



Commitment Sunday

October 15, 2017 8:30AM & 11:00AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Rev Craig LaSuer
Whoever you are and wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. Please sign the attendance pad and include your best contact information, if we don't already have it. This is especially important for our guests so that we can appropriately take note of your presence today.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENT
As we seek to build up this congregation as the Body of Christ, we want to remind you that today is Commitment Sunday. Stewardship cards arrived in the mail and are in your bulletins this week. We are asking everyone to prayerfully consider making a financial commitment to the ministry of this church. Please return the card today or as soon as you are able by placing it in the offering plate or returning it to the church office. For details on all upcoming events and ministry opportunities in our church, please see the bulletin.

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
'Rejoice, the Lord is King' in the setting of 'Arabesque' arr. by Cindy Berry
Jorie Ronschke, pianist

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) (based on Philippians 4) Liturgist
(Please stand in body or spirit)
Leader: Rejoice in God always! Again I say rejoice!
People: Rejoice in God's steadfast love.
Leader: Rejoice in Christ's enduring grace.
People: Rejoice in God's saving word.
Leader: Rejoice in the Spirit's gentle guidance.
People: Rejoice in God's healing presence.
Leader: Rejoice in God always! Again I say rejoice!

*HYMN OF PRAISE 'Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart' Hymn #160

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Rev Craig LaSuer
As we say to one another "May the Peace of Christ be With You" we respond "And also with you." Passing the peace is a tradition rooted in Scripture that embodies our identity as peacemakers and trains our hearts, hands, and tongues in the ways of peace.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 16:1-12 Liturgist

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE IN MUSIC
'We Can Make a Difference' Mullen/Heimermann
Sonshine Kids, directed by Vanessa Martin and Emily Johncox

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Joy LaSuer
(11:00-Children age 2 through 4th grades may now leave from the service for Worship Express.)

OUR PRAYERS TOGETHER
The Pastoral Prayer Rev Craig LaSuer
The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MESSAGE IN MUSIC
8:30 'I'm Gonna Sing' Traditional Spiritual/Andre J. Thomas MorningStar
directed by Ellen Wilson; accompanied by Lisa Johnson Mott

11:00 'The Spirit Chorus' Traditional Spiritual/arr Mark Hayes Chancel Choir, directed by Ellen Wilson; accompanied by Jorie Ronschke and Lisa Johnson Mott

*THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 21: 1-4 Liturgist
(Please stand in body or spirit)

SERMON 'Surrender and Abundance Over Control and Scarcity' Dr. Rev. Glen Robyne and Rev. Jake Ohlemiller

DISCIPLESHIP RESPONSE Rev Craig LaSuer
Stewardship and Commitment Liturgy

PASTOR: Today is a day of celebration in the life of First United Methodist Church because today we remember that each and every one of us - young and old - is called by God to be stewards of justice, stewards of creation, stewards of peace, stewards of this family of faith. Stewards give from all aspects of their lives. As we accept this call to be stewards, we each become a living example of Christ's gospel, proclaiming faith through all that we do and all that we give. As it is written in I Peter, "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." (I Peter 4:10) And so, people of God, I ask you now, do you promise to enter into this covenant together to be God's stewards with all your mind and heart and resources? If so, please answer, "I do."

Litany of Commitment
PASTOR: Gracious God, you have made a world for us and given us incomparable gifts: air and water, family and friends, your steadfast love and forgiveness, and your son Jesus the Christ. For all the gifts and wonders you have bestowed on us.

PEOPLE: We thank you and worship you with renewed gratitude.

PASTOR: O God, you created us to love one another as Christ has loved us. We are concerned about all your children, those who live near us, and those who live far away. We are eager to participate in the work of the whole church and to further the ministry and service of this congregation.
PEOPLE: We are called to be your stewards. We thoughtfully shoulder our personal share of responsibility, and we pledge to witness to the good news of Christ with our hearts and hands and voices.

PASTOR: We are confident in your love and care for us.
PEOPLE: We gladly give back to our Gracious God our whole lives, our time, our talents, and our financial resources.

