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New Contact Information:

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Opportunities to serve

Saturday Meal Site opportunities to serve:

- Hosts: Someone who can greet guests and sit with them during the meal.
- Clean-up crew. Come around 12:00-1:30pm.
- Provide grocery bags and/or socks for Meal Site & Operation Safety Net

Worship team opportunities to serve:

- Greeter—Greet people at the West parking lot.
- Usher—Greet people as they come into the service. Help with offering and Communion.
- Video—Get behind the camera to make a video recording of the sermon.
- Editor—Take the footage of the worship series and edit into a video to be posted on youtube.
- Sound—Help with the sound board, making sure mic levels are correct during worship.
- Slides—Help switch the slides during the service.

October 31, 2021

Announcements

We are blessed by your presence, and pray that worship is meaningful for you. You are invited to note your attendance and mailing address on the blue attendance tear-off sheet found in each bulletin. This sheet may be left at your seat for the ushers to gather after service. We encourage family participation in worship. We can provide activity bags for children upon request. Please see an usher for more information. Ushers can also provide you with large print bulletins if needed. We extend a special welcome to you and trust you will experience God's presence today.

Sunday School Classes

Adult Sunday School Class @ 10:30am— Asbury Parlor and Zoom

Swahili Bible Study Class @10:30am—Swahili Class Room

Children & Youth Sunday School @ 10:30am— Epworth Hall

Discipleship Schedule Monday Noon Bible Study meets in-person in Epworth Hall and on Zoom. Wednesday Noon Prayer & Devotion Time continues to meet on Facebook Live and Zoom. Zoom Meeting ID # for both is 961 006 728. All Zoom meetings can also be joined by phone simply by dial 312-626-6799. Once connected, dial the Meeting ID # 961 006 728, and you will join in the conversation.

Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday, November 14th, the Two Rivers Evangelism Team is hosting a Thanksgiving dinner for all the friends and members of Two Rivers Church out at our beautiful Camp Milan facility. Doors will open at 3:00 with dinner starting at 3:30pm. There will also be an amazing performance by harpist, Lydia Olson after dinner, so make sure to stick around for all the fun. This will be a great Old Fashion Thanksgiving dinner. **PLEASE RSVP by November 1st** by signing up in the back of the sanctuary, in the west entrance or by calling the church office at 309-788-9384.

College Care Packages We are preparing care packages for our college students. In the back of the sanctuary there are a series of bags. Each is labeled with a different college student's name. You can drop notes, cards, and letters in each of the bags to personalize the gifts. Please don't put gift cards in these individual bags. Instead, make any financial donations to the church offering and mark them "College Care." We will then do the shopping to make sure the care packages are evenly distributed with items that are helpful to the college students. Kaeleen - Carthage College, Emma - Knox College, Colton - Knox College, Gabe - WIU Quad Cities, Mackenzie - WIU Macomb, Autumn - NIU, Florence - NIU, Patience - Drake, Keith - SIU Carbondale

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October 31, 2021
23rd Sunday after Pentecost



1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13

Because King Hiram of Tyre was loyal to David throughout his rule, Hiram sent his servants to Solomon when he heard that Solomon had become king after his father. Solomon sent the following message to Hiram: "You know that my father David wasn't able to build a temple for the name of the Lord my God. This was because of the enemies that fought him on all sides until the Lord put them under the soles of his feet. Now the Lord my God has given me peace on every side, without enemies or misfortune. So I'm planning to build a temple for the name of the Lord my God, just as the Lord indicated to my father David, 'I will give you a son to follow you on your throne. He will build the temple for my name.'

Then Solomon assembled Israel's elders, all the tribal leaders, and the chiefs of Israel's clans at Jerusalem to bring up the chest containing the Lord's covenant from David's City Zion. Everyone in Israel assembled before King Solomon in the seventh month, the month of Ethanim, during the festival. When all of Israel's elders had arrived, the priests picked up the chest. They brought the Lord's chest, the meeting tent, and all the holy equipment that was in the tent. The priests and the Levites brought them up, while King Solomon and the entire Israelite assembly that had joined him before the chest sacrificed countless sheep and oxen. The priests brought the chest containing the Lord's covenant to its designated spot beneath the wings of the winged creatures in the inner sanctuary of the temple, the most holy place. The winged creatures spread their wings over the place where the chest rested, covering the chest and its carrying poles. The carrying poles were so long that their tips could be seen from the holy place in front of the inner sanctuary, though they weren't visible from outside. They are still there today. Nothing was in the chest except the two stone tablets Moses had placed there while at Horeb, where the Lord made a covenant with the Israelites after they left Egypt. When the priests left the holy place, the cloud filled the Lord's temple, and the priests were unable to carry out their duties due to the cloud because the Lord's glory filled the Lord's temple.

Then Solomon said, "The Lord said that he would live in a dark cloud, but I have indeed built you a lofty temple as a place where you can live forever."

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude "Here I Am to Worship" - Tim Hughes

Greeting

*Call to Worship (adapted Hebrews 12:1-2)

One: So then let us run the race that is laid out in front of us, since we have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us..

All: Let us throw off any baggage, get ride of the sin that trips us up, and fix our eyes upon Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

*Opening Hymn #142UMH

"If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" vs. 1 & 3

*Prayer of Confession (Psalm 31:1-5, 7)

All: In you, O Lord, I seek refuge. Do not let me be put to shame. In your righteousness deliver me. Incline your ear to me. Rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me. Take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hand I commit my spirit.

(Pause for silent reflection and confession)

One: You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

All: I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Spirit Hymn #408 UMH

"The Gift of Love" vs. 1

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

Testimonial

Judy Smiley

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

All: Holy God, open our hearts to the story of your love. Open our minds to new ways of knowing you. Open our doors for all whom you would welcome. Amen.

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13 (CEB)

Sermon

Be Faithful: Solomon's Temple

- Robb McCoy

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Response Hymn #110

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" vs. 1 & 2

Offering Reflection and Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: We will thank you God, with our whole heart. We will talk about your wonderful acts. We will celebrate and rejoice in you.

All: Holy and Gracious God, we are thankful for the created world and our place in it. We are thankful for the Son, and the forgiveness and grace he offers. We are thankful for the Spirit, which empowers us to change the world. We are thankful for your Church, and the call you place upon the hearts of all believers. We pause to reflect on how we may respond to your great gifts.

(Pause for Silent Reflection and Gratitude)

One: We will sing praises to your name, Most High.

*Closing Hymn #438 UMH

"Forth in Thy Name" v. 1

*Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude

"Christ in Me Arise"

- Trevor Thompson

* You are invited to stand as you are able.
FWS - The Faith We Sing (black hymnal)
UMH- United Methodist Hymnal (red hymnal)
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PRAYER MINISTRY

NAME: _____

Who would you like to see this prayer?

- Pastor Only.** Only the pastor will see this prayer. He will most likely see it and be in prayer for it on Monday morning.
- Prayer Chain.** These prayers will be sent to those who have signed up for prayer chain email. They will also be prayed for by name only during our Wednesday online prayer service. Names only will be printed in newsletter if it is an ongoing need.

Please be in prayer for:

Please pray for this:

- For this week only.
- Until _____
- This is an ongoing need.

I am interested in being a part of the Prayer Chain:

Email: _____