

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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PHONE IN WORSHIP

Sunday Worship occurs every Sunday

from 10:15 to 11:45 AM

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that we are already in the tenth month of the year! The nights are already cooler and leaves beginning to turn. In worship, we have been celebrating that God invites all of us to The Table – whether we are talking about communion or a heavenly banquet, all are invited. In a few weeks, we will begin a series about God's *Unrelenting Grace*, based around a book by Bishop Ken Carter:

“Ken Carter reminds us of our core values as United Methodists, prompting [us] to rediscover, redefine, and reclaim the power of grace, holiness, and connection. We see afresh ways to bridge the gap between faith and life, and rediscover deep connections of unity and love.”

Life can be a difficult journey! Since the pandemic, studies show that a majority of people in the United States struggle with feelings of loneliness and isolation. We have not managed to reconnect or rebuild life with connections as in the past. So much has remained changed! Meetings and events almost always contain a virtual option. While being able to connect to worship online or via phone is a blessing,

it is not the same as connecting in person with the worshiping body of Christ. We need connections and community. Many United Methodists are struggling these days over churches that have chosen to leave the denomination. Friends with whom we have been affiliated for decades have left the connection and, while we may respect their desire to do so, it leaves those of us who remain with an odd hollow feeling. We need connection. We are not designed to be alone. Of course, we may still enjoy or even need alone time. Being alone is different from being lonely.

Soon we will be entering into the “holiday season”. From Thanksgiving to New Year’s there is an increase in celebrations, but also an increase in depression and sunlight. Perhaps it would benefit all of us if we begin now, in October, to consider our own needs for connecting with others and seek out relationships. Then, as we care for our own souls, we might consider how God would have us reach out to others who might be experiencing more isolations than they desire. Perhaps, it would benefit all of us if we were more intentional about looking each other in the eye and really connecting. God’s Spirit does not just flow from God to each of us, it is to flow between us as well.

Please know that each of you are frequently on my mind and in my prayers. I look forward to journeying through the next seasons with you! Hopefully, we will worship together soon.

Blessings,

Pastor Joy Wigal

Ecclesiastes 3:1 ESV
For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

PRAYER REQUESTS

Adah Krokonko	Kyle & Richard Felton
Aggas Family	Lesha Alexander
Al Duncan	Lynn
Andy Hartsock	Marlene Farley
Baby Asher & Family	Mike Camp Family
Baby London	Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Sutton
Bernice Osborne	Nick Prindle
Betty Howard	Pam & Michael
Betty Miller	Pam Glass
Bradley Adams	Patty Pavlik
Brenda Miller	Pearl Bradford
Brenda Shepherd	Rita Spurrier
Brian Hina	Rita Young
Chad Glass Family	Ron Howard
Charlie & Jean Bathrick Family	Ron Pyle Sr. Family
Dave Smith Family	Sarah Chapman & Family
Debbie Gifford	Shana
DeGarmo Family	Steve Cahn
Dennis Cebulsky	Steve Inman
Dunn Family	Suzanne Collins
Gloria Jean Campbell	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
John Smith	
Julie Glass	

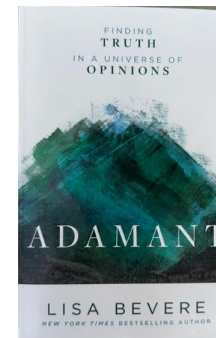
OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS



10/2
IRIS HOWARD
10/5
AARON HARPER
10/5
JORDAN MCKEE
10/6
TERESA FELTON
10/18
BEV WOLFORD
10/19
ERICA BISHOP
10/31
NANINA BRACKMAN



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH READING PROGRAM NEWS



Our next book chosen for our Book Club discussion is Adamant – Finding Truth in a Universe of Opinions, by Lisa Bevere. If you would like a copy of the book, please see Barb Wolfe. We will meet and discuss the book on October 30, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome!

UPCOMING LITURGISTS & GREETERS

Date	Liturgist	Greeters
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 T.

Isaiah 40:8 ESV
The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Jude 1:12 ESV
These are hidden reefs at your love feasts, as they feast with you without fear, shepherds feeding themselves; waterless clouds, swept along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted;

EVENTIDE CIRCLE

Eventide Circle will meet 12:45 PM
Thursday, October 5, 2023 at the Church.

The Thank Offering will be collected.

Program: Barb Tignor

Devotions: Pat Tolle

Response Moment: Roberta Covert

Hostess: Charlotte Cole

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



Luke 1:37 ESV

For nothing will be impossible with God."

EVENTIDE 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE

First Thursday of each month at 12:45 PM at the Church.

October 5—Thank Offering

November 2

December 7

NEW HOPE CIRCLE MEETING SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 8 at 6:30 at the Church

Sunday, November 12 at 6:30 at the Church

Saturday, December 9 Progressive Meal

CROP WALK

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



THANK YOU

The New Hope Circle would like to thank everyone who participated in our "Christmas in July" fundraising campaign. Through your generous donations we were able to raise \$300.00! We will combine that with United



Women in Faith's \$200.00 donation and send a check to the Salvation Army for their annual Christmas food basket distribution.