

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY, September 24

Worship Service 8:30 am - Chapel  
Worship Service 10:15 am - Sanctuary and Livestream  
Sunday School  
Methodist Rummage Sale Drop Off 11:30 am-2:00 pm  
Sr. High 180 7:00 pm - Sr. High Room

### TUESDAY, September 26

Art Guild 9:30 am - Room 205

### WEDNESDAY, September 27

Children's Choir 5:00 pm - Choir Room  
TGtW Dinner 5:30 pm - Fellowship Hall  
Jr. High 180 6:30 pm - Jr. High Room  
Bell Choir 6:30 pm - Sanctuary  
Jr. High 180 7:00 pm - Jr. High Room  
Chancel Choir 7:30 pm - Choir Room

### THURSDAY, September 28

Yoga 9:00 am - Room 208



**Sunday, September 24, 2023**  
**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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**Preschool/Parents Day Out Director:** Jacqui Buckler  
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**Sunday, September 24, 2023**  
**10:15 am Sanctuary & Livestreamed**

**Prelude** "10,000 Reasons" Matt Redmond

**Welcome & Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader Give thanks to the Lord.  
**People Call on God's holy name.**  
Leader Sing praises to our God.  
**People Tell of God's wonderful works.**  
Leader The Lord offers bread from heaven to satisfy our hunger.  
**People God issues water from solid rock to quench our thirst.**  
Leader Give thanks to the Lord.  
**All Let everything that draws breath praise God.**

**\*Praise Song** "Your Love Awakens Me" Phil Wickham

**\*Prayer** (unison) Rev. Cerna Castro Rand  
**Guide our way, Caretaker God, in the wilderness of our lives. Offer us the bread of heaven, that we may taste your Spirit and be nourished in body and soul. Reveal your presence among us and show us the tender mercies of your love. In joy and jubilation, we pray. Amen.**

**\*The Gospel Lesson** Matthew 20:1-16  
One The word of God for the people of God.  
**All Thanks be to God.**

**Presentation of Bibles to 3rd Graders** Peggy Ellis  
Robin Barrs, Penny Blazek, Benjamin Collins, Henry Murphy,  
John Nitti Jr.

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

**Anthem** "Amazing Grace" (My Chains are Gone)

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

**Invitation to Offering**

(To give online go to [fumclg.org](http://fumclg.org) or you may also text fumclg to 73256)

**Offertory** "Amazing Love" Chris Tomlin

**\*Offertory Prayer** (unison) Rev. Cerna Castro Rand  
**Gracious God, you provide bread in the wilderness and life-giving waters in the desert. We offer you our thanks and praise. May our gifts and offerings bless your world— that all may be blessed, and all may find purpose and passion, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

The first shall be last and the last shall be first. In holy wisdom, let us seek the peace and welfare of one another as we share signs of Christ's peace.

**Sermon** "A Generous God"  
Rev. Cerna Castro Rand

**\*Praise Song** "He Reigns" Kirk Franklin

**\*Benediction** Rev. Cerna Castro Rand

**Postlude**

The flowers on the altar have been donated by Sue Schuengel  
in loving memory of Shirlee and Jules Schuengel.

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**Worship Leader**  
Patricia Huth

**Media Technicians**  
Scarlett & Nolan Dienes

**Usher**  
Chuck Graening, Kevin Mikan, Jean-Claude Roy

**Greeters**  
Pat & Mike Huth

**TGIW Band**  
Bass - Jim Teolis  
Guitar - Tyler Jeffery  
Drums - Mark Rand  
Vocals - Amanda Cole, Kathy Jacobs