

Small Group Updates and meeting schedules:

(Please see our September Newsletter for more Small Group info. It was mailed this past Thursday and will be emailed on September 1)



Ladies Bible Study (detailed info in the upcoming Sept. Newsletter)

9:30 AM, Tues mornings, begins Sept. 22, Youth Wing

Digging Into the Bible

6:00 PM Wed. evenings, Asbury Bldg., 5th grade SS class

Upper Room Encouragers

10:00 AM, off campus TBD

A New Playlist Bible Study

6:15 PM Begins on Weds., Sept. 9, Asbury Bldg., Journey SS class

Caring and Sharing

7:00 PM Thurs. evenings, Wesley Center, New Life Classroom

Foster Moms Bible Study

7:00 PM 1st and 3rd Thursdays, Asbury Bldg., Journey SS Classroom

Wisdom of the Ages

11:00 AM Thursday mornings, Conference room

Mission Friends:

Continue to provide meals for the Garden City Rescue Mission

Grace Messengers:

Continue their support to shut-ins and others facing difficulties through cards of encouragement

Small Group Contact:

Beverly Blevins, Director of Adult Ministries, beverly@gotgraceumc.org

OPEN DOORS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED. Epworth Children's Home goes above and beyond providing food and shelter for children who have experienced abuse, neglect and tragedy. It provides children with tutoring, counseling, health care, fun activities, and the spiritual formation they need to heal and gain a sense of belonging. Through the ministry of Epworth Children's Home we open our doors to these children, surround them with comprehensive care and provide them with the opportunity to transform their lives.

On Sunday, September 13th our congregation will stand with Epworth to break the cycle of abuse, neglect and shame through our collection of the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering. Without the support of churches like ours, Epworth could not provide transformational care for children in need. We invite you to give generously to the children who call Epworth home. For more information, please visit Epworth on the web at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

This Week at Grace

We promise to uphold Grace United Methodist Church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.

Our Prayers:

as of August 28, 2020

CJ Bigger, Jack Armstrong (former member), Judy Murphy, Tinka & Will Harper, Annette Burton, Patsy Miller, Audrey Watson, Martha & Jim McGough, Martha Claire Farmer, Rev. Terry Roof; Paul, brother of Phil Nuckols; Mary Lois Gaston, sister of Rose Grabowski, Wadley, GA

Sympathy to:

Ann Rushton in the death of her husband, Dan, on August 21 (service is 12 PM on Monday, August 31, Rowland-Ford Funeral Home)
Linda Smiley in the death of her husband, Charles, on August 24

Our Gifts:

through August , 2020

2020 General Budget

Offering received 8/17-8/23	\$22,229.00
Budget Needs to date	\$889,972.71
Offering received year to date	\$809,970.33
Receipts, Paycheck Protection Program	\$110,356.17
2020 Budget	\$1,402,381.00

WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, UPCOMING MEETINGS

(All observing Grace UMC established COVID-19 protocols)

Worship Schedule:

8:30 AM	Gathering Service , Sanctuary
8:45 AM	LifeSong Service , Wesley Center
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service , Sanctuary

Sunday School Classes Currently Meeting:

9:45 AM	Children , Children's Wing
	Youth , Youth Lounge

Adult Sunday School Classes:

Cokesbury, lower level Wesley Center
College, Family Center Family Foundations classroom
Family Foundations Class, Gym
New Life, lower level Wesley Center
Seekers (Date TBD, Wesley Center Auditorium)
Stillwell, starting back Sept. 6, (Grace Chapel)
Women of Faith starting back Sept. 6, Location TBD

