

* Did you know we have a Care Team? It's a small group that works behind the scenes but they do such an important and meaningful outreach. We haven't met in a long time. I'd like for us to come together to reassess our church and community needs and to see where we are with this ministry program. With that being said... there will be a Care Team get together (the word 'meeting' is so overused!) on Tuesday, July 18 at 10am in the Family Center , which will be set up for VBS so we'll use a side room. If anyone is interested in learning more about this very important behind the scenes ministry please come. Thank You. Terrilynn

WORSHIP TEAM – This Week

LITURGIST – Mike Brick

GREETER – Cindy Lee

ACOLYTE – James Clark

USHERS – Rick Robertson and Nick Teeples

CHILDREN'S WORD – Evelyn Delaney

COFFEE HOUR – Dea Beehler

WORSHIP TEAM – Next Week

LITURGIST – Gary Asel

GREETER – Julie Beleck and Steve Kimball

ACOLYTE – James Clark

USHERS – Rick Robertson and Nick Teeples

CHILDREN'S WORD – Terrilynn Hiben

COFFEE HOUR – Sharon Alderton

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Harper, Natalie, Baby George Savage, Dean, Mae Delaney, Krystal, John Nugent, Dixie's brother Sam, Lee O'Connor, Carol and Denny, Rod's brother Roger, Pastor Helen and family, Military and First Responders, Search, Rescue, and Recovery, Lee's friend Lori

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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.



Lectionary Readings: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67, Psalm 45:10-17, Romans 7:15-25a, Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 2, 2023 – The Path of the Disciple

WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER –

FINANCE MINUTE (or two or three) – *Nick Holton (please refer to your insert)*

START LIVE FEED

+ UMH #526 – *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

+CALL TO WORSHIP – *Mike Brick*

L: Come on in and find some rest!

P: We need that rest, for we are weary!

L: Come on in and discover peace!

P: We need peace, for our spirits are weighed down by troubles.

L: You have come to the right place! Our Lord is here, waiting for you.

P: Thanks be to God, who brings us rest and peace. AMEN.

+ PASSING OF THE PEACE

VISITORS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNOUNCEMENTS – *Mike*

FAVORITE SCRIPTURE MINUTE – *Sharon Alderton*

SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 – *Mike*

CHILDREN'S WORD – *Evelyn Delaney*

PRAYER TIME –

JOYS and CONCERNS

INTERCESSARY AND PASTORAL PRAYER

LORDS PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE – **Hear our prayer, O Lord; hear our prayer, O Lord.**

Incline your ear to us and grant us your peace. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of compassion and mercy, you claim each one of us as your children. Like a parent, you are joyful when we find joy and your heart aches when we fall, fail, or feel less than the beloved heirs to the kingdom you meant us to be. The yoke the Bible describes doesn't burden us but reminds us that you yearn for us to be a church, a community, that supports, steadies, and sustains when life makes us weary. The gifts we give this day we give in gratitude for this yoke that helps us finish the race in faithfulness. Bless our giving and its use, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

TITHES and OFFERINGS

+DOXOLOGY – UMH #95

+ TFWS #2158 – *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

SERMON – Pastor: Helen Alford – *Taking the Yoke*

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

BENEDICTION

+Congregation Please Stand (as you are able)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* Bible study at Rose City Park, July 12th at 10:00 am. We will follow the lectionary readings that I am preaching on, so we will go more in-depth into the scriptures. Please feel free to take notes on Sunday so that we can discuss on Wednesday morning.

* The Community Christian Choir is presenting a "Patriotic Concert", Today! at 7 pm, First United Methodist Church in West Branch. It's a lovely and varied concert and attendees will be greatly appreciated.

* United Women of Faith Field Trip: Wednesday July 12. Please meet in front of the church at 10AM sharp! We will carpool based on how many people we have. We will be stopping for lunch along the way, so bring some extra \$\$\$. This is an all-day trip!

* VBS is coming soon! July 17 – 20, with a celebration service on Sunday July 23. There is a list of items needed, posted in the Family Center. Please check it out!

* Our float was beautiful! So beautiful that we got the "most beautiful" award!! It was a fun albeit very hot day. Working on the float was so much fun. Lots of laughs watching Mike, Dorothy, and Jonathan trying to make "fire". And a special thank you to Red and his Accordion for agreeing to join us at the last minute. A huge thank you to all who endured that heat to make this a fun-filled long, hot day. It takes a village. Thank You, Paul and Terrilynn, Mike and Glenda, Jonathan and Emma, pastor Helen, Linda Graham, Dorothy Teeple, Linda Hall, Red, and James Clark.

* A big "Shout Out" to Rod and Doris Robertson for being selected Grand Marshall of the parade!

* "Name The Newsletter" contest. We've had some very clever entries. The competition will be tough. Please text or call entries to Terrilynn or Linda Hall by July 20. The winning selection will win....a surprise!! Another reminder: Newsletter info needs to be to Linda Hall by July 20. We would like to have a small blurb from each team/ committee/ chairman. EVERYONE is welcome to submit.