

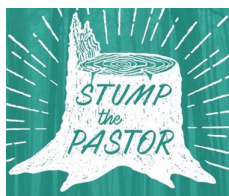
Events & Announcements



VBS Volunteer Meeting

Sunday (Today!), 5:00 pm, Lobby

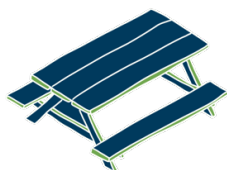
All those who are volunteering at VBS are encouraged to come to our VBS meeting on August 13th. We will go over specific details of how the days will go, safety protocol and our camp counselors will get their teams. Please email Abby@faithunited.org if you can't make it!



Stump the Pastor!

Sunday, September 3, 9:00 & 10:30 am

Got a burning question? Ask away! On Sept. 3rd, Pastor Ric will attempt to answer your questions in the worship service! Nothing is off-limits (but stuff about religion, God, Bible, etc. would be appreciated!). Email questions to ric@faithunited.org



Fall Potluck and Pet Blessings

Sunday, September 10, 12:00 pm, Beaver Lake Park

Join us after worship for a Potluck Picnic and Pet Blessings! Grab your favorite pet and head to the pavilion near the ball fields at Beaver Lake Park. We'll eat, play, and bless together! Email hello@faithunited.org to volunteer.



GriefShare Support Group

Sundays, September 17 - December 10, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help. Email hello@faithunited.org for more information. You are not alone.

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August 13th, 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 85 †

Tina Brake

*Opening Prayer

Tina Brake

*All Shall Be Well (Julian of Norwich, 14th c. Christian mystic and theologian) †

*Christ Be All Around Me (Mooring, Leonard, Jordan) †

Music Team

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

* Indicates to stand in body or spirit.

† Words will be on the screen.

Inspire Our Minds

Readers: Melissa Bortnick (9 am), Ted Gladhill (10:30 am)

Prayer for Illumination

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:12-17 (CEB) †

They'll Know We Are Christians (TFWS #2223) † Music Team

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:11-7:4 (CEB) †

Children's Time (during 2nd service) Abby Kleinknecht

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.

"To Be or Not To Be Unequally Yoked" Rev. Ric Shewell

Form Our Desires

Prayers of the People † Rev. Ric Shewell

The Lord's Prayer †

Introduction to Offering Tina Brake

Instrumental Music Team

*Doxology (UMH #94) † Music Team

*Prayer of Thanksgiving Tina Brake

Move us to Love

Invitation to Communion Rev. Ric Shewell

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer †

Instructions for Sharing the Sacrament

Help Us Accept Each Other (UMH #560) † Music Team

Announcements Rev. Ric Shewell

*Benediction Rev. Ric Shewell

**Take to the World (Webb/Tate) †* Music Team

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Message Notes

The Bible is a patchwork quilt of testimonies.

We can allow a diversity of testimonies, instructions, and views. It adds to the beauty.

We must navigate, negotiate, and interpret the diversity in Scripture.

Love does not _____.

"Love does not insist on its own way." (1 Cor. 13:4 NRSV)

"Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things." (1 Cor. 13:7 CEB)

Jesus reveals a God of cooperation and _____.

"Jesus asked him, 'What do you want me to do for you?'" (Mark 10:51)

"Do you want to get well?'" (John 5:6)

"I don't call you servants any longer... I call you friends." (John 15:15)

"Whatever you loosen on earth will be loosened in heaven." (Mt 18:18)

"We are God's coworkers." (1 Cor. 3:9)

"Everything is permitted, but everything isn't beneficial." (1 Cor. 10:23)

"You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters... but serve each other through love. All the Law has been fulfilled in a single statement: Love your neighbor as yourself." (Gal. 5:13-14)

God's invitation to _____ is the example for leadership in the Christian community.

Continue the conversation:

- Does the diversity in Scripture pose a problem for your faith?
- When is the church tempted to forsake freedom for more rules?
- Where else in your life do you see the struggle between control and consent?