

August 17, 2008

Welcome to Worship and Praise

14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Items on the left margin are for 9:00 a.m. Items on the right margin are for 11:00 a.m.
Items that extend all the way across the page are for both services.*

THE PEOPLE GATHER

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *(please sign the friendship pads)*
Remembering Your Religious Rights When You Return to School & Prayer

WE SHARE MOMENTS OF FELLOWSHIP

A CALL TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

MUSIC AS WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP *Acolytes*

“Jesus Is All The World to Me” by Boyles/Thompson

RAISING OUR VOICES IN THANKS AND PRAISE - *Please stand if you are able*

- ♫ UMH 368 My Hope Is Built
- ♫ Let It Rise (ppt)
- ♫ Famous One (ppt)
- ♫ We Will Glorify FWS 2087

HEARING AND EXPERIENCING THE GOOD NEWS

WE PRAY TOGETHER *(in unison)*

O God, who has made yourself known in countless ways: by the glory of the sunrise and the sound of rain in the trees, by the beauty of flowers and the majesty of mountains, by the faces of people we love and the noises of children at play, by the words of prophets and psalmists and preachers, and most of all in Jesus Christ, your eternal Son, we praise you for your self-revelation and for drawing near to us in love and forgiveness. Tune our spirits, in this hour, to turn in your direction, that our hopes may be renewed, our bodies healed, and our dreams amended, through that same Jesus Christ, who taught us a way of praying, saying . . .

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

..... A GIDEONS MINISTRY UPDATE (see insert).

A READING FROM THE BIBLE. Matthew 15:10-28

“What comes out of our mouths . . . defiles”

Leader: The Word of the Lord **PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

..... THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Solo by Melissa Kuyendall Rising Tide

Following the Ministry of Music, children age four through grade three are invited to go to Children’s Church, upstairs in Room #201.

THE MESSAGE **“CHILDREN OF GOD – BY FAITH”**

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

- ♫ *(seated)* UMH 452 My Faith Looks Up to Thee
- ♫ *(seated)* Humble Thyself FWS 2131

..... THE MINISTRY OF GIVING

Your regular giving fulfills the mission and ministry of our church by –

- *Providing maintenance services and supplies for our building and equipment;*
- *Supporting campus ministries at the University of Cincinnati, Miami University, and other colleges and universities across the country.*

We give our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

- ♫ Offertory “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” Held/Dorsey The Prayer of Dedication
- ♫ “Praise God...” *(Please stand if you are able)* UMH 95 ♫ Offertory
- The Prayer of Dedication

- ♫ UMH 370 Victory in Jesus ♫ Nothing But the Blood UMH 362

Please stand, if you are able (Acolytes)
At the close of this service there is a time for those who have special prayer needs. You are invited to come to the front pew or to the kneeling step during this closing song. The pastor will meet you there.

A BLESSING (in unison)

Now may God, who has loved us with a love beyond all telling, send us forth to care for the world around us and to share the good news of that love, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

♫ **SINGING OUR BENEDICTION** . . Sweet, Sweet Spirit UMH 334

MUSIC TO ENERGIZE US AS WE GO TO REFLECT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

“Call of the Trumpets” by Purcell

Schedule of Activities for the Week of August 17th – August 24th, 2008

TODAY 17th: 14th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00 a.m. Worship and Praise
- 10:00 a.m. Classes and Groups
- 11:00 a.m. Worship and Praise
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Trip Story from The Mission