

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, led by Mary Chris Newell

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

Digging Into the Bible, led by Cheryl May & Jen Thomas

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

Upper Room Encouragers, led by Laura Lusk, Sr.

10:00 AM, Hammonds Ferry on Front Street opposite end of stadium, bring chairs and your coffee!

A New Playlist Bible Study, led by Carol Smith

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

Caring and Sharing, led by John Mullins

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

Foster Moms Bible Study, led by Laurie Matthews

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

Wisdom of the Ages, led by Rev. Tommy Wilkes

11:00 AM Thursday mornings, Conference room

Mission Friends, led by Kay Poss

Continue to provide meals for the Garden City Rescue Mission

Grace Messengers, led by Anne Comer & Dave Redmond

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

TODAY WE GIVE TO THE EPWORTH WORK DAY OFFERING! Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering to invest in the comprehensive care we are called by God to provide for the children at Epworth Children's Home, our church's ministry to God's children. **Please designate on your check for Epworth.**

Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. Give generously by using the envelope provided for you in the bulletin.

For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them on the web at www.epworthchildrenshome.org where you can also choose to make a secure credit card donation.

Also, see insert, "Reflections from our Grace Epworth Representative"

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 September 11, 2020

Tori Weathersby, Judy Murphy, Annette Burton, Patsy Miller, Audrey Watson, Martha & Jim McGough, Martha Claire Farmer, Rev. Terry Roof; Grice (Gayle) Keel, father of Cheryl Eidell
Mary Lois Gaston, sister of Rose Grabowski, Wadley, GA
Virginia McKinney, mother of Jo Long, at PruittHealth, NA
Amy Rogers, sister of Gail Crook

Sympathy to:

Phil (Suzanne) Nuckols in the death of his brother, Paul Nuckols, on Sept. 5

Our Gifts:

through September 6, 2020

2020 General Budget

Offering received 8/31-9/6	\$33,625.00
Budget Needs to date	\$970,879.32
Offering received year to date	\$880,736.78
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 (*see note below about Sunday Night Youth)

Adult Sunday School Classes:

Cokesbury, Cokesbury classroom, lower level Wesley Center
Family Foundations, Curly's Court Gym
Journey, Journey classroom, Asbury Bldg.
New Life, New Life classroom, lower level Wesley Center
Seekers, Wesley Center Auditorium
Stillwell, Grace Chapel, Asbury Bldg.
Women of Faith Seekers SS class, lower level, Wesley Center

Sept. 13

***Sunday Night YOUTH, Meet at Northside Lane Bowling at 6:00PM - 7:15PM**
(See Andy Morris if not signed up! Permission form and please wear mask)

SEPTEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

UMW Executive Mtg, Sunday, Sept. 13, 4PM, Journey SS class
Finance Mtg., Sunday, Sept. 13 at 5PM, Chapel, Asbury Bldg.
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



Altar Flowers for Sept. 13

The flowers on the altar are to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary B. Boyd

by Jim and Sandra Travis



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Celebrating Worship



830 Gathering Service

September 13, 2020

"To Know Christ and Make His Love Known"

830 Gathering Service, Sanctuary

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Randall Haase

Invitation to God's Word

Call to Worship

Pastor 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.
Pastor Be glad and rejoice!

Church We rejoice in God's gifts!
Pastor Sing praises of joy!

Church Our mouths are filled with laughter.
Pastor With gratitude, we come.

Church God has done great things for us.
Pastor Shout with laughter, in sunshine and rain.

Church Praise God for our lives.

Prayer of Invitation

Hymn of Invitation Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty UMH 64

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 shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow'r, 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!

Prayer of Confession

Omnipotent God, we are driven by power—
**the power to dominate, the power to control,
the power to punish, the power to reward,
the power to have our own way.**

We live in a powerful country with powerful leaders
and a powerful military.

Forgive us when we lose sight of what true power is all about.

**Forgive us when we forget that Jesus is our true and only King.
We pray in the forgiving name of Jesus. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

In Christ, we have a new covenant,
assuring us forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace.

**In Christ, our true king, our lives are made whole.
Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

Pastor May the peace of the Lord be with you.

Church And also with you.

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.

Anthem

Be Thou My Shepherd

Robert Meadors, Soloist

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 How Great Thou Art UMH 77

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.
Chorus

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.
Chorus

Verse 4:

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then shall I bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"

Old Testament Reading 2 Kings 4:42-44
Responsive Reading Psalm 68 (*see insert*)
New Testament Reading Ephesians 3: 14-21
Gospel Reading John 6: 1-15

Sermon "This Is the Power of God"

Responding to God's Word

Hymn of Commitment Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee UMH 89

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life.

◆ **Affirmation of Faith** *The Power of God*
We believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**We believe that ever since the creation of the world
God's eternal power and divine nature have been understood
and seen through the things God has made.**

We believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son of God.

We believe that he came to redeem the creation itself.

**We believe that Christ came to restore
the proper stewardship of the world,
the stewardship of tending and caring for the home God had created.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.

**We believe that the Holy Spirit guides us
into the paths of caring for the world that God loves,
and inspires us to live on this lovely planet
in harmony and peace with all that lives and breathes. Amen.**

◆ **The Blessing**

Dee Dee Carn, Pianist

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