim Bennett.

WELCOME VISITORS — We welcome our visitors! Please fill out the attendance sheet with your contact information. If you wish to join the church by Affirmation of Faith or Transfer of Membership, please notify the pastor at 537-7002.

OUR PRAYER LIST — our President, all who defend our nation, Sue Nichols (Pam Humphries' mother), Logan, Gary & Lacy Gause (Friends of Dee Dee Pickrel), DeAnna Starling, Hope Griggs, Betty Thrailkill (Shoulder surgery), Linda Motley (Jenny Keefe's aunt), Rev. Jack Vickers, Doug Wilson, Brooklyn Hayes (7 year old), Pete Baker, Katelyn Knight (Angie Smith's friend). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

WORLD COMMUNION SPECIAL OFFERING — This offering funds racial-ethnic Scholarships, with at least one-half of the annual amount reserved for ministries beyond the United States. Donations also provide for U.S. Ethnic Scholarship and Ethnic In-Service Training programs. This offering will be taken up today, **please mark check and envelope WCSO.**

SYMPATHY — First Church extends its sympathy to JoAnne Morgan upon the death of her sister, Susan McKenna; and to Larry Spears upon the death of his father, L.L. Spears.

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (UMYF) — Reminder that the youth will meet at 5:00 this afternoon.

KIDS' GROUP MEETING — The Kids will meet each Wednesday from 4:30-5:30pm in the Kids' Nook. Come and bring a friend.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD — Each month there will be several items listed in the bulletin to purchase for the Operation Christmas Child boxes. These are suggestions and you may purchase them or purchase other items of your choice and turn them into the church office. October items are: Dolls, stuffed animals, bouncy balls, card games and legos. Thank you, thank you, the box is filling up!!!

PUMPKIN PATCH — The Pumpkin Patch will be open from Saturday, October 17—Saturday, October 31. Please sign up with Sara Sanderson or the church office to help with this special activity.

WEDNESDAY AT THE FIRST (WATF) MEAL & BIBLE STUDY — *There will not be a meal or Bible Study this Wednesday due to Rev. Billy Lynch being out of town participating in the Red Bird Mission Trip.*