ANNOUNCEMENTS

> We are partnering with <u>Ogemaw District Library</u> to help with their food pantry. Once a month, we're asking that you bring canned foods, peas or beans for soup, powdered milk, or cereal. **Next Sunday, May 21st**, will be our first collection. There will be milk cartons in the entrance way to place your donations. This will be in addition to our blessing box. The library will put a label on each item with our church's name and worship hours. Thank you in advance for your donations.

> Chair Yoga – Thursdays at 10 am in the Family Center

> Saturday, May 20, 6 pm to 8 pm – Trivia Night in the Family Center. Light dinner, 5 pm to 6 pm before the Trivia

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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.

Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you;



May 14, 2023 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

+UMH 156 – I Love to Tell the Story

+CALL TO WORSHIP - Nick Holton

Family in Christ, we gather today to testify to all that God has done for us.

Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of God's praise be heard.

Sharon shares that when my son Eric was critically ill with Covid, God was present with me as we all prayed for him. Eric has no lasting effects at all.

Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of God's praise be heard.

Larry testifies that If it wasn't for my faith in God I never would have survived mentally or emotionally when I lost my son when he was 19.

Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of God's praise be heard.

This is our defense for the hope that lives within us: in joy and sorrow, difficulty and ease, God's steadfast love never leaves us nor forsakes us. Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of God's praise be heard. Amen.

+UMH 156 – I Love to Tell the Story (refrain only)

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Nick

SCRIPTURE READING - 1 Peter 3:13-22 - Nick

CHILDREN'S WORD – Judy Asel

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS – Bill and Ramona Ridalls

PRAYER TIME -

CELEBRATIONS – The Life of the Congregation

INTERCESSARY AND PASTORAL PRAYER

LORDS PRAYER

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy God and author of our existence; our story is part of a greater story, and your hand is visible on every page and every scene. So too our stories cannot be disconnected from those in the past who have shaped the steps we take – saints and sinners, rebels and followers. They are part of our story as we are part of theirs. As we offer gifts this day, we pray they might be used to strengthen the story of faith that will be told by those who will come after we are gone. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

TITHES and OFFERINGS

+DOXOLOGY – UMH #95

SERMON – Pastor: Helen Alford – Always Be Ready

+UMH #419 - I Am Thine, O Lord (vs #1)

BENEDICTION

+Congregation Please Stand (as you are able)

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Harper, Natalie, Baby George Savage, Dean, Mae Delaney, Krystal, John Nugent, Dixie's brother Joe, Carol and Denny, Rod's brother Roger, Doris' brother Lee, Pastor Helen and family, Military and First Responders, Search, Rescue, and Recovery.

WORSHIP TEAM – This Week LITURGIST – Nick Holton GREETER – Julie Beleck and Steve Kimball ACOLYTE – James Clark USHERS – Don Tryba and Rod Mason CHILDREN'S WORD – Judy Asel COFFEE HOUR – TUMC Men WORSHIP TEAM – Next Week LITURGIST – Evelyn Delaney GREETER – Walt Babcock and Abigail Reimer ACOLYTE – James Clark USHERS – Don Tryba and Rod Mason CHILDREN'S WORD – Deb Pennell COFFEE HOUR – Sharon Alderton