

## Those Who Serve

Pastor:	Joy Wigal
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Custodian:	Jordan McKee
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## Faith United Methodist Church

**October 8, 2023**



## Upcoming Liturgists and Greeters

October 8	Barb T.	Chris & Heather
October 15	Nick	Mark, Thea & Vickie
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

## WE GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Threshold Moment

“Come to the Table of Grace”

Come to the table of grace

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This is God’s table, it’s not yours or mine

Come to the table of grace!

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Call to Worship

*Come! Now is the time to worship!*

**We come to worship God who guides us.**



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*Jesus tells a story of a vineyard owner and his tenants who choose violence instead of giving the owner the fruits of the harvest, challenging us to choose—will we reject the Cornerstone or find in Jesus our sure foundation?*

**God guides us as we learn to pattern our lives after the rhythms of God's grace.**

*Too often we fall back into the pattern of rejecting what is good for us, forgetting that the life of faith is always about following God who provides for us and loves us.*

**When we follow God's guidance, we learn to live God's new pattern of life described in the commandments and demonstrated by Christ.**

*Come! Now is the time to worship!*

**We come to worship God who guides us for the long haul.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, April 2023.*

**Opening Prayer**

**Liberating God,  
you give us commandments  
not as a burden to bear**

**but as an invitation to live the life you have for us.  
Grant us open hearts ready to accept your invitation,  
that we might become a people who bear the fruit  
of the freedom and new life you give us. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn  
"In This Place"**

**The Peace**

## **Keep in Your Prayers**

Adah Krokoko	John Smith
Aggas Family	Julie Glass
Al Duncan	Kyle & Richard Felton
Andy Hartsock	Lesha Alexander
Baby Asher & 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	Rita Young
Dave Smith Family	Ron Howard
Debbie Gifford	Ron Pyle Sr. Family
DeGarmo Family	Sarah Chapman & Family
Dennis Cebulsky	Shana
Dunn Family	Steve Cahn
Erica Bishop	Steve Inman
Gloria Jean Campbell	Suzanne Collins
Heather Bathrick	Terry Pickens
J.J. Jasper	Tom Kelley Family
Jacob Elson	Tonya Poli
James Finlay Jr.	Ty Dierkis
Janet Hickman	Vickie Cordle
Jasmine	Vicky Butcher
Jaydon Pletcher	Wanda Adams
Jim & Linda Dudley	Medical Faith Shut-in:
Jim & Patty Evans	Kathleen McCutcheon

### **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.

## Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 8  
 Worship ..... 10:30am  
 CROP Walk ..... 2:00pm  
 New Hope Circle ..... 6:30pm

Monday, October 9  
 Office Open..... 10:00am-2:00pm

Tuesday, October 10  
 Office Open..... 10:00am-2:00pm

Wednesday, October 11  
 Office Open..... 10:00am-2:00pm

Thursday, October 12  
 Office Open..... 10:00am-2:00pm

Sunday, October 15  
 Worship ..... 10:30am

Monday, October 16  
 Office Open..... 10:00am-2:00pm

Tuesday, October 17  
 Office Open..... 10:00am-2:00pm

Wednesday, October 18  
 Office Open..... 10:00am-2:00pm

Thursday, October 19  
 Office Open..... 10:00am-2:00pm

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

## The Children Gather

### WE PROCLAIM

#### Preparation to Hear God's Word

**“As We Gather at Your Table”**  
**As we gather at your table,**  
**as we listen to your word,**  
**help us know, O God, your presence;**  
**let our hearts and minds be stirred.**  
**Nourish us with sacred story**  
**'til we claim it as our own;**  
**teach us through this holy banquet**  
**how to make Love's victory known.**

#### Scripture

Philippians 3:4b-13, Matthew 21:33-46 (NLT)

#### Sermon

### WE RESPOND

#### Invitation to Prayer

**“At This Table”**  
**At this table we lift our voices in prayer**  
**At this table we seek your peace**  
**At this table we know you have drawn near**  
**At this table we find release**

### 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

**Be present at our table, Lord,  
be here and everywhere adored;  
thy creatures bless, and grant that we  
may feast in fellowship with thee.**

### Prayer of Dedication

Generous and giving God,  
you have offered us a deep  
and soul-satisfying relationship with you,  
one that extends far beyond our earthly journey;  
and too many of us have opted  
for a “faith-lite” experience.  
As we offer our gifts this day,

may we better receive the relationship you offer us,  
walking together and with you more closely.  
In Christ’s holy name, we pray. Amen.

### WE GO FORTH

Closing Hymn  
“Jesu, Jesu” UMH 432

### Benediction

*Go forth today as a people  
who bear the fruit of the kingdom.*

**We trust that by living a life patterned  
after God’s grace,  
We would share in God’s hope, joy, and love.**

The grace of God abounds!  
The invitation of Christ is wide!  
The power of the transforming Spirit  
will surprise us every time!  
May the blessings you find here  
go with you and move through you to others  
wherever you go this week.  
**Amen!**

### Postlude