

Events & Announcements



Youth Halloween Hangout

Sunday, October 1, 12:00 - 2:00 pm

Our middle and high school students are invited to a fun Halloween Hangout where we will play minute-to-win-it games, decorate haunted houses and win prizes! Contact Abby for more info!



Mom's Group

October 5, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Las Margaritas

Moms are invited to leave the kids at home and come out for evening of support, laughter, and love! Our Mom's Group meets monthly at a local restaurant. Contact Fiona Gunn for more info!



Music Ministry Dinner Party!

October 10, 6:30 pm, Steve & Debbie Hennings' Home

All past, present, and future music ministry participants are invited to a dinner party at the home of Steve & Debbie Hennings! For more details, contact Emily Cowgill. Let's party and celebrate music!



Faith Kids Music

Starting October 15, 11:30 am - noon, Sanctuary

Join us after worship on Sundays for Faith Kids Music! Kids will learn music and songs to share with the church and prepare for Christmas! Plan on joining us!



Fall Harvest Festival

Saturday October 21, 4:00-6:00 p.m. (Lobby)

Fall is upon us and with that comes our annual Fall Harvest Festival! We will have fall carnival games, apple cider and of course Trunk-or-Treat! Please look over our sign up sheet and put your name down for your favorite game. We look forward to seeing you there!



October 1st, 2023

Creating a community where people connect with Christ and Partner with God in making things right.

Gather Our Hearts

Welcome & Introduction

Rev. Ric Shewell

*Call to Worship from Psalm 78 †

Jennifer Cripe/Lynda Smith

*Opening Prayer

Jennifer Cripe/Lynda Smith

**God of Yes (Walter Brueggemann)* †

**Maker In Whom We Live (UMH #88)* †

Music Team

**Goodness of God (Johnson, Cash)* †

Music Team

Today's Music Team: Emily Cowgill, Robert Brawn, Brian Bauman, Sara Bauman, Harrison Walters, Steve Hennings, and Dan McLachlan

* Indicates to stand in body or spirit.

† Words will be on the screen.



Form Our Desires

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| Prayers of the People † | Rev. Ric Shewell |
| The Lord's Prayer † | |
| <i>Goodness of God, reprise (Johnson, Cash) †</i> | Music Team |
| Children's Time (during 2nd service) | Abby Kleinknecht |
| <i>After Children's Time, children in 5th grade and younger are invited to a lesson and activity with Abby in the choir room, returning at offering.</i> | |
| Introduction to Offering | Rev. Ric Shewell |
| <i>Your Love Awakens Me (Wickham) †</i> | Music Team |
| * <i>Doxology (UMH #94) †</i> | Music Team |
| *Prayer of Thanksgiving † | Jennifer Cripe/Lynda Smith |

Inspire Our Minds

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| Genesis 18:1-2, 16-33 (CEB) † | Jennifer Cripe/Lynda Smith |
| "Now, Taking Requests" | Rev. Ric Shewell |

Move us to Love

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| Invitation to Communion | Rev. Ric Shewell |
| The Great Thanksgiving Prayer † | |
| Instructions for Sharing the Sacrament | |
| <i>Goodness of God (Johnson, Ingram) †</i> | Music Team |
| Announcements | Rev. Ric Shewell |
| *Benediction | Rev. Ric Shewell |
| * <i>Take to the World (Webb, Tate) †</i> | Music Team |

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Message Notes

God's Long Term Rescue Project: *to save the cosmos from within the cosmos.*

More than that: God is going to save the world _____ the world.

Then one of the men said, "I will definitely return to you about this time next year. Then your wife Sarah will have a son!" (18:10)

Partners don't _____.

This is the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were proud, had plenty to eat, and enjoyed peace and prosperity; but she didn't help the poor and the needy. (Ezekiel 16:49)

Partners are _____ with their plans.

God has a plan for the world.

God got it started.

God knows how the show is going to end.

God invites us to create the path together.

Action Steps:

-Devotion: Pray this breath prayer: I am blessed / to be a blessing.

-Connection: When have your prayers been answered in the way you wanted them answered?

-Action: Partnering with God means we have responsibility to act. What injustices (personal, local, national, global) is God inviting you to act?

Suggested reading:

About the Bible: Short Answers to Big Questions (Exploring Christian Faith) by Terence Fretheim

Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now by Walter Brueggemann