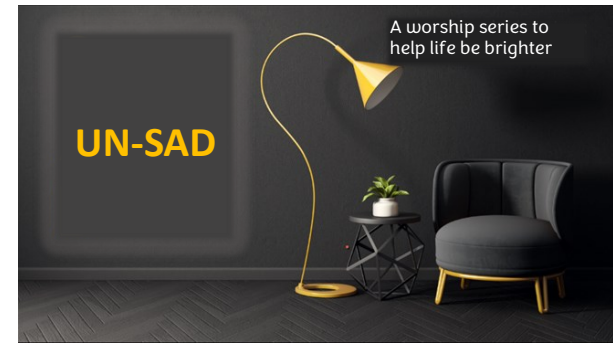


## Those Who Serve

Pastor: Joy Wigal  
Musician: Chris Kennedy  
Treasurer: Roberta Covert  
Audio/Visual Technicians: Larisa Harper & Barb Wolfe  
Custodian: Jordan McKee  
Administrative Assistant: Amanda Hatfield



## Faith United Methodist Church Lighten Up—Week 3 January 29, 2023

GATHER

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC FOR GATHERING (PRELUDE)

THRESHOLD

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.  
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and a light unto my path.  
When I feel afraid,  
think I've lost my way,  
still you're there right beside me.  
And nothing will I fear  
as long as you are near.  
Please be near me to the end.  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.

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*Let us pray:*  
God of Delight,  
we give you thanks for good humor and joy!  
Open our eyes to the light of possibilities,  
even when the day ahead holds difficulties.  
Be with us, near us, beside us.  
Amen.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.

**OPENING HYMN**

*"Give Us Laughter"*

**OPENING TO GOD (REASSURANCE)**

Sometimes laughter eludes us and that is OK-  
we don't have to force it.  
It is in these times when God sometimes surprises us  
with delight  
in spite of our circumstances and  
we find ourselves open to allowing healing laughter  
when we thought this would never come again.

May the peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

**PROCLAIM**

*"MORE LIGHT"*

More light, more truth  
is breaking from Your Word.  
More light, more truth,  
Holy Spirit, help us hear what needs to be heard.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 9:1-4 (NRSVUE)

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sunday, January 29

Worship ..... 10:30am

Monday, January 30

Office Open..... 10:00am-2:00pm

Tuesday, January 31

Office Open..... 10:00am-2:00pm

Wednesday, February 1

Office Open..... 10:00am-2:00pm

Thursday, February 2

Office Open..... 10:00am-2:00pm

Eventide Circle Meeting ..... 1:00pm

Sunday, February 5

Worship ..... 10:30am

Monday, February 6

Office Open..... 10:00am-2:00pm

Tuesday, February 7

Office Open..... 10:00am-2:00pm

Wednesday, February 8

Office Open..... 10:00am-2:00pm

Thursday, February 9

Office Open..... 10:00am-2:00pm

Saturday, February 11

Fellowship Hall Event .....all day

## KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Baby Christian & Family	Karen Bay
Bernice Osborne	Karen Norman
Bev Wolford	Karen Wilson
Betty Miller	Kevin Bushong
Bradley Adams	Laura Peck
Brenda Shepherd	Marilyn Inman
David Inman	Marlene Farley
Dennis Cebulsky	Pastor Joy Wigal
Diana Bohn Family	Saundra Boyd
Doug Adams	Steve DeGarmo Family
Dwight Ragor	Steve Inman
Ed McAuley	Suzanne Collins
Ellen Kelton	Terry Pickens
Fred Cubbison	Thea & Mark Crawmer
Heidi	Tim & Sherry Dickerson
Jane Thorne	Veronica
Janice Moore	Vicky Wolfe
Jill Shrock	Zola Duncan & Family
Jim Tignor	<b>Medical Faith Shut-in:</b>
JoAnne Peadon	Kathleen McCutcheon
Juanita Mohler	

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## SERMON

## RESPOND PRAYERS

Open unto me, light for my darkness,  
light for my darkness, open unto me.  
Open unto me, light for my darkness,  
open unto me, O God.

Open unto me, strength for my weakness,  
strength for my weakness, open unto me.  
Open unto me, strength for my weakness,  
open unto me, O God.

## 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 sins  
as we forgive those who sin 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.

*“OPEN UNTO ME”*

Open unto me, peace for my turmoil,  
peace for my turmoil, open unto me.  
Open unto me, peace for my turmoil,  
open unto me, O God.

**OFFERING | OFFERTORY**

**DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Almighty God,  
who made us who we are,  
we offer all of ourselves to You.  
Take our talents, our energy and our joy,  
and use us to share Your love.  
Take our mistakes, our regrets and our pain,  
and use us to bring Your healing.  
Magnify the gifts we offer before You today,  
to spread Your peace in the world. Amen. -By Gill Le Fevre

**GO FORTH**

**PRACTICES FOR THE WEEK**

**HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

*“Take Time to be Funny” Tune UMH 395*

**BENEDICTION**

*Now go into the world,  
feeling the wrap of love around your shoulders,  
the embrace of well-being encompassing your heart,  
the confidence that only requires  
one foot in front of the other,  
and the assurance that you are not alone.*

**The world needs each of us  
and waits patiently for our lights to shine,  
illuminating just one small corner,  
speaking even a little bit of hope.**

We're in it together,  
along with the One who created us,  
the One who redeems us,  
the One who sustains us.

**So be it.  
Amen.**

**MUSIC FOR GOING OUT (POSTLUDE)**