

Here's a great opportunity to take the basic United Methodist class & have lunch with your pastor! Pick up the flyer in the narthex on the easel for more info.

Be faithful in prayer - Romans 12:12 NIV



Lay SERVANT TRAINING

Saturday, Sept. 16
9 am - 4 pm
Strasburg UMC

BASIC COURSE
Great for anyone involved in church leadership or looking for ways to serve. Led by Linda Conrad of Otterbein UMC.

Wednesday Morning Prayer & Care Group - At 11:00 AM, every Wednesday morning, the congregation is invited to meet with the pastor for a time of praying for the concerns of the church. Join us during this journey together each week. *Prayer Concerns for 8/6:* Tom Chicca; Colleen O'Dell-Multer; Lorenz family; Ashley; Annie; Lucy Bailey (*Sherry's stepmom*); Bill Tumblin; my parents; Sandra Keiter; Jerry Chapman; Mary Walker; Jeff; Ruth; Audrey Dorton; Wilsons; Walkers; our world; our leaders; Peggy, Nancy & April Hill; Lori; Emma; Sarah; thanks for family; Maylin Gibbs; my children (Ruth Folger); Emily Epstein; Ryan Dunkle; my children (Pastor Bill); June & Nate; Dusti; Patty; Pat Taylor; Greysin; Lauren; Tina Spencer; Joe Hulver; Anneke V.; Dottie & Jon Holstine; Russ, Kelly, Avery, Suzanne Conklin; Juanita Maddox; Bennie Baker; Terri Smith; Frank Moore; Craig & Dennis Clem; Dennis Henry; Charlie Markle; Winklarith family; Magnolia; Will Rodgers & family; Mary Katherine Clark; Shirley Dick; Mary Shetler; Marilyn Stelzl; Daleigh Carper; Jane Thomas; Tina & Shane Weagley; Rev Clay & Lisa Knick; Nellie Snoots; Adele Birnbaum; Sharon & George Teets; Simon & Vicky Newlin; Doc Madagan; Amy, Frank Haines & boys; Florence Roman; people traveling; Betty Murphy; Pamela Martin

Calendar

Sunday, August 13 9:00 Bible Study (<i>Demoya</i>) 10:00 Jam Session 10:20 Worship 12:00 UWF Picnic (<i>Cheryl & Steve's</i>) Tuesday, August 15 10:00 Care & Connect 12-4 Bridge (<i>f. hall</i>) 2:00 Worship & Wonder Mtg. 6:00 Wonder of Worship Class Wednesday, August 16 11:00 Prayer & Care (<i>f.hall</i>) 5:30 TOPS	Thursday, August 17 8:30 TOPS (<i>f.hall</i>) Friday, August 18 9:30-2:30 Bridge (<i>f. hall</i>) Sunday, August 20 9:00 Bible Study (<i>Demoya</i>) 10:00 Jam Session 10:20 Worship 11:30 Nomination & Leadership Development
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Please know that ALL children are **ALWAYS** welcome to attend our entire church service in the sanctuary. We offer an optional short **Children's Church** program during Sunday worship.

11th Sunday of Pentecost



10:20 a.m. Worship Service

August 13, 2023



Rev. Gary Heaton

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* All who are able, please stand; **bold print - all respond**

Prelude	David Landrum
Ringling of the Bell	Sam Henshaw
Greeting / Announcements	Lisa Dawson
*Call to Worship	JJ Gibbs

Beloved disciples, welcome. As we gather, what are you seeking?

We seek God's presence all around us.

Beloved disciples, if God's presence is all around us, what are you seeking?

We seek to recognize God's presence among us.

Beloved disciples, if God is among you, what are you seeking?

We seek God in the faces of family, friends, and neighbors.

Beloved disciples, if God is in the face of your neighbor, what are you seeking?

We seek God in the search and the work for peace and wholeness for all God's creation.

As we gather today, may we meet God in our seeking and in our finding.

Amen.

***Hymn** *I Love to Tell the Story* **UMH 156**
Lighting of Altar Candles Sam Henshaw
Scripture Lesson Psalm 126 JJ Gibbs
Response to the Word

I Will Never Be the Same Again Karen & Steve Wells

Offering and Children's Church *He Has Made Me Glad*
I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart. I will enter His courts with praise. I will say this is the day that the Lord has made. I will rejoice for He has made me glad. He has made me glad, He has made me glad. I will rejoice for He has made me glad. He has made me glad, He has made me glad. I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

Prayers of the People Rev. Steve Wells

Congregational Prayer

Merciful God, You have called us into a whole-hearted relationship with You. You've asked us to leave behind all we possess and live out our faith with passion and integrity. We thank You for the deep love You have shown toward us. Forgive us when we take our relationship with You for granted, when we let the fire of our early commitment cool, and allow other things to take priority in our lives. Give us strength to hold on to You no matter what comes our way. Give us courage to wrestle honestly with the things we don't understand; to continually work out our salvation with fear and trembling, to grapple daily with what it means to faithfully follow You. We are Your people, chosen and named by You. Grant us Your continued blessing and mark us with Your love, as we seek to live as Your disciples in the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

***Hymn** *Bringing in the Sheaves* **Cokesbury165**
Sermon "Parable of the Sower" Rev. Bill Wade
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer **UMH 895** Rev. Steve Wells
Invitation to Holy Communion **UMH 12** Rev. Steve Wells

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Supper

***Hymn** *Wonderful Words of Life* **UMH 600**
***The Benediction** Rev. Bill Wade
Choral Benediction *Precious Name*

Take the name of Jesus with you, child of sorrow and of woe; it will joy and comfort give you; take it then, where'er you go. Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven. Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

Postlude David Landrum
(*Please stand as able) CCLI # 114088

Announcements

Thanks- We thank Rev. Bill Wade who stepped in this morning at the pulpit while Rev. Heaton attended his aunt's funeral. Our sympathy to the family of Marsha Holden and prayers for their safe travels.

Who's Who in The Pew - Member Attendance & Visitor Info - Please fill out the card located in the pews and place it in the offering basket. Include your name and any prayer requests or concerns for our church leaders. If you are a visitor, please include your contact info and any requests.

August Adult Bible Study -A four-week adult Bible study class for the month of August will be offered beginning Sunday, August 6. This class will be studying the Book of Ecclesiastes. Please join us on August 13, 20, and 27 at 9 AM in the DeMoya Room.

Summer Jam Session - There will be a time of musical gathering on Sunday mornings in August at 10:00 around the piano before worship. It will be a Sunday Jam Session where we sing favorite hymns and songs that mean something to us and share stories about those important songs. A great time of fellowship and music to help us get excited for worship. Any questions, ask David Landrum.

Mark your calendar --**Line Dancing**
- Come join us on Friday, August 25, at 6:00 p.m. for a line dancing class and dance. Invite family and friends. You don't need a partner. Drinks and light refreshments will be provided. For additional information, please see Lorraine Shelton.



People in Ministry

Today *Greeters*: Charlie Donohoe & Lorraine Shelton

Counters: Carolyn Carney & Gary Lantz

Next week, August 20:

Reader: Sam Henshaw; *Greeters*: Judy Chapman & Vicki Maphis

Counters: Lorraine Shelton & Cathy Richard

Scriptures for the week Genesis 37:1-4,12-28; Psalm 105:1-6,16-22,45b; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33