

Announcements, continued

Care & Connect 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. Be faithful in prayer - *Romans 12:12 Prayer Concerns:* Jennifer Wieber; Charles Turner; Connie Heironimus; Becky Cathier; Israel; Palestine; Krista Baker; Kaden & Greysin Baker; safe travels; Jerry Chapman; Bernie Baker, Rick Slater, Tim Barnes; Pearman family; Conklin family; Holstine family; Dawna Wilson; Adele Birbaum; June & Nate; Doug; Katie; Dusti; Patty; Christy; Sandy Keiter; thanks for friends; Sabrina; Kelly; Pastor Paul Markee & family; Ukraine, Serbia; Steve Wells; travelers; college students; Michelle Bennett; Carlin; Sage; Sarah; Amanda; the Persuitte family; Nancy; Tracy; Tyler Grove & family; Paul Bozzo; Freddie & Marie; Jerry Puffinberger; my parents; Tom Chicca; Helen Spurr; Colleen O. Multer; Mark Wells, Danny Smith; Lana Austin; Donna Sims (Barbara Wise's sister); Daniel Whitacre; Mary Kathryn Clark; Shirley Dick; Marilyn Stelzl; Jane Thomas; Wilsons; Walkers; Tina & Shane Weagley; Nellie Snoots; Florence Roman; Sharon & George Teets; Simon & Vicky Newlin; Doc Madagan; Rev. Clay & Lisa Knick; Nelda, Charles & family; Amy, Frank Haines & boys; our world

Scriptures: Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

Calendar

<u>Sunday, October 15</u> 9:00 Art of Hospitality Leader Class 9:00 Bible Study on Book of John 10:20 Worship 7:00 Small Group Adult Pop Topic (offsite) <i>Reader:</i> Danny Smith (b/up Rev. Heaton) <i>Greeters:</i> Barb & Kevin Mosser <i>Counters:</i> Lorraine Shelton & Brian Henshaw <u>Monday, October 16</u> 12 Newsletter Deadline <u>Tuesday, October 17</u> 10:00 Care & Connect 12-4 Bridge (f. hall) <u>Wednesday, October 18</u> 9-11:30 BSF (2-3 rooms upstairs) 11:00 Prayer & Care (f.hall) 5:30 TOPS	<u>Wednesday, October 18 continued</u> 6:00 Handbells (f.hall) 7:00 Choir (f.hall) <u>Thursday, October 19</u> 8:30 TOPS (f.hall) <u>Friday, October 20</u> 9:30 - 2:30 Bridge (f. hall) <u>Sunday, October 22</u> 9:00 Art of Hospitality Leader Class 9:00 Bible Study on Book of John 10:20 Worship 2:00 Zoom District Conference 7:00 Small Group Adult Pop Topic (offsite) <i>Reader:</i> Stacey Park <i>Greeters:</i> Judy Chapman & Vicky Maphis <i>Counters:</i> Lorraine Shelton & Kevin Mosser Upcoming: Nov. 12 Charge Conference
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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.

20th Sunday of Pentecost



10:20 a.m. Worship Service

October 15, 2023



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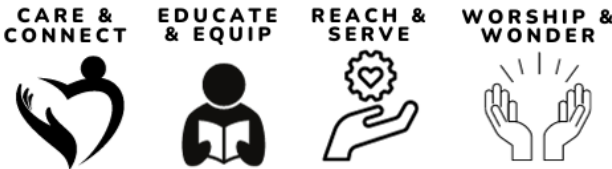
** All who are able, please stand; bold print - all respond*

Prelude	David Landrum
Ringling of the Bell	Sam Henshaw
Greeting /Announcements	Cathy Richard
* Call to Worship	Rev. Heaton

Come! Now is the time to worship!
We come to worship God Who invites us.
When the Israelites worshiped the golden calf, God listened to Moses and chose to correct instead of destroying.
God persistently invites us to return to God.
Jesus tells a story of a wedding banquet where the guests dismissed the invitation and harmed the messengers, so the king invited people off the streets and welcomed all who received the invitation in earnest.
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Too often we turn from God’s ways, choosing our stiff-necked insistence that we know what is best instead of trusting God’s provision, love, and guidance.
When we turn away and our love fails, God continues to offer us opportunities to return to God and join in the celebration of God’s abundant love and life.
Come! Now is the time to worship!
We come to worship God Who keeps inviting us for the long haul.

*Hymn	<i>Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart</i>	UMH 160
Lighting of Altar Candles		Sam Henshaw
Scripture Lesson	Matthew 22:1-14	Danny Smith
Response to the Word	<i>You Do Not Walk Alone</i>	Choir
Offering and Children's Church	<i>In All Things Give Him Thanks</i>	
	<i>And in all things give Him thanks, and in all things let your gratitude shine through.</i>	
	<i>And in all things give Him thanks. For He has given all things unto you.</i> (repeat)	
Stewardship Moment		Roger Hill



Reach & Serve Work Area Presentation	Steve Wells
Prayers of the People	Rev. Heaton
Congregational Prayer	Rev. Heaton

**Merciful God, You sent Your messengers, the prophets,
to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation.
Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,
that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer;
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen**

*Hymn	<i>Near to the Heart of God</i>	UMH 472
Sermon	“What Are Your Talents?” Matthew 25:14-30	JJ Gibbs
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** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* **UMH 140**
***The Benediction** Rev. Heaton
*** Choral Benediction** *God Be with You till We Meet Again* **UMH 672**
*God be with you till we meet again; by His counsels’ guide, uphold you, with His sheep
securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we
meet at Jesus' feet; till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.*
Postlude David Landrum

(*Please stand as able) CCLI # 114088

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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.