

Sunday
September 2, 2018
10:00 a.m.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Becoming disciples,
serving God's world.



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Gather to Worship

Welcome

Ministry Opportunities

*Call to Worship

All who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

*Opening Prayer

Holy Spirit of God, we watch for You, we wait for You, we look for You, we long for You. Come Holy Spirit, renew us, refresh us, restore us and inspire us, that we may live and work to Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who with You, O Spirit, are with the Father, one God for ever. Amen.

*Hymn: #384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (verse 1)

Scripture Lesson: 1 John 5:9-13

Hymn: #2233 Where Children Belong

Children's Time ~ *Kathy Phillips*

Children 3 yrs. to 3rd grade will go with Laurie Nic to POP!

Sermon: "When God Testifies"

Last in a sermon series on 1 John, "Walk in the Light"

*Hymn: #455 Open My Eyes, That I May See

Praying for Others and for Ourselves

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Eternal God, as You sent Your Son into the world to show Your love, use our offering and send us also from this place to where our witness to the truth will also be an expression of Your love, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Holy Communion—The Great Thanksgiving for Labor Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is a good and fruitful work to give thanks to You, Almighty God, in all places and at all times and in all our tasks; in our cars, our homes, our offices, our fields, and our kitchens; at our tables, our desks, our telephones, and computers; when we are resting or waiting, laboring or supervising, following or leading. All these we do with all Your people now on earth and all the multitude of heaven, praising Your name and joining in their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are You and holy is Your work among us in Jesus Christ, Who came to be born in the home of a carpenter, a trade He learned and practiced, a laborer in our midst. He called out fishermen and activists. He healed the servant of a soldier. He received the support of resourceful women. He delegated His ministry to His disciples, empowered all His followers to do His divine work in this world. By His suffering, death, and resurrection, You gave birth to Your church, delivered us from the bondage of sin and the power of death and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which He gave Himself up for us, He took bread, gave thanks to You, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so as a baptized and commissioned people, remembering Your mighty work in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves, our daily lives, and our unique locations for ministry in the world—homes and hospitals, parks and stores, garages and restaurants—as a living and holy sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!

Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at His heavenly banquet.

Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy Church, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn: #177 He Is Lord

*Blessing

*Depart to Serve

Coming up next Sunday, September 9: "The Choices We Make", Genesis 3:1-24

For Cheer and Hello

Liz Anderson	Beverly Nimmo
David Bretz	Robert & Carmen Parsons
Barb Griner	Marv & Kitty Starbuck
Pat McClelland	Mina Willett
Iris McGahan	

This Week's Celebrations

<u>Birthdays</u>	9/5 James Tarnar
9/3 Carmen Moreno-Parsons	9/8 Megan Burke
	<u>Anniversaries</u>
Kelsie Tuinier	9/2 Robert & Carmen Parsons
9/5 Aurelia Reed	

Prayer for Family and Friends

Praise

Tim Melvin is clear of cancer.

Updates and New Requests This Week

Phyllis Barrett needs prayer.

Wayne (Lori and Bud Lash's 3-year-old grandson) was in the hospital recently with kidney problems.

Dick and Maxine Melvin (Lynne Melvin's parents-in-law) need prayer. Dick is on dialysis three times a week, and his health seems to be failing. His wife drives him to and from the treatments and is his caregiver/nurse.

Dottie Moberly (Sue Moberly-Hayes's mom) is hospitalized and recovering from leg surgery and is having aFib heart trouble.

Trisha and Rob VanTichelt and family are mourning the loss of Trisha's mother. Trisha was our former secretary/finance person. If you would like to send a note, her address is: 5453 Tipsico Lake Rd., Holly MI 48442.

Vera Walker's nephew lost his battle with cancer. Please pray for his wife and all the family.

Previous Requests

Jack and Cynda Buckallew

Pray for safe travels for Joe and Betty Gruber as they vacation in Alaska.

Pray for the Jourdan and Hardy families.

Paul Moberly (Sue Hayes's dad) is back in Bronson for heart and bleeding problems.

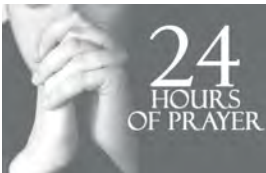
Please pray for Bonnie Oswalt and all the family at the loss of Gordon.

Pray for the family of Kathy Shelton, who passed away.

June Taylor is recovering from brain tumor treatment.

The Tuinier family is mourning the loss of Mike's brother, Donald.

24-Hour Prayer Vigil



For the next several weeks, we would like to have prayer for our church, our church family, and others for 24 hours a day, if possible. If you would like

to sign up for an hour (as many as you would like), please write your name in available spaces on the chart near the welcome center.

This Week's Calendar

Today

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, September 3

Labor Day — offices will be closed

Tuesday, September 4

2:00 p.m. Sew What Now God, Taylor Room

6:30 p.m. RAW (high school youth)

7:00 p.m. Trustees in the Library

Wednesday, September 5

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

2:45 p.m. SHED (middle school outreach)

5:00 p.m. HELIX (middle school youth)

6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir practice in the Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the Sanctuary

Thursday, September 6

10:00 a.m. Play Gym in the FLC

11:00 a.m. UMW Executive Committee in the Library

12:30 p.m. UMW General meeting, Taylor Room

5:30 p.m. ROUTE 56 (5th and 6th grade)

6:00 p.m. Play Gym in the FLC

Friday, September 7 - Pastor's Day Off

Saturday, September 8

no activities are scheduled

Next Week

Sunday, September 9

Priscilla Circle Bake Sale

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for everyone

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, September 10

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

Tuesday, September 11

12:30 p.m. Staff meeting in the Library

6:30 p.m. Scout Den meeting in the FLC

Thursday, September 13

5:30 p.m. Preschool Board in the Library

6:30 p.m. Scouts District Round Table, Taylor Rm

Saturday, September 15

8:30 a.m. Loaves & Fishes in the FLC till 10:00a

Thank you

Check out the hallway near the Family Life Center and take note of the beautiful tile wall. Thank you, Nancy and JR Fulton, for all the work you have done. It looks great!

Coming deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due by 2:00 Tuesday, Sept. 4.

UMW will meet this week

All ladies are invited to attend the UMW General meeting this Thursday, Sept. 6, at 12:30 p.m. in the Taylor Room.

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.

We need a couple, a family, or a group to take
over Sunday morning coffee hour. This is a very
important ministry to our church, as it is a time to
get to know your church family. The job
involves set up, supplies,
and clean up. Call
Vera Walker, 327-4869,
for information.



In Service to Our Country

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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.



In September, the children
will be learning about
many Bible characters
that were faithful because
they put their trust in the
one true God. 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.

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



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

Sunday Worship Schedule

beginning next Sunday, September 9

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

