#### **Those Who Serve**

Pastor:
Musician:
Treasurer:
Audio/Visual Technicians:
Custodian:
Administrative Assistant:

Joy Wigal Chris Kennedy Roberta Covert Larisa Harper & Barb Wolfe Jordan McKee Amanda Hatfield

# **Upcoming Liturgists and Greeters**

October 22	Roberta	Floyd & Pat
October 29	Marsha	Jim & Barb
November 5	Barb T.	Don, Roberta & Susie
November 12	Roberta	Chris & Heather
November 19	Marsha	Mark, Thea & Vickie
November 26	Nick	Floyd & Pat
December 3	Mark	Don, Roberta & Susie
December 10	Roberta	Chris & Heather
December 17	Nick	Mark, Thea & Vickie
December 24 AM	Gail	Floyd & Pat
December 24 PM	Marsha	
December 31	Nick	Jim & Barb



# **Faith United Methodist Church**

# **October 22, 2023**

WE GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

**Threshold Moment** 

"Jesus, United by Your Grace" (verse 1) UMH 561 Jesus, united by your grace and each to each endeared, with confidence we seek thy face and know our prayer is heard.

Call to Worship

Let all who love the Lord gather in this place for worship. Our love for Christ grows daily as we share God's message of love!

Few can witness the change in a believer's life and not have hope.

# And whose faith has not grown as the Lord worked in one's own life?

Then let us proclaim for all the world to hear of our precious Lord.

Here all together, we celebrate the gift of community. Renew our strength in the blessings of God's empowering Spirit.

"Jesus, United by Your Grace" (verse 2) UMH 561

Help us to help each other, Lord, Each other's cross to bear; Let all their friendly aid afford; And feel each other's care.

Opening Hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness" UMH 140

The Peace

The Children Gather

WE PROCLAIM

Scripture 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (NLT)

Sermon The Pursuit of Happiness

WE RESPOND

#### **Prayers**

"To Know You More" (verse 3) TFWS 2161 To know you in all of your mercy, to serve you with all that I am. With all of my heart, Lord, this is my prayer: to know you more to know you more.

SHARING OUR PRAYERS AND PRAISES

# **Keep in Your Prayers**

Adah Krokonko Aggas Family Al Duncan Andv Hartsock Baby Asher & Family Baby Griffin & Family **Baby London** Bernice Osborne **Betty Howard Betty Miller Bradley Adams** Brenda Miller **Brenda Shepherd** Brian Hina **Chad Glass Family Charlie & Jean Bathrick Family** Dave Smith Family Debbie Gifford **DeGarmo Family** Dennis Cebulsky Dunn Family Erica Bishop Gloria Jean Campbell Heather Bathrick J.J. Jasper Jacob Elson James Finlay Jr. Janet Hickman Jasmine Jaydon Pletcher Jim & Linda Dudley Jim & Patty Evans JoAnne Peadon

John Smith Julie Glass Kyle & Richard Felton Lesha Alexander Lynn Marlene Farley Mike Camp Family Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Sutton Nick Prindle Pam & Michael Pam Glass Patty Pavlik Pearl Bradford **Rita Spurrier** Ron Howard Ron Pyle Sr. Family Saundra Boyd Sarah Chapman & Family Shana Steve Cahn Steve Inman Suzanne Collins **Terry Pickens** Tom Kelley Family Tonya Poli Ty Dierkis Vickie Cordle Vicky Butcher Wanda Adams Medical Faith Shut-in: Kathleen McCutcheon

#### **Calendar of Events**

Sunday, October 22	
Worship	10:30am
Monday, October 23	
Office Open	10:00am-2:00pm
Tuesday, October 24	
Office Open	10:00am-2:00pm
Wednesday, October 25	
Office Open	10:00am-2:00pm
Book Study	1:00pm
Thursday, October 26	
Office Open	10:00am-2:00pm
Sunday, October 29	
Worship	10:30am
Halloweenies	5:30-7:00pm
Monday, October 30	
Office Open	10:00am-2:00pm
UWF Book Club	1:00pm
Tuesday, October 31	
Office Open	10:00am-2:00pm
Wednesday, November 1	
Office Open	10:00am-2:00pm
Book Study	1:00pm
Leadership Meeting	
Thursday, November 2	
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Office Open	10:00am-2:00pm

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYING WITH JESUS 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.

#### Offering

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

Prayer of Dedication Holy God, source of every good gift: the offerings we bring to you are simply a token of our desire to walk more closely beside you. We give, knowing that "rendering unto you what is yours" would mean leaving everything before you – all we have and all we are. We are not there yet, but with your help, we are on the road to getting there. Bless what we give; may it speak words of compassion, mercy, and love as it empowers your mission and ministry. We pray this in the powerful name of Jesus, whose light we seek to follow. Amen.

#### WE GO FORTH

# Closing Hymn "Blessed Assurance" UMH 369

Benediction

Go now as those who have been chosen by God. Be imitators of Jesus Christ and an example to all of the life of faith.

> To the world in which we live, we will give our love and service, and to God, we will give all that we are and all that we shall be.

And may the glory of God's goodness be revealed to you; May the grace and peace of Jesus Christ take root in you; And may the inspiration of the Holy Spirit fill you with joy.

Amen!

Postlude

#### Halloweenies

We plan to serve hot dogs and water to trick-or-treaters this year on Sunday, October 29 from 5:30-7:00pm. If you would like to donate money towards the purchase of hot dogs, please send it to the church office no later than October 22 and be sure to designate it as "Halloweenies." A volunteer sign up sheet is on the welcome table for prep, serving and tear-down on the 29th.

## Thank You

Thank you for the generous donations for New Hope Circle's "Christmas in July." We really appreciate you helping raise funds for the Christmas baskets supplies for the Salvation Army.

## **Sock Donations**

The Free Store is in need of new or gently-used clean socks. Shoppers have a 3 pair limit, but they go quickly. Donations can be dropped off in the shopping cart near the Faith playground doors.

# Monado's Market

Thank you, Faith UMC, for the on-going support of the Monado's Market at Zane State College. Your help is greatly appreciated! Some helpful items we are collecting include:

Single Serving Snacks	Paper Towels
Microwavable Meals	Toilet Paper
Bottled Water	Ibuprofen/Tylenol
Trash Bags	Dish Soap/Sponges
Personal Hygiene Items	Pet Supplies
Laundry Supplies	