

Here's a great opportunity to take the basic United Methodist class and have lunch with your pastor. Pick up the flyer in the narthex on the easel for more lay servant opportunities and additional information.



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.

Be faithful in prayer - Romans 12:12 NIV

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 since 7/16: Lucy Bailey (*Sherry Ford's stepmom*); hospice patients; Sandra Keiter; Mary Walker; Jerry & Judy Chapman; Pat Taylor (*Charlie's sister*); Brianna Marks family; Ben & Crystal Walker; Sierra Walker & Thomas Buck; Annie & Justin; my parents; Mark Wells; Denise Wright; thanks & prayers for VBS; world leaders; Faith Penrod; David Epstein's nephew, Zach Casden; Madison Carte; Nicole; Becky Cather; Dennis Lee; Jon Mosser; Clayton Finch; Beverly, Jim, Virginia & family; Freddie & Marie, Jack Wood; Jerry Puffinberger; Dennis & Craig Clem; Dennis Henry; Terri Smith; Bill & Madonna; Bennie Baker; Vera Kordella & family; Dan & Suzanne Conklin; Lara Conklin; Tim Haze; Russ Conklin; Will Rodgers & family; Mary Kathryn Clark; Shirley Dick; Mary Shetler; Jane Thomas; Marilyn Stelzl; Wilsons; Tina & Shane Weagley; Nellie Snoots; Florence Roman; Rev Clay & Lisa Knick; Simon & Vicky Newlin; Doc Madagan; Amy, Frank Haines & boys; Betty Murphy & family; people traveling; Beth Gordon (*Sarah's sister-in-law*); Daleigh Carper (*JoAnne's granddaughter*)

Scriptures for the week – Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Calendar

<p><u>Sunday, July 23</u> 10:20 Worship</p> <p><u>Tuesday, July 25</u> 10:00 Care & Connect (<i>f.hall</i>) 12-4 Bridge (<i>f. hall</i>)</p> <p><u>Wednesday, July 26</u> 11:00 Prayer & Care (<i>f.hall</i>) 5:30 TOPS</p>	<p><u>Thursday, July 27</u> 8:30 TOPS (<i>f.hall</i>) 7:00 Educate & Equip</p> <p><u>Friday, July 28</u> 9:30-2:30 Bridge (<i>f. hall</i>)</p> <p><u>Friday-Sunday UWF Mission Encounter</u></p> <p><u>Sunday, July 30</u> 10:20 Worship</p> <p><i>Upcoming:</i> Aug 6, Conklin's 55th Wedding Anniv. Reception</p>
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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.



8th Sunday of Pentecost



10:20 a.m. Worship Service

July 23, 2023



Rev. Gary Heaton

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

Prelude	David Landrum
Ringing of the Bell	Sam Henshaw
Greeting /Announcements	Cathy Richard
* Call to Worship	Rev. Heaton
Despite hardship, our ancestors dared to dream God-sized dreams.	
Praise God for hope-filled dreams.	
Do it again, Lord. Dream big dreams through us today!:	
Praise God for new dreams for our generation.	

Invisible God, be visible through our faith today.
Praise God Who empowers us with faith to see what others miss.
Will we stop building a better future because of evil?:
No! Our God will deliver us from evil!
Will we concede our neighborhoods because evil walks the streets?
No! God will judge all evildoers!
Come now, Lord, and fulfill your dreams in us today!

*Hymn	<i>We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise</i>	TFWS 2031
Lighting of Altar Candles		Sam Henshaw
Scripture Lesson	Matthew 28:18-20	Aaron & Evencia Rodriguez
Response to the Word	<i>Goodness of God</i>	Kelly Henshaw
Offering and Children's Church	<i>Clapping Kids Medley</i>	
Prayers of the People		Rev. Heaton
Congregational Prayer		Rev. Heaton

Creator Holy God, Who sustains and nurtures all life, open us today to Your life-giving grace and transformative love. As we notice our internal struggles, empower us to embrace the wheat and the weeds in our own hearts with care and compassion. As we recognize the challenges and suffering in our community, inspire us to meet the weeds and the wheat in our neighbors with acceptance and hope. We know that You alone have the final say, and so we give ourselves over to You as instruments of hospitality and grace that we, like careful gardeners, would tend our neighbors even as we are tended by You. Amen.

*Hymn	<i>Garden Song</i>
	<i>Inch by inch, row by row</i>
	<i>Gonna make this garden grow</i>
	<i>Gonna mulch it deep and low</i>
	<i>Gonna make it fertile ground</i>
	<i>Inch by inch, row by row</i>
	<i>God bless these seeds I sow</i>
	<i>God keep them safe below</i>
	<i>'Til the rain comes tumbling down</i>

Sermon	<i>“The Hope a Child Brings”</i> <i>(Romans 8:12-25)</i>	Rev. Heaton
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Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer	UMH 895
Invitation to Holy Communion	
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	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>	UMH 191
*The Benediction		Rev. Heaton
Choral Benediction	<i>Grace, Love, and Fellowship</i>	
	<i>May the grace of Christ, our Savior, and the love of God, our Father, and the fellowship of the Spirit be with us. May the grace of Christ, our Savior, and the love of God, our Father, and the fellowship of the Spirit be with us forever, and ever, forever more. Amen.</i>	

Postlude	(*Please stand as able)	CCLI # 114088	David Landrum
<i>The cover art is that of William Tolliver (1951-2000), a self-taught Atlanta painter who’s works have been commissioned by the Smithsonian and the Olympic Games.</i>			

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Announcements

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.



Thank You! I want to extend an enormous thank you to every single person who helped in any capacity with vacation bible school this past week. We couldn’t have done it without you! This church family has not only blessed me over and over again, but also those members of our community who were our visitors this week. We serve an awesome God and with him ALL things are possible! With much love, Kelly

It’s not too late to sign up for the **Wonder of Worship Class**. It will be happening on Tuesdays at 6 PM in August and September.
Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat - the Wonder of Worship Class will be going to Shenandoah’s musical on Fri., August 4 at 2:30. Anyone is welcome to join us, the cost is \$40, see Lorraine Shelton to purchase a ticket and sign up in the narthex.



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 about any of these opportunities ask David Landrum.

Calendar Changes (see back page for this weeks events)
Trustees and Council will not meet this week but will resume the normal schedule in August.

People in Ministry

Today - Greeters: Margo Young & Lorraine Shelton; *Counters:* Roy Walker & Lorraine Shelton;
Next week, July 30 - Reader: Carolyn Carney; *Greeters:* Mary & Jim Markley;
Counters: Roy Walker & Lorraine Shelton