## **Those Who Serve**

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# Faith United Methodist Church September 17, 2023



## **Upcoming Church Servants**

Liturgist	Greeters
Barb T.	Mark, Thea & Vickie
Roberta	Floyd & Pat
Marsha	Don, Roberta & Susie
Barb T.	Chris & Heather
Nick	Mark, Thea & Vickie
Teresa F.	Floyd & Pat
Marsha	Jim & Barb
	Barb T. Roberta Marsha Barb T. Nick Teresa F.

Come to the table... The Table of Peace

WE GATHER

#### Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Setting the Table (Threshold Moment)

"Come to the Table of Grace" Come to the table of peace Come to the table of peace This is God's table, it's not yours or mine Come to the table of peace!



Taking Our Place, Opening to Others

We gather today to listen, to learn, and to love. We are ready to share and to hear what others have to say. Though we are all different, we yearn to find a mutual understanding. We are standing on common ground. We take our seat at the Table of Peace. We know that God is already here!

Opening Hymn "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" TFWS 2171

**The Peace** 

The Children Gather

WE PROCLAIM

Preparation to Hear God's Word

"As We Gather at Your Table" (Verse 1) 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.

### **Keep in Your Prayers**

Adah Krokonko Aggas Family Al Duncan Andy Hartsock Baby Asher & Family **Baby Christian & Family Baby London** Bernice Osborne **Betty Howard Betty Miller Bev Wolford Bradlev Adams** Brenda Miller Brenda Shepherd Brian Hina Chad Glass Family Charlie & Jean Bathrick Family **Dave Smith Family** David Inman Debbie Gifford Dennis Cebulsky **Doug Adams** Dunn Family Ed McAuley Ellen Kelton **Gloria Jean Campbell** J.J. Jasper Jacob Elson James Finlay Jr. Jane Thorne Janet Hickman Janice Moore Jasmine Jill Shrock **Jim & Patty Evans** JoAnne Peadon Juanita Mohler Julie Glass Karen Bay

Karen Norman Karen Wilson Kyle & Richard Felton Laura Peck Lesha Alexander Lynn Marilyn Inman Marlene Farley Mike Camp Family Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Sutton Nick Prindle Pam & Michael Pam Glass Pastor Joy Wigal Patty Pavlik Pearl Bradford **Rita Spurrier** Rita Young Ron Howard Ron Pyle Sr. Family Sarah Chapman & Family Saundra Boyd Shana Steve Cahn Steve Inman Suzanne Collins **Terry Pickens** Thea & Mark Crawmer Tim & Sherry Dickerson Tom Kelley Family Tonya Poli Ty Dierkis Vickie Cordle Vicky Butcher Vicky Wolfe Wanda Adams Zola Duncan & Family Medical Faith Shut-in: Kathleen McCutcheon

## **Calendar of Events**

Sunday, September 17	
Worship	10:30am
Monday, September 18	
Office Open	10:00am-2:00pm
Tuesday, September 19	
Office Open	10:00am-2:00pm
Wednesday, September 20	
Office Open	10:00am-2:00pm
Book Study	1:00pm
Thursday, September 21	
Office Open	10:00am-2:00pm
Sunday, September 24	
Worship	10:30am

### Announcements

#### **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.

#### **CROP Walk**

Anyone interested in participating in the CROP WALK October 8th or donating, please contact Cindy Howard or Amanda Hatfield.

#### 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

~Microwavable Meals

~Bottled Water

~Trash Bags

~Paper Towels ~Toilet Paper

- ~lbuprofen/Tylenol
- ~Dish Soap and Sponges
- ~Personal Hygiene Items
- ~Laundry Supplies
- ~Pet Supplies

Scripture Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35 (MSG)

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 God, you have given so much to us in love and joy – every good thing in our life reflects your caring. Even in the giving of our offerings, we have tried to give our best but know we could do more. In a world where forgiveness has become a rare commodity, it is often an asset we hold back to maintain power over one another. Help us to hear the teaching of Jesus in the generosity of forgiveness, and learn to give it with wild extravagance! We pray in Christ's name, who gave all. Amen.

#### WE GO FORTH

Closing hymn "I've Got Peace Like a River" TFWS 2145

#### Benediction

This Table of Peace requires much of us. It asks us to listen to others when we are bursting with words of our own. It asks us to speak with courage and grace when perhaps we would rather stay silent.

It asks us to be patient when we are raring to go! It asks us to save a seat for people whose opinions differ from ours, and to treat everyone with kindness and dignity, because we need each other — all of us — to survive.

> 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 of peace you find here go with you and move through you to others wherever you go this week. Let the people say, "Amen!" Amen!

Postlude