

Sunday
July 8, 2018
10:00 a.m.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Greg

Becoming disciples;
serving God's world.



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**Indicates please stand as able.*

Gather to Worship

Welcome

Ministry Opportunities

*Call to Worship

May our days be long in the land in which we reside and may our souls yearn for the peace and justice of God.

We come to worship God, to place ourselves within God's purpose, and to commit our lives to upholding the principles of the Kingdom.

May we love God and love others as we love ourselves.

Today, tomorrow, always!

Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Lord God of all, we gather here as a Church family; a worshipping community to honor and to praise You.

We gather together: young and old, stalwarts and enquirers, convinced and curious.

God of love, when we think of how hard it is for us all to get along in this place alone, we lament the times when we have been caught up in times of friction or discord within the community in which we worship; the community in which we work; the community in which we live.

Forgive us, God, we pray.

Today, as we reflect on the ways in which You commanded Your people to live alongside one another, may we be reminded of what it means to be a part of this church, our community, our world.

May we journey into this time of worship: forgiven, loved, and free.

So be it.

Amen!

***Hymn: #152** I Sing the Almighty Power of God (verses 1 & 3)

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 20:12-16

***Hymn: #2233** Where Children Belong

Children's Time ~ Pastor Greg

Children 3 yrs. to 3rd grade will go with Jolene Cron to POP!

Sermon: "Not Just Ten Suggestions"

***Hymn:** #404 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Praying for Others and for Ourselves

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

***Doxology:** #95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, we bring before You what we feel able to contribute to the work of this local church and to the work of Your global Church.

Accept these offerings of ourselves and of our money as we seek to play our part. Amen.

Holy Communion

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, is yours.

Thanks be to God!

Let us give God praise and glory.

We praise God for the surpassing gift of Jesus Christ!

We surely thank You, God, for this meal that Your Son, Jesus our Deliverer, gave us. In it are represented Your many gifts to us:

Gifts of daily food, part of Your generous creation, commemoration of the time You gave manna in the wilderness, recalling that solemnness of the last meal He had with the disciples, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet that You promised, memories of mealtimes with friends and those who have gone before us, celebration of loving relationships, a meeting place with You, the promise that You will sustain us all of our life.

The gift of being able to come to Your table prompts us not to forget those who are without food and those who do not feel welcomed at Your table.

We thank You for strength for the tasks of daily living.

We thank You for the power of the Holy Spirit during the difficult times.

We want to know You, God. We want to experience You, Christ Jesus. We want to breathe You in, Holy Spirit.

Come, meet us now at this table, pouring out Your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup. Make them be for us the body of Christ, so that we may be the body of Christ proclaiming Your kingdom until He comes again.

You alone have created us. You alone nourish us. You alone can guide us in the Way of discipleship.

What we have is nothing, if You are not leading us. We give our hearts, souls, minds, and strength fully to You — here and now.

Prayer after Communion

**Thank You for Your great love given through Jesus Christ and given in this Communion.
Amen!**

***Hymn:** #2120 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (verses 1,2 & 4)

***Blessing**

***Depart to Serve**

Coming up next Sunday, July 15: Sermon Series "Not Just Ten Suggestions" continues with Exodus 20:17 — John Cleveland preaching (Pastor Greg will be on the youth mission trip).

Prayer for Family and Friends

New Requests This Week

Amy (Paul French's daughter) is recovering from surgery.
Barb Hansen (Sandy Minger's sister) has stage 4 pancreatic cancer and is ready to go "home."
Steve Harris (Dessie's son) has bipolar, and every day is hard.
Jim Miller (Betty Gruber's brother) passed away Tuesday morning. Please pray for Betty and Joe and all the family.
Sharon (Cande Vermeulen's friend) is undergoing chemo treatments.
June Taylor's brain tumor is growing again.

Previous Requests

Jack and Cynda Buckallew
Connie (Dee Morton and Beth Griner's friend) was recently diagnosed with breast cancer.
Michael Evans (Jim and Phyllis Barrett's grandson) is having seizures and is retaining water. He is unable to work.
Baby Holly (Vera Walker's great-great-niece)
Don Lynch (Tyler's dad) is undergoing treatments for prostate cancer.
JoDee Nelson's daughter passed the boards and now is a nurse practitioner. Please pray that she finds the right job.
Char Rice passed away. Please remember her family in prayer.
Scott Weaver (Julie Taylor's son) is in California, living in a shelter.

The General Rule of Discipleship

To witness to Jesus Christ in the world, and to follow his teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

7/8 Doug Sponseller
7/9 Kathryn Starbuck
7/10 Alexander Ensing
7/12 Ben Hambright

7/12 Mac Read
7/13 Raina Willoughby

Anniversaries

7/9 Bob & Nancy Harper

This Week's Calendar

Today

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, July 9

no activities scheduled

Tuesday, July 10

no activities scheduled

Wednesday, July 11

UMW Mission U at Albion College

10:30 a.m. Wednesday Winners in the Taylor Room

Thursday, July 12

UMW Mission U at Albion College

6:00 p.m. ROUTE 56, HELIX, and RAW

Friday, July 13 - Pastor's Day Off

UMW Mission U at Albion College

Youth Mission Trip

6:00 p.m. VCAC Arts Camp Exhibit, FLC

Saturday, July 14

UMW Mission U at Albion College

Youth Mission Trip

Coming Events

July 13-21 *Youth Mission Trip*

Monday, July 16

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee in the Library

Tuesday, July 17

6:30 p.m. SPRC in the Library

For Cheer and Hello

Liz Anderson

David Bretz

Barb Griner

Pat McClelland

Iris McGahan

Beverly Nimmo

Robert & Carmen Parsons

Marv & Kitty Starbuck

Al Thomas

Mina Willett

Coming deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due in the church office by 2:00 p.m. Monday, July 16.

No Sew What Now God for July

There will be no Sew What Now God sewing for the month of July, but we will rejoin for the month of August at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. You are welcome to join us!

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

July 8:

July 15: Vern and Aurelia Reed

July 1 Worship attendance: 108



Over a river and through the woods...

Save the Date!

Progressive Dinner
December 8

Holiday Progressive Dinner is back. Plan now and save the date: December 8.

We will need **3** homes to volunteer for a course. Contact Betsy Myers at 269-207-5212 if you can host appetizers, salads, or desserts.

Plan now so you have plenty of time to clean and decorate for December 8.

Thursday

PLAY GYM

10:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m.



Fun, inexpensive "play with me" group for 1- to 5-year-olds and their favorite adult.

Next session begins **Sept. 6.**

Class sizes are limited so be sure to register early by calling the church at 269-649-2343.



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July POP! is all about prayer. We'll sing prayer songs, play prayer games, learn the Lord's Prayer, and of course yell our "Yay, God!" each week. This program, intended for children age 3 to third grade, encourages kids to worship God using their whole body. Children leave the adult worship service right after the kids' message and are returned back to service after the offering. There will be no POP! on July 29 as it is the 5th Sunday.

Please be sure your child has a name tag with age or grade.

July donations

For the month of July, we will be collecting school supplies for Generous Hands and South County Community Services.

