

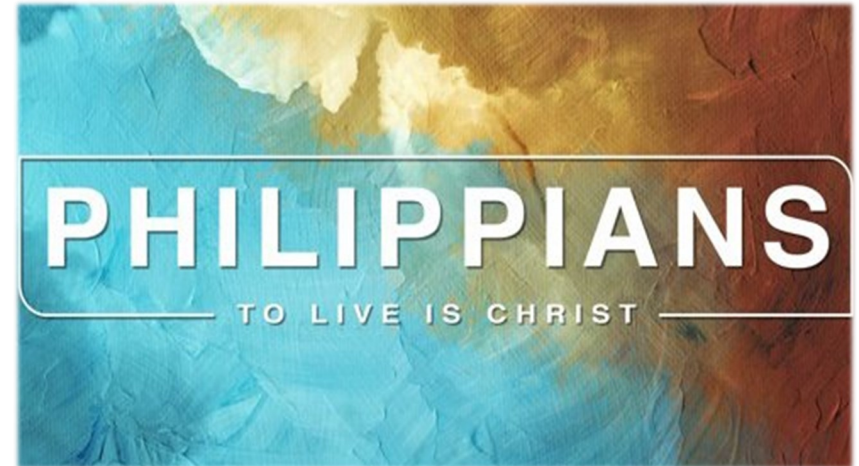
## Those Who Serve

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

## Upcoming Church Servants

Date	Liturgist	Greeters
September 24	Teresa	Floyd & Pat
October 1	Marsha	Don, Roberta & Susie
October 8	Barb T.	Chris & Heather
October 15	Nick	Mark, Thea & Vickie
October 22	Roberta	Floyd & Pat
October 29	Marsha	Jim & Barb

## Faith United Methodist Church September 24, 2023



*Come to the table...*

**The Table of Grace**

**WE GATHER**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Prelude**

**Setting the Table (Threshold Moment)**

**“Come to the Table of Grace”**

**Come to the table of grace**

**Come to the table of grace**

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

**Come to the table of grace!**



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## Taking Our Place, Opening to Others

*We often invoke the idea of “grace”  
when we say a blessing over our meals.*

**We know that grace is an essential need  
for our survival.**

*We “say grace,”*

*but do we always share grace with others?*

**We need reminders that we are all human.**

*We thank God for another opportunity  
to make room at the table for others.*

**We give thanks for such a large table!**

### Opening Hymn

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” UMH 121

### 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 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  
Gloria Jean Campbell  
J.J. Jasper  
Jacob Elson  
James Finlay Jr.  
Janet Hickman  
Jasmine  
Jaydon Pletcher  
Jim & Linda Dudley  
Jim & Patty Evans  
John Smith

Julie Glass  
Kyle & Richard Felton  
Leshia Alexander  
Lynn  
Marlene Farley  
Mike Camp Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Sutton  
Nick Prindle  
Pam & Michael  
Pam Glass  
Patty Pavlik  
Pearl Bradford  
Rita Spurrier  
Rita Young  
Ron Howard  
Ron Pyle Sr. Family  
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

*Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for  
one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a  
righteous person has great power as it is working.  
~James 5:16*

# Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 24

Worship ..... 10:30am

Monday, September 25

Office Closed.....

Tuesday, September 26

Office Closed.....

Wednesday, September 27

Office Closed.....

Book Study ..... 1:00pm

Thursday, September 28

Office Closed.....

## 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.

## 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

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

## Scripture

Philippians 1:21-30, Matthew 20:1-16 (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

Knowing God,

you have given us a never-wanting future.

Yet, we often forget the nature of your divine gift.

We become entangled

in the snares of self-centeredness.

Today, we joyfully share these many offerings

as a way to release ourselves

from being self-focused to being God-focused.

In the name of your loving Son, we pray. Amen.

*Matthew 20:1-16*

**WE GO FORTH**

Closing hymn

“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

Benediction

*This Table of Grace requires much of us.*

*It insists that we withhold judgment*

*from those who seem to be*

*“taking the easy way out” or don’t have to work*

*as hard as we feel we do.*

**Grace is a great equalizer —  
none of us are above receiving it,  
or exempt from needing to give it.**

**Perhaps the hardest grace of all  
is the grace we must have for ourselves.**

*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 grace you find here  
go with you and move through you to others  
wherever you go this week.

Let the people say, “Amen!”

**Amen!**

Postlude