

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY, November 12

Worship Service 8:30 am - Chapel  
Advocate Mizpah 9:00 am - Room 208  
Worship Service 10:15 am - Sanctuary and Livestream  
Sunday School  
Sr. High 180 7:00 pm - Sr. High Room

### TUESDAY, November 14

Prayer Walk (weather permitting) 9:00 am  
Art Guild 9:30 am - Room 205

### WEDNESDAY, November 15

Prayer Time 11:00 am - Zoom  
Children's Choir 5:00 pm - Choir Room  
TGfW Dinner 5:30 pm - Fellowship Hall  
Jr. High 180 7:00 pm - Jr. High Room

### Thursday, November 16

Yoga 9:00 am - Room 208  
Staff Meeting 1:00 pm - Pastor's Office  
Bell Choir 6:30 pm - Sanctuary  
Trustees 7:00 pm - Pastor's Office  
Chancel Choir 7:30 pm - Choir Room

### Friday, November 17

Wesley's Place 7:00 pm - Chapel



**Sunday, November 12, 2023**

**8:30 am ~ Chapel**

**10:15 am ~ Sanctuary**

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***Exploring Our Faith, Extending Christ's Reach***

**With God's grace, our congregation's hearts, minds and doors are open to people of all races, ethnicities, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities, and economic conditions.**



### OUR MINISTRY TEAM

**Ministers:** The Congregation  
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**Sunday, November 12, 2023**

**Third Stewardship Sunday**

**8:30 am ~ Chapel**

**10:15 am ~ Sanctuary & Livestreamed**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Susan Witte 8:30 am  
Dr. Gary Greene 10:15 am

**Call to Worship** (from Joshua 24, Psalm 78)

**Leader** God is from everlasting to everlasting.

**People** **The Holy One inhabits all eternity and everything that is, or was, or ever will be.**

**Leader** God is the source, guide, and goal of our lives.

**People** **We acknowledge God as the center of our lives and of our world, not ourselves.**

**Leader** We come today to worship God.

**People** **We come with thanks and praise.**

**Leader** Let us humble ourselves before God's holy presence.

**All** **May God teach us the ways of life as we pray.**

**\*Hymn** "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Hymnal 431

**\*Prayer** (unison) Rev. Cerna Castro Rand  
**In the stillness of this moment, awaken us to the astonishing truth that our love is like the celebratory love of a couple on their wedding day. Help us choose again to live in your love and to yield every aspect of our lives to your divine rule. Amen.**

**\*The Gospel Lesson** Matthew 25:1-13  
**One** The word of God for the people of God.  
**All** **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** "Will You Be Ready" Mark Patterson  
Children's Choir

**Children's Moment** Peggy Ellis  
**The Lord's Prayer**

**Joys and Concerns** Rev. Cerna Castro Rand  
**Pastoral Prayer** Rev. Dennis Beedy

**Stewardship Moment** Carmen Woodring  
What is meaningful to me about being a part of this church?

**Invitation to Offering**  
(You may also text FUMCLG to 73256 to donate.)

**Offertory** "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus"  
Chancel Choir

**\*Doxology** "Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow" UMH 94

**\*Offertory Prayer** (unison) Rev. Cerna Castro Rand  
**Holy God, we sometimes treat money as our God. May we listen anew to Joshua's plea that Hebrew people put away foreign gods. In giving, free us from our love and worship of money. In today's offering, we choose to love again and to worship you alone in every aspect of our lives. Receive our gifts with gratitude and praise for your unending love. Amen.**

**\*Passing of the Peace**  
May the love of God, the peace of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be your dwelling place, now and forever more. Amen.

**Sermon** "Waiting for the Bridegroom"  
Rev. Dennis Beedy

**\*Hymn** "Blessed Assurance" Hymnal 369

**\*Benediction** Rev. Dennis Beedy

**Choral Response** "Four-fold Amen" Stainer

**Postlude**

Please join us for fellowship & refreshments in the Gathering Space.

The flowers on the altar have been donated by Chris Hewes  
in loving memory of Ione Benhart.

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**Children's Choir**

Chandler Koher, Hazel Murphy, Henry Murphy,  
Ella Pinnick, James Rand, Charlotte Simcoe

**Media Technician**

Evie Franz and Mattea Teolis

**Ushers**

Jim Huff, Roger Hahn, Kevin Mikan 10:15 am

**Greeters**

Brad and Fran Colby

**Acolyte**

Sophia Murphy