The Offertory Music 'Come Thou Fount' arr. C. Kohlmann
Jorie Ronschke and Lisa Mott, pianists

*The Presentation Music 'Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow' Hymn #94

*The Prayer of Dedication (Unison)
Lord, you have entrusted us with the awe-inspiring task of sharing the message of the Gospel. We acknowledge that we cannot simply give money and expect your message to be spread. We must consistently give ourselves by offering our time, talents, gifts, and service. Stir within us the courage to be Christian stewards throughout our daily living. Accept these gifts as a symbol of our love and commitment to you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF BENEDICTION 'Forward Through the Ages' Hymn #555

*THE BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Glen Robyne

THE POSTLUDE 'Final from Symphony No. 1' L. Vierne

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:
Liturgist: Craig Dobbins (8:30); Gail Polles (11:00)
Organist/Pianist: Lisa Johnson Mott/Jorie Ronschke
Audio Techs: Bob Nicholson, David Caddy, Katie Wereley-Bross, John Davis, Jonathan Heinz
PowerPoint: Stu Kline, Brian Martin & Bob Nicholson
Video Techs: Neil McTavish/Tom Creswell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Calendar Events

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15
Newcomers Lunch TODAY: Are you new to First United Methodist Church? We would like to invite you to our Newcomers Lunch immediately after the 11:00 services. This is an opportunity to share food & fellowship so that we can welcome you & get to know each other. Children are invited to attend. Meet in the Activity Center (where the WIREd service meets) at 12:15pm. Sunday Sisters will meet at the Trails at 12:30pm.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18
Youth to the Congress Street UMC Pumpkin Patch & Silver Dipper at 6:00pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20
Mid-Kids Event to Exploration Acres 6:00pm-10:15pm - We leave the church at 6:00pm for an evening of fun! We will enjoy time in the maze, sitting by the fire pit, & enjoying s'mores! Bring a friend & share the FUN! Cost is \$10 & a permission slip is required from all those attending. See Mrs. Bittles for details.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22
Bookbinders will meet at 5:00pm at MCL. Rev. Jim Morin will review The Seventh Function of Language, by Laurent Binet. This dystopian mystery takes one deep plunge into the dark side of the social life of Paris. It is similar to a predecessor novel, The DaVinci Code.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29
Youth Halloween Party. Gather at Joel Will's house. from 7:30pm-10:30pm. Join us for a cookout, chips, drinks, Rice Krispie treats, & s'mores! Feel free to bring something to share! Activities include a scavenger hunt & fog machine! Costumes encouraged, but optional! Parents are welcome to stay. Family Promise Week - Oct 29-Nov 5. Volunteer by signing up at FUMCW.org under "Sign Ups."

Missions Ministry

Chocolate is definitely here this Sunday! Come by the Missions cart & try a sample. Coffee is also available to go with the great chocolate. And don't forget the EVOO from Palestine. Remember 15 for every pound of product purchased goes to UMCOR. Small farmers, BIG change.

Personal Dignity Kits & Cleaning Bucket Kits for Hurricane Victims Consider donating with items or cash to the flood victims to get flood kits to hurricane victims. Lists of needs to the Missions table. Volunteers needed to help collect, purchase or assemble kits. Contact Mary Welch if interested in helping. tsmith.mwelch@gmail.com or 765-497-2006.

Feed the Kids List for October: Hot Chocolate Mix (individual pkgs.), spaghetti with meatballs, Nutri-Grain Bars, pudding cups, Graham Crackers, beef stew, apples.

Klondike Treasure Chest for October - Collecting NEW underwear for Klondike children. Girls sizes 12-16 & boys sizes 10-16 are needed.

Equal Exchange (EE) Coops For your chocolate, coffee & oil product needs, contact Mary 765-497-2006, tsmith.mwelch@gmail.com

Feed the Kids Backpack Ministry to Edgemoor Elementary School. We need: Volunteers to drive the FUMC bus, pick up monthly pack from Food Finders, set out food, check in returned backpacks, or pack backpacks. Donations of food are needed & listed in the weekly announcements. Contact Pastor Denny at 765-714-1149/frankdens41@gmail.com

Our Vision

Fill the Klondike Treasure Chest - In the narthex, outside the sanctuary (CLC) the Klondike Treasure Chest is located. Each month a different item of clothing is requested for the kids who use Coder's Closet. The Closet is stocked with new & gently used clothing which is available to children who need it. Many different circumstances bring children to the closet.

Klondike Elementary School Children Need You! Fifteen teachers, in grades K-5, need a Read 2 Succeed volunteer once a week for one hour. Math Matters 2 in grades K-1 currently needs 6-8 volunteers to play math games, & do other simple math activities provided by the teacher. And finally, there are children who need & want a Lunch Buddy. Adult & child meet during the 50 minute lunch & recess time once a week. Questions: Pastor Denny at frankdens41@gmail.com. One hour a week can make all the difference in the world to a child.

We Have a Class for You

SUNDAY AFTERNOON CLASSES 9:45-10:45am
(For more info, see the brochure on the Welcome Table)
Devotions, Fellowship, & Connection room 209

Invitation to Disciple Fast Track Media room (217) at 9:30am
Book Study-Living in Christ's Presence in room 207
Book Study-Earnest Learners in room 123

Everyone Means Everyone in the library 211
Difficult Topics in Our World in the Library (127)
New Members Class in the Basement

SUNDAY CHILDREN & YOUTH CLASSES

9:45-10:45am (based on grade this fall)
Preschool-1:15; Kindergarten-2nd-2:16; 3rd/4th-2:12; 5th/6th-2:10
Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Room 203 (at 9:39-Jr. High to room 208)

During 11:00am Worship Services
Worship Express: Ages 2-4th grades in room 214/216

Village Nursery School

Our New School Year Just Started & We Still Have Openings!
We welcome you to join today!
♦ T/Th morning Preschool 3 (Age 3 by 8/1)
♦ T/W/Th afternoon Preschool 3/Pre-K (Age older 3yr., 4 or 5 year old by 8/1)
♦ T/W/Th morning Preschool Spanish (Age 3, 4 or 5 year old by 8/1)
♦ Parent-Infant-Toddler classes on T/W/Th

have openings (for age groups 16mos-24mos by 9/1) Meets 1 morning a week based on age starting in Sept.
Contact VNS Director-Deanna Abler at dabler@fumcw.org/765-743-4039

Letters to the Military

The Mid-Kids will like to write letters & notes to those serving in the military as a way to grow in their faith. Please provide addresses for those serving. Send addresses to Shari Bittles at sbittles@fumcw.org.

Small Groups

Call the church office for contact information at 765-743-1285
EVERY MONDAY
Morning Star Ladies Choir, 2:00pm (noon), music room
A Pace of Grace Small Group, 4:00-5:00pm, 207
Monday Women's Group, 7:00pm, Cafe Literato

EVERY WEDNESDAY
Morin's Wed Study Group, 10:00am, Trinity UMC
Preschool Bible Time, 11:30am, CLC
Children's Bible Time, 6:10pm
Teen MOPS, 4:30-7:00pm, 210
Jr/Sr High Youth, 6:00-8:00pm, 203
Aldersgate Handbell Choir, 6:00-7:00pm, CLC (sanctuary)
Chancel Choir, 7:15-8:45pm, Music Room

Children's Count

Sunday School- 24/w7 leaders, Nursery-4/w3 workers;
Worship Exp-22/w1 leader;
Wed Bible Time 24/w14 (11:30am) adults & 6/w2 adults (6:10pm)

Sunday's Attendance

Traditional Service - 39/161 WIREd Service - 22/68

Financial

Income-\$537,771 Expenses-\$550,621 Operating Plan-\$580,561

Miscellaneous

Small Group - If interested in joining or forming a small group, contact Karen at karenhull@fumcw.org/765-426-5940.

Food For Church Events - NO NUTS/PEANUT BUTTER/NUTELLA. Need a Ride to the 11am Worship Services? Pick-ups for some areas of Lafayette, West Lafayette & Purdue. Call by Friday noon 765-743-1285.

New Email, Phone Number or Address? Contact rtodd@fumcw.org. Would You Like to Receive Weekly "E-VENTS"? Contact Rhonda at rtodd@fumcw.org

Have Items for the Prevue or Bulletin Announcements? Contact both Rhonda - rtodd@fumcw.org & Ronda in kroesch@fumcw.org

Check Us Out

Come Check Out the "Serving First Church" Board - It's located on the wall by the narthex (lobby) restroom. Maybe you can find a way to help in a variety of areas!

Governance Board Callout for Candidates - The Governance Board is looking for candidates to fill an opening on the board. The position is as a member of the board. Candidates must have a strong desire to see FUMC thrive in its mission & be willing to do the work necessary as a board member to make that happen. They must be a member of FUMC for at least 2 years & attend at least 75% of the time. A background in HR or management is a plus. For more info, contact Don Caddy at don.caddy@gmail.com or 765-491-7855.

All Welcomed at Lunch Bunch! Lunch Bunch is a meal provided after the 11am services when Purdue is in session. Anyone who would enjoy having Sunday Lunch with the church family are invited to stay. If you are able to provide a main course, salad/veggie, or dessert, sign up at http://www.fumcw.org under "Sign Up" or contact Susie 734-272-2784-call/text.

Threshold Counseling

Dorothea Good is an Indiana Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist. Dorothea currently has a case load of 36 clients. Her fees are discounted for Methodists from any church. She can take Anthem, IAU Health & Behavioral Health insurance clients. Methodists saved \$4,228 in counseling fees in 2017 at Threshold Counseling. This counseling practice is part of First United Methodists Church's outreach to the community. Contact Dorothea directly at 317-979-5768. A graduate of Purdue & Butler University, she counsels individuals, couples, & families as well as pre-marital sessions. Located in Room 123 (Parlor).

Calendar of Events table with columns for time and event details. Includes dates for Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, listing various church activities like worship, Bible study, and children's programs.