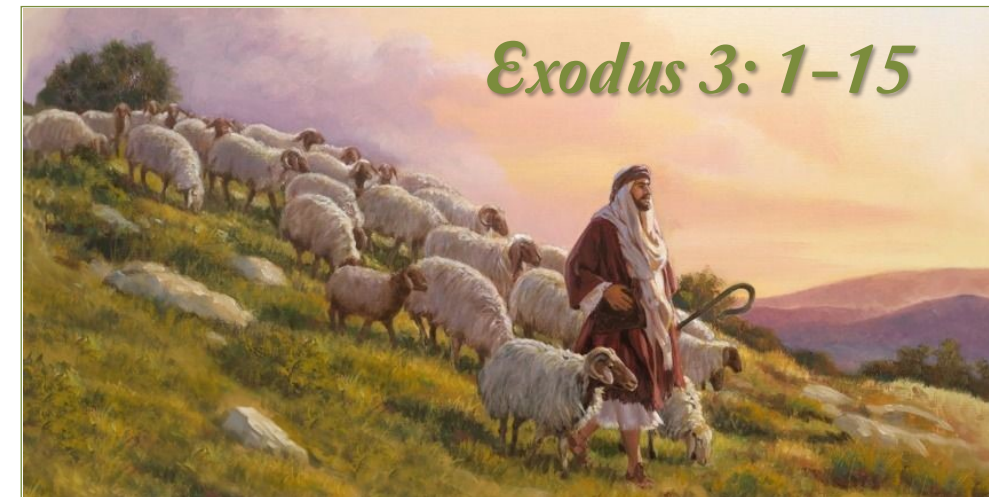
Sunday Nights Youth Sunday Nights, 6:00 pm, Youth Lounge

SEPTEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Stewardship Mtg., Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 6:30PM, ZOOM meeting
Finance Mtg., Sunday, Sept. 13 at 5PM, Youth Wing
SPRC Mtg., Sunday, Sept. 13 at 6:30 PM, Conference rm
Trustees Mtg., Monday, Sept. 14 at 6PM, Journey SS class
Church Council Mtg., Tues. Sept. 15 at 6PM, Chapel or Youth Wing

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Exodus 3: 1-15



Celebrating Worship



830 Gathering Service

August 30, 2020

"To Know Christ and Make His Love Known"

830 Gathering Service, Sanctuary

Welcome and Announcements

Janet Waters, Lay Servant

Invitation to God's Word

Call to Worship

Leader O magnify the Lord with me and let's exalt God's name together.
May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Church **And also with you.**

Leader Give thanks for all the wonderful works of God.

Church **Praise the Lord!**

Leader Sing a new song of praise to the God of all peoples.

Church **Praise the Lord!**

Leader Proclaim God's name to all the world.

Church **Praise the Lord!**

Leader We are God's chosen people; God is with us always.

Church **Praise the Lord!**

Leader Let our hearts rejoice, for the Lord is God.

Church **Praise the Lord!**

Sharing of the Peace

Pastor May the peace of the Lord be with you.

Church **And also with you.**

Prayer of Invitation

Hymn of Invitation

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

UMH 103

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Prayer of Confession

God of Mystery, we are constantly amazed by the depth and breadth of your love.
Over and over again, you turn our expectations inside out and upside down.

And still we don't understand the radical nature of your grace.

We play by our own rules of justice, even when it means excluding those we are called to love and defend.

In our darkest moments, we doubt if we are worthy of your trust.

God, help us remember that you give us all the tools we need;
that through the solid foundation of your love, we find the strength to follow your call
as true disciples of Jesus Christ. Surprise us again, O God.

Surprise us again, O God. We pray in the forgiving name of Jesus. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The God who brought our ancestors out of slavery will not desert us.
God has promised to be with us throughout all generations.
Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice, for God is with us!
In Christ Jesus we are forgiven. Amen.

830 Gathering Service, Sanctuary

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

Pastoral Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Proclaiming God's Word

Hymn of Proclamation

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Tho' the darkness hide Thee,
Tho' the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Scripture Reading

Exodus 3: 1-15
Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26

Janet Waters, Lay Servant

Sermon

"Who Knew? God Knew!"

Janet Waters, Lay Servant

Responding to God's Word

Hymn of Commitment

This Is My Father's World

1 This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--
His hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world:
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

3 This is my Father's world:
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so
strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!

◆ Affirmation of Faith

Apostle's Creed

Hymn 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* *Universal*

◆ The Blessing

Dee Dee Carn, Pianist

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Flowers on the Altar
*The flowers on the altar are to the Glory of God
and in memory of my husband, Fred Sawyer,
on our 68th Anniversary*



By Connie Sawyer