

**First United Methodist Church**

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**September 24, 2023 — September 30, 2023**

*“17th Sunday After Pentecost”*

Usher / Greeter: Carol Hollenbeck Organist: Cynthia Burgin  
Liturgist: Louise Burson Children’s Worship: Natalie G./Needed  
Altar Flowers: Needed Fellowship: Connie Kelsey  
Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: God’s Country Cooperative Parish

Monday (9/25) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM  
Tuesday (9/26) SPRC 10 AM  
Wednesday (9/27)  
Thursday (9/28)  
Friday (9/29)  
Saturday (9/30)

**October 1, 2023 — October 7, 2023**

*“18th Sunday After Pentecost” “World Communion Sunday”*

Usher / Greeter: Needed Organist: Cynthia Burgin  
Liturgist: Gordie Barry Children’s Worship: Natalie G./Kathleen Haynes  
Altar Flowers: John & Carol Livingston Fellowship: Needed  
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Pastor B.J. will be out of the office Tuesday afternoon—Thursday afternoon

Monday (10/2) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM  
Tuesday (10/3) Finance 9 AM / Trustees 10 AM / UWIF (UMW) 1 PM  
Wednesday (10/4)  
Thursday (10/5)  
Friday (10/6)  
Saturday (10/7)

**Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study**

9/24/23 Ex 16:2-15; Ps 105:1-6, 37-45; Phil 1:21-30; Matt 20:1-16

10/1/23 Ex 17:1-7; Ps 78:1-4, 12-16; Phil 2:1-13; Matt 21:23-32

 Let us please keep the following joys and concerns in our prayers: Gayle Tufnell, Cynthia Burgin, Sharon V. & Celie N.’s brother, Lynn LaRose, Ken Burgin, Karen Klaus, Connie Meade, Katie Putnam, Mary Prater, Michael Haynes, Phyllis Burge, Jo Nell Rubick, Martha Weeks, Joel Prater, Ted Burson, Penny Tracy family health concerns, Kerry Billings family health concerns, Connie Whitsitt, and David Stout.



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**“WE EXIST TO JOYFULLY SHARE GOD’S LOVE,  
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**“17th Sunday After Pentecost”**



WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE: Andante Maestro by A. Corelli

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER—INVOCATION

PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45

**\*PRAISE CHORUS:** UMH 174 His Name Is Wonderful

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**P: We strive to do this, but we are weak and fallible humans, and sometimes we fall short of this goal. Forgive us, O Lord, and strengthen us for the tasks before us.**

L: Stand firm in one spirit, working side by side for the faith of the gospel.

**P: We strive to work together, standing firmly for the faith of the gospel, yet there are those who oppose us and sometimes we are drawn away from what the gospel says. We need strength to stand firm, O Lord.**

L: Do not fear those who oppose you, for God is with you and He will never leave you, no matter what you face.

**P: O God, strengthen us for the challenges we face, that we do not falter. Help us also to love those who oppose us, when our temptation is to hate and reject them. Remind us that even while on the cross, Jesus did not hate His tormenters, but rather He forgave them. Help us to do the same.**

**\*OPENING HYMN:** UMH 61 Come, Thou Almighty King

**\*APOSTLE’S CREED:** UMH 881

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN’S TIME

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION:** FWS 2164 Sanctuary

**\*GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 20:1-16

SERMON God Needs Us

PRAYER TIME Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

PRAYER HYMN: FWS 2193 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY: He’ll Understand by J. Denton

**\*DOXOLOGY:** UMH 95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC: Favorite Hymn Congregation

**\*CLOSING HYMN:** UMH 396 O Jesus, I Have Promised

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*PARTING HYMN:** Front cover of UMH Go Now in Peace

POSTLUDE: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Arrg. L. Smith

**September Mission Noisy Offering—God’s Country Cooperative Parish**

GCCP is in the eastern part of the U.P.; it covers a 2500 square mile area. Seven communities of faith combine their resources, share their faith and, through their active presence, work to bring self-esteem, hope and faith to all God’s children throughout their vast parish. These goals are accomplished by mission trips, *Bible* studies, youth activities, leadership and training events, mission projects and missionaries. God is working through us.

Thank you for your support!

\* DENOTES CONGREGATION STANDING (AS ABLE)

\* PLEASE BE SURE TO SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE