

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

Upcoming Liturgists and Greeters

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 29, 2023

Unrelenting Grace

WE GATHER
Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Threshold Moment

“Lord, Be Glorified” (verse 1) TFWS 2150

In our lives, Lord,
be glorified,
Be glorified.
In our lives, Lord,
be glorified today.

Call to Worship

*let this be the welcoming place
the place of return
and let it be built by a love
that bends towards those who return here
for it is a love that has been waiting
like a candle in the window
ever lighting the way back
and never willing to let go
of the hope that each
will return home*

**let it be the place where
the only appropriate response
to love that has come to the end of its
longing is to feast and celebrate**



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*for that which has been lost
has returned to be among us once more*
~ by Roddy Hamilton

“Lord, Be Glorified” (verse 3) TFWS 2150

In your church, Lord,
be glorified,
Be glorified.
In your church, Lord,
be glorified today.

Opening Prayer

God who will never give up on us,
We gather today to better know your grace in our lives.
In this time together,
Graciously speak to us.
Graciously touch our hearts.
Graciously make us whole.
Graciously work in us.
And graciously transform us
more into the image of Christ.
By Your Holy Spirit, unfold your will and word
and bring it alive in us.
Amen.

Hymn “Come, Let us Use the Grace Divine” UMH 606

Scripture

Luke 15:11-32 (NLT)

Sermon

Grace as a Gift

Prayers

Keep in Your Prayers

Adah Krokonko	Jim & Patty Evans
Aggas Family	JoAnne Peadon
Al Duncan	John Smith
Andy Hartsock	Julie Glass
Baby Asher & Family	Kyle & Richard Felton
Baby Christian and Tanya	Lesha Alexander
Baby Griffin & Family	Lynn
Baby London	Marlene Farley
Bernice Osborne	Mike Camp Family
Betty Howard	Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Sutton
Betty Miller	Nick Prindle
Bradley Adams	Pam & Michael
Brenda Miller	Pam Glass
Brenda Shepherd	Patty Pavlik
Brian Hina	Pearl Bradford
Chad Glass Family	Rita Spurrier
Charlie & Jean Bathrick Family	Ron Howard
Chase Bracken Family	Ron Pyle Sr. Family
Dave Smith Family	Sandra Boyd
Debbie Gifford	Sarah Chapman & Family
DeGarmo Family	Shana
Dennis Cebulsky	Steve Cahn
Dunn Family	Steve Inman
Erica Bishop	Suzanne Collins
Gloria Jean Campbell	Terry Pickens
Heather Bathrick	Tom Kelley Family
J.J. Jasper	Tonya Poli
Jacob Elson	Ty Dierkis
James Finlay Jr.	Vickie Cordle
Janet Hickman	Vicky Butcher
Jasmine	Wanda Adams
Jaydon Pletcher	Medical Faith Shut-in:
Jim & Linda Dudley	Kathleen McCutcheon

Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 29

Worship10:30am

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 6:00pm

Thursday, November 2

Office Open 10:00am-2:00pm

Eventide Circle12:45pm

Sunday, November 5

Worship10:30am

Monday, November 6

Office Open 10:00am-2:00pm

Tuesday, November 7

Election..... 5:30am-7:30pm

Office Open 10:00am-2:00pm

Wednesday, November 8

Office Open 10:00am-2:00pm

Book Study 1:00pm

Thursday, November 9

Office Open 10:00am-2:00pm

Sunday, November 12

Worship10:30am

“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

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

Long-suffering God,

we hear the words of the familiar parable and,

at different times, see ourselves as either son.
 We have received—or demanded—blessings
 to which we were not entitled
 and squandered them in self-indulgent living.
 We have also looked out from our place of privilege
 and have been indignant over your lavish dispensing
 of love and mercy to others.
 As we bring our gifts this day, we do so
 in the humble gratitude and recognition
 that any and all blessings in our life
 come as your gift of grace.
 We pray in the name of your greatest gift,
 Jesus our redeemer. Amen.

WE GO FORTH

Hymn “Be Thou My Vision” UMH 451

Benediction

*Go forth in renewed strength, knowing who you are:
 the sons and daughters of God.*

**We rejoice that God’s love for us is so great
 that we are celebrated, rejoiced in, welcomed,
 dearly loved.**

*Wear your robe and ring with joy!
 Be glad in God and rejoice!*

**My friends, go into the world: knowing that it is God
 who loves us, Christ who strengthens us, and the Ho
 ly Spirit who empowers us for service. Amen!**

Postlude

Picture Perfect Christmas Luncheon

Everyone is invited to the annual United Women in Faith Christmas luncheon on Sunday, December 3, 2023, after the worship service down in the fellowship hall. We will enjoy a catered lunch, music, sharing memories and so much more! The cost is \$10.00 per person. See Roberta Covert by November 26 to make your reservations.

Hanging of the Greens

Everyone is invited to help decorate the church for the Christmas season on Sunday, November 26, right after the worship service. The New Hope Circle will provide lunch beforehand. Mark your calendars and we will see you there. Many hands make light work!

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.

Head Start

Please consider donating shelf stable foods and snacks for our Head Start students. We will begin distributing Blessing Bags once enough items are collected.

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