

November 13, 2016

HOW WILL YOU
MEASURE
YOUR LIFE?



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30am Worship Service

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Mission Statement:

“To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Welcome visitors – Whether you’re here with friends or relatives, or if you’re here by a mysterious, guiding hand, **welcome!** We’re glad you’re here. If you’ve not been here before, relax. We aren’t going to ask you to stand up and introduce yourself. If you’re new to First UMC, we do have print materials on the table at the back of the main level of the worship center... help yourself or just ask someone!

If children are with you, that’s wonderful. Jesus loves children and so do we. You might sit near the front so the children can see and hear everything. There are children’s activity bags on the coat tree at the back of the sanctuary; a special children’s time, “From a Child’s Point of View,” and children’s bulletins are on the table. We do offer a staffed nursery for pre-school children during worship if you’d prefer to use it for part or all of the service. The easiest way to get there is to have an usher provide an escort.

Ask an usher about using a **hearing assist device**; or for a **large print Hymnal**.

Inside this bulletin is a an insert. Please fill it out and use it for an “offering” at that time of the service. Beverage and light refreshments are offered in the Gathering Place before worship and in the Dining Room at the conclusion of worship. Everyone is welcome!!

Together We Come Into God's PRESENCE

** Indicates to Rise in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE

"Glory in the Highest"

Christian Chaos

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell *(The Light of Christ enters our worship)*

WELCOME AND EXPLANATION OF INSERTS

GREETING YOUR NEIGHBOR

* SONG OF PRAISE

"Let All Things Now Living"

No. 2008

* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We give God thanks for the beauty of creation that surrounds us in the changing of the seasons.

P: God's steadfast love and faithfulness surrounds us today and every day.

L: We praise God for providing for all of our needs.

P: We rejoice that Christ hears our prayers and surrounds us with peace.

ACT OF PRAISE

Choir Kids

FROM A CHILD'S POINT OF VIEW

"Do You Measure Up?"

Pastor Jenny Seylar

(Pocket change collected in the copper kettles each week is given to missions.)

Use this time to complete your small insert to be put in the offering plate later in worship.)

God Calls Us to PRAY

(The bulletin insert includes space to write your prayer requests, both joys and concerns.)

PRAYER OF WORSHIP

Let us Pray: **Precious Lord, we thank You for Your sustaining love that blesses us even amid times of sorrow and darkness. Forgive us for getting so wrapped up in our own lives that we forget to turn to You in prayer. Inspire us to live our lives as a offering to You and to the service of Your people. It is in joy that we pray in Your Son's Name, Amen.**

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER SONG

"He is Exalted"

No. 2070

We Proclaim Christ's WITNESS Through the Word

* Epistle Lesson

Romans 12:9-21

RESPONSE: The Inspired Word of God for the people of God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

"How Will You Measure Your Life"

Pastor Jenny Seylar

Experiencing the Generosity of God by the Giving and Receiving of GIFTS

HOLY COMMUNION

As you come forward to receive the gift of grace from the Lord's Table, know that you are ALL are welcome. Come forward from the outside aisles to the front. On the sides, you will find baskets into which all are invited to place offerings, inserts, Commitment to Service sheets, and Covenant Commitment sheets. A kneeling bench is available to pray before or after communion.

Communion Song

"Glory in the Highest"

Christian Chaos

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION

L: Almighty God, we thank You that we could feast at Your Table of Grace. Help us each to recommit our lives to Your love and service. We offer many gifts this day, even as we receive Your gift of love through the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. Bless the gifts of tithes and offerings, the gifts of service, and the gifts of the promised faithfulness in the coming year through our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness.

P: God of Glory, All of Your gifts are welcome here, and we especially thank You for the gift of salvation through Your Son, Jesus Christ. We know nothing compares to that gift. Still, set Your Spirit free within us, Your faithful people. Help us to not hold back any of our gifts, which You have given for the good of all people. Help us to daily sing Your praises so that others will come to know Your never-ending love. Strengthen us in our faith, in our families, and in the ministry of this church. Help us to be faithful today and in the months to come through our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness. Amen.

We Are Sent Forth for God's SERVICE to the World

* SONG OF SENDING

"Bind Us Together"

No. 2226

(The Light of Christ goes before us into the world)

* BLESSING & SENDING

L: You are sent out, wrapped in *PRAYER*, having been in the Lord's *PRESENCE* through the Holy Spirit and visible in *one another*.

P: With Christ in our hearts, we bear WITNESS to the Lord's grace and love.

L: Remember to *SERVE* God daily with gladness.

P: We rejoice as we share our GIFTS and SERVE the Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: How We'll Each Put Hands & Feet To The Gospel This Week

Always use a microphone so everyone may be included. Thank you.

POSTLUDE

Christian Chaos

Please join us in the dining room after worship for Fellowship Coffee.

Jenny Seylar - Pastor

Greg Brown - Director of Xn Chaos

Melinda Stonebraker - Administrative Ministries Coordinator

Don Griffith - Custodian

Alice Ann Gallagher - Chancel Choir Director

Denise Cartwright - Choir Kids Director

Sylvia Gould - Chancel Choir Accompanist

Jess Goodenow-Little Friends Preschool Director

Dee Wallace - Choir Kids Accompanist

Megan Coppess-Little Friends Preschool Teacher

November 13 Sunday Servants

Acolytes: Jacob & Justin Boedeker
Children's Lesson: Pastor Jenny
Liturgist: Pastor Jenny
Ushers: Bob & Glenda Holets, Barb & Bob Rickard
Greeters: Karen & Heather Strefling
Nursery: Kamryn Chapman
PowerPoint: Becky Young create, Zoe Stonebraker run
Fellowship Coffee: Ginny & Bob Cummins, Ted & Deanna Licht
Communion Stewards: Ken & Deb McKay
Flowers: Barb Rickard

November 20 Sunday Servants

Acolytes: Madison Elg & Lea Stonebraker
Children's Lesson: Kris Clark
Liturgist: Twyla Hein
Ushers: Bob & Glenda Holets, Barb & Bob Rickard
Greeters: Gordon & Jan Esbeck
Nursery: Cheryl Person
PowerPoint: Carmen Hoffman
Fellowship Coffee: Mike & Connie Smith, Karen & Scott Anderson
Flowers: Barb Rickard

PRAYERS

Hospitalized/Procedures: Chuck & Renate Lee (Berrie Glick's bro, sis-in-law)

Healing: Gary Davis (Penny Webb's dad), Jerry Ferguson, Frances Ford, Marvin Ford, Donna Gault, Bob Gould, Arlene Hein, Kathy Hein, Rex Idlewine, Carsten Kime, Erma Lyle, Lynn McIntosh, Jeff McKinney, Taylor Miller (Sherry Willey's granddaughter), Cheryl Person, Mike Smith, Pam Spear, Dawn Spickermann, James Stock (Lorna Muller's bro), Jim Thiele (L.Salmonson's bro), Julie Villhauer, Alberta Wagaman, and others under care or treatment.

Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

All those affected by flooding and those who are called to help Family of Stella Gardener, and all experiencing loss Comstock family

Deb and Mike Eisele as they move to Minnesota

Couples/Families searching for the way forward.

Persons & families of incarceration

Persons in employment limbo

Families struggling with the impact of drug and alcohol abuse or other addiction.

Persons uprooted due to "natural" and/or "human" disaster; and those who are called to help.

Persons/people persecuted for religious convictions.

In Treatment: Linda (Kay Miller's sis), Cheryl Person, Jon Williams

Hospice/Palliative Care: Joe Cheshareck (Gail Fleming's bro-in-law), Bernice Eisele (Mike's mother) @ St. Cloud, MN

Armed Services: Thomas Brown (Seydel's son-in-law), Kyle Marchik, Kaitlyn McKinney, Corey Ormsby, Chris Paul

October 30:

Sunday School 93, \$14.00; Worship 117; General Fund \$3790.00; Upper Room \$1.01; Apportionments 110.00; Marriage on Tap \$75.00; Kitchen Fund \$100.00; Copper Kettle 58.71; Mission Market \$200; Ingathering \$5.00; UMCOR \$10.00
Grand Total \$4151.72

This Week:

Sun. Nov 13: 10:30am Worship, 1:30pm Girl Scouts, 2:30pm Kids for Christ, 6:00pm Dominoes, 6:00pm Marriage on Tap

Mon. Nov 14: 4:00pm LFP Board

Tue. Nov 15: 1:00 pm GIG, 6:15 pm Girl Scouts 8196

Wed. Nov 16: 1:30pm Confirmation, 6:00pm Hand Chimes, 6:30pm GIG, 7:00pm Choir, 8:00pm Abigail Circle

Thu. Nov 17: 10:00am GIG, 4:30 pm Grief Group, 5:15 pm Girl Scouts 5302, 6:30 pm Trustees, 6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal, 7:00 pm Priscilla Circle

Sun. Nov 20: 7:45am Prayer, 8:30am Choir Kids, 9:00am Sunday School, 10:30am Worship, 4:30pm Church/Charge Conference, 6:00pm Community Thanksgiving Worship