

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*While Pastor Helen is on medical leave, we welcome Pastor Laura Bender to lead us in worship.

\* Pastor Michelle from West Branch First UMC will be covering any pastoral cares or concerns for us. Her number is 989-903-5264. Please keep Pastor Helen and her family in your prayers.

\*Chair Yoga – Thursdays at 10 am in the Family Center

\* February 21<sup>ST</sup> – Fat Tuesday Pancake and Sausage Supper, 5 pm – 6:30 pm

\* February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Ash Wednesday, TBD

\* Coming Soon! Wednesday Night Suppers – March 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> – See Deb Meservey if you can help!

\*The Victorian Tea is scheduled for Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased from any UWF member until March 11<sup>th</sup>.

\* A new bible study, led by Mike Brick has been started. The lesson will span the Book 1 Thessalonians. Each lesson is a free-standing session. The study begins at 2PM at Cedar Tavern and Grill and is one hour long. Several participants often meet at 1pm and have lunch and fellowship. Please join us as you can. No RSVP needed!

### WORSHIP TEAM – This Week

LITURGIST – Mike Brick

GREETER – Connie Cornman and Don Tryba

ACOLYTE – James Clark

USHERS – Jay Pennell and Fred Delaney

CHILDREN'S WORD – Linda Wend

COFFEE HOUR – Johanne Otteson

### WORSHIP TEAM – Next Week

LITURGIST – Doris Robertson

GREETER – Nick and Dorothy Teeples

ACOLYTE – James Clark

USHERS – Jay Pennell and Fred Delaney

CHILDREN'S WORD – Abigail Reimer

COFFEE HOUR – Linda Graham

**Pastor: Helen Alford**

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Please remember if you want to use any of the buildings (family center, church and/or church basement) for any function (whether church related or not) you need to check with Lee to ensure the building has not already been reserved.



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## But I Say

Glimpses of the Kin-dom Worship Series

### February 12, 2023

WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER

+CALL TO WORSHIP – *Mike Brick*

*L. Are you awake? Are you alert?*

**P. Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.**

*L. Are you watching the signs?*

*Are you interpreting what is happening today?*

**P. Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.**

*L. Do you see opportunities for ministry?*

*Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?*

**P. Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.**

*L. Come, let us worship and let us work in the reign of God.*

**P. Christ has extended the invitation:**

**let us work together in the reign of God on earth.**

+UMH #400 – *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

ANNOUNCEMENTS – The Life of the Church – *Mike*

SCRIPTURE READING – *Mike*

*Matthew 5:21-37*

21 'You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgement." <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool", you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

27 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

31 'It was also said, "Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce." <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

33 'Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord." <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let your word be "Yes, Yes" or "No, No"; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

L. The word of God, for the people of God,

**P. Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN'S WORD – *Linda Wend*

PRAYER TIME –

CELEBRATIONS – The Life of the Congregation

INTERCESSARY AND PASTORAL PRAYER

LORDS PRAYER

TITHES and OFFERINGS

+DOXOLOGY – UMH #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Holy God, as we offer to you gifts from the abundance you have provided us, we recognize that the offering that concerns you is more than what is in our wallets and purses, but in our hearts. You desire from us hearts that are a fit place for you to live and dwell. Help us to clear out long-held anger, resentments, prejudice, and hate. Help us to furnish our hearts with love, mercy, justice, compassion, and forgiveness so they might be a place where you feel welcome and at home. Help us present this offering as well. In Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

+UMH #467 – *Trust and Obey*

SERMON – Pastor: Laura Bender

+UMH #410 – *I Want a Principle Within (vs 1+2)*

BENEDICTION

+Congregation Please Stand (as you are able)