



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN



July 16, 2023

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

What does the Lord require of you? To do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly. - Micah 6:8

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	"How Great Thou Art" (Swedish Melody)	Tom Ajack, guitar
Welcome		Rev. Susan Bresser
*Hymn	"Hymn of Promise"	Red book 707, verses 1, 2
*Call to Worship		Rev. Amy Celikay
*Hymn	"Hymn of Promise"	Red book 707, verse 3
<i>Children are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn.</i>		
Words for God's Children		
Musical Response	"On Eagles Wings"	John Sheaffer, organ by John Carter
A Time of Prayer		

THE WORD

Musical Setting for Scripture	"Thy Word"	by Michael W. Smith
The Gospel of Jesus Christ	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NRSV)	Tom Taft
Contemporary Message	"Respond to God's Word"	Rev. Susan Bresser

RESPONSE

Sacrament of Baptism	Noah Thomas Sheskey	
Ministry Moment		Rev. Amy Celikay
Invitation		
Offertory	"Marching to Zion"	Tom Ajack, guitar melody by Robert Lowry
*Doxology		
*Prayer of Dedication		
*Hymn	"You Are the Seed"	Red book 583, verses 1, 3
*Benediction		Rev. Susan Bresser
Postlude	"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (A time for reflection.)	John Sheaffer, organ by Johann Walther

Prepare for worship next Sunday by reading Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.

Flowers donated by Judy Jester.

**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

- **Welcome Pastor Amy Celikay** - Please remember to wear your nametag! This will help Pastor Amy immensely!
- **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: "Supreme Court Ends Affirmative Action"** in Room 216 after worship.
- **FUMC is collecting eyeglasses and hearing aids** through the month of July. The collection box is located in the hallway by the west entrance. The Lions Club collects used eyeglasses to help children and adults in developing countries. Used hearing aids are collected, recycled, and donated to individuals who are unable to afford to buy them.
- **Circle of Sisters Picnic** - Monday, July 17 at 6pm at the church. Bring your dinner, a chair (if we happen to move outside), and any books you'd like to pass on to others. We'll introduce books and reading schedule for the 2023-2024 season of Circle of Sisters. New sisters are always welcome!
- **Summer Book Study**- Join in some thought-provoking reading and discussion. Please acquire and read the book, *Take This Bread: A Radical Conversion* by Sara Miles, before the discussion. Sign up in the Asbury Room or on the church website. If you need help obtaining a book, please contact Jenny (jennydaugherty@gmail.com). We will meet on **Zoom, Monday, July 31, 6:30-8pm or in person: Tuesday, August 1, 6:30-8pm.**
- **Garden and Home Tour** – With gratitude for your care and support of FUMC, John Sheaffer and Tim Baack invite members and friends of FUMC to a garden party and tour of their Victorian home on Sunday, August 13, Noon - 4pm. The grand home, built in 1890 by Victor Schlitz, the nephew of beer baron, Joseph Schlitz, has been restored and nearly all furnishings are from the Victorian era. 2004 W. Highland Ave., Milwaukee.
- **Creative Pals** is taking the summer off. We will resume in September. Have a great summer!
- **XYZ (Xtra Years of Zest)** will not meet during the summer months but will start up again in September.
- **A retreat sponsored by XYZ** will be held at Pine Lake United Methodist Camp from September 17-19, 2023. Philip Chard will be the guest leader with the theme of Realistic Optimism: Meeting the Emotional and Spiritual Challenges of Trying Times. There will be a table outside the Asbury Room for more information as well as the opportunity to sign up for this very special event, the first retreat since 2019.
- **Outside Clean-Up Day** (pulling the weeds from the "wheat") - Sunday, July 23 immediately following worship. Join us for our summer clean up and mulching. The weeds have grown alongside the "wheat" (Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43) but now is the time to pull and mulch. Contact Cheryl Minor with questions 262-542-4256 or cheryl.minor@fumcwaukesha.org.
- **Agrace Hospice Volunteers Needed in Waukesha County.** Volunteers are needed to make companionship visits to local hospice care patients. No health care experience is needed. Schedules are flexible, and free training is provided. Contact Agrace at (608) 327-7163 or visit agrace.org/volunteer.
- **Agrace Offers Virtual Grief Support Group in July.** Agrace is offering *Bridges*, a professionally led, virtual grief support group, for adults grieving the death of any loved one. Meetings are held online every other Wednesday, July 12 and 26, 9:30-11am. There is no fee for this program if a participant's family member was in hospice care in the past 12 months; fees for others can be lowered or waived, if needed. Pre-registration is required for each session; call (608) 327-7110 with questions or to register.
- **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..... Infant - 3 yr. old, Room 221

Living Faith Today..... Room 216

Sunday School and Youth Group will meet again in the fall.

- **Go to a United Methodist Camp** this summer! Pine Lake and Lake Lucerne offer camps for people of all ages and interests. First UMC helps send kids to camp by offering scholarships for up to half the cost of camp. Check out www.wiumcamps.org or stop by the table in the hallway to look at a camping catalog and pick up a camp scholarship form for children and youth. Questions? Call the Church office.
- FUMC-Waukesha is seeking an energetic and enthusiastic candidate to fill the position of part-time Intergenerational Ministry Coordinator. This position is responsible for coordinating ministry opportunities with an emphasis on Christian education for all ages. 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.
- **Due to email scams, we will no longer be putting contact info in our online newsletters.** Contact the office with any questions. Please note: We do not use gmail and will never ask you for money or gift cards directly!
- **FUMC is signed up to host Loaves & Fishes** at the Hope Center on Sunday, March 12 from 12:30-4:00pm. We are in need of salads, desserts, and volunteers. Sign ups for volunteers & food donations can be made within SignUp Genus, or by calling the church office. If you have any questions, please reach out to Erin Blum.
- **Download FUMC's App Today** – FUMC's App is available to download in the iTunes App Store, Google Play and Amazon App Store. Go to our webpage to download the app or simply search "FUMC Waukesha" in the store to get started. Note: You currently do not need to create an account to use the app unless you plan on using the Giving or Notes portion. Designed to be used on smartphones and tablets, the purpose of our app is to have everything our members and friends need to know about FUMC in one easily accessible place.
- Church & Society will sell **Fair Trade organic coffee and chocolate TODAY** immediately after worship in the Asbury Room. Please stop by to check out our inventory. We accept cash and checks to FUMC ("Fair Trade" in memo line).

Come Thou Font Of Every Blessing - "Nettleton," Quoting "His Yoke is Easy," from Handel's Messiah Tom Ajack, Guitar