



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN

100

September 24, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

For those with prayer requests, please fill out a pink card in the pew and give it to an usher during the opening hymn.

GATHERING

Prelude	"When We Are Living"	Tom Ajack, guitar traditional Spanish melody
Welcome		Rev. Susan Bresser
*Hymn	"Behold a Broken World"	Red book 426, verses 1, 2
*Call to Worship		Greg Carpenter
*Hymn	"Behold a Broken World"	Red book 426, verses 3, 4
<i>Children are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn.</i>		

Words for God's Children

Musical Response	"Peace"	Tower Bells by Joshua Kramer
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A Time of Prayer

THE WORD

Musical Setting for Scripture	"Thy Word"	by Michael W. Smith
The Word of God	Romans 12:9a, 17-19 (the Message), Matthew 20:1-16 (NRSV)	Tom Taft
Contemporary Message	"The Tricky Kingdom"	Rev. Susan Bresser

RESPONSE

Ministry Moment	Greg Carpenter	
Invitation		
Offertory	"Behold a Broken World"	Tom Ajack, guitar
*Doxology		
*Prayer of Dedication		
*Hymn	"Behold a Broken World"	Red book 426, verses 5, 6
*Benediction		Rev. Susan Bresser
Postlude	"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" (A time for reflection.)	John Sheaffer, organ by David Cherwein

Prepare for worship next Sunday by reading John 6:47-51, Philippians 2:1-15.

Altar flowers donated in celebration of Mark Blum's birthday, from Grace and Franklin.

**Indicates standing if able.*

FUMC worship services are broadcasted in livestream, recorded for later access, and posted to FUMC's social media accounts.
By entering the sanctuary, all participants waive any claim related to the capture or transmission of their participation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Living Faith Today** – Looks at current events through the lens of our faith and explores how what we believe relates to the world around us. Today we will be discussing, **“What’s an Ordinary Chirstian Life?”** after worship in rm 216.
- **A Celebration of Life for Billie Beyerlein** will take place on Monday, September 25 at FUMC. Visitation: 10am, Asbury Room. The service will begin at 11am in the sanctuary. Lunch will follow the service in the downstairs dining room.
- **Lutheran Social Services Refugee Resettlement** – We have an exciting update from the Refugee Resettlement Team. After over a year of struggle trying to secure housing for refugee families, we are happy to report that LSS has obtained housing for more refugees. Our FUMC co-sponsorship team will begin our efforts by furnishing 1 or 2 apartments for the refugee families. The goal is to furnish the apartments before the arrival of new families sometime in October. We will start our “Giving Tree” Missions Drive TODAY and the drive will run all month. There will be sign-ups available for specific household, personal care items, and larger furniture items (new or gently used) and quantities (specific measurements) needed. Check the tree throughout the month because we’ll be adding leaves. If you have questions, please contact Anjana Jones (akjones6@gmail.com) or Dirk Wilken (dwilken1@wi.rr.com).
- **Circle of Sisters** will resume monthly gatherings on Monday, September 25, 7pm, rm 216. The book chosen for the fall is *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans with Jeff Chu. This gathering will be offered in a hybrid format, so you are welcome to join in-person or Zoom. Call the church office if you need the Zoom link.
- **2023 Mission Stockholders are invited to an Appreciation Brunch**- On Sunday, October 8 in the downstairs dining rm after worship. You can expect yummy food, good company and information about all that our team was able to accomplish at Midwest Mission Distribution Center. RSVP on the sign-up page of the church website or scan the QR code.
- **Yarn Twisters will be meeting on October 10** in rm 209 at 9:30am. Come join us for a friendly time. No experience is necessary, we would be glad to teach you to knit or crochet.
- **Basics (New Member) Class**: We are offering our Basics class on two Mondays in October (16 & 30) from 7-9pm in person & Zoom. Come and learn more about FUMC and our United Methodist theology. Anyone can attend, even long-term members may learn something new! Sign up in the Asbury room, SignUp Genius link on website, or contact Cheryl Printz at cheryl.printz@fumcwaukesha.org. There is NO homework and membership is not required at the end of the class.
- FUMC is signed up to host **Loaves & Fishes at the Hope Center** on Sunday, October 8, 12:30-3:30pm. We need salads, desserts, volunteers, and monetary donations to cover the cost of the meal. Sign ups for volunteers & food donations can be found on the sign-up page of the church website, or by calling the church office, 262-542-4256. Monetary donations can be marked “L&F” and given to the church office. If you have any questions, please reach out to Erin Blum (erin.e.blum@gmail.com).
- FUMC-Waukesha is seeking an energetic and enthusiastic candidate to fill the position of part-time **Intergenerational Ministry Coordinator**. For a description of job responsibilities and required qualifications, visit the church website or call the office. For interested candidates, send a completed application (download available on website) to the SPRC at gerhards615@yahoo.com or mail to the church office, Attn: SPRC, 121 Wisconsin Ave, Waukesha WI 53186.
- **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** - Join Pastor Susan 9:30-11am, rm 216. No need to sign up. Bring your favorite Bible, an open mind, and a willingness to listen to a variety of theological perspectives. Please use the West entrance.
- **The professional Wisconsin Wind Orchestra** will have a concert in the sanctuary, Friday September 29, 7:30pm. It is free and open to the public. There will be a freewill offering to support upcoming tours. The program will showcase the virtuosity and diversity of the accomplished 11-member chamber wind ensemble. Conductor: Lawrence Dale Harper.
- A great big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make lunches this week for **Pathfinders of Milwaukee** and for your on-going support with donations of supplies! Your love and care for the young people in our area shines through!
- **We appreciate your ongoing financial support of FUMC's mission and ministry.** You can access our giving through the website or app. Scan the QR code on the right to be directed to our giving page!



Forming Faith Today

Nursery
Living Faith Today
Sunday School
Youth Group

Infant - 3 yr. old, Room 221
Room 216
Fellowship Hall
Room 211

First United Methodist Church of Waukesha is a Reconciling Congregation. All are welcome here.
For more information: visit fumcwaukesha.org/announcements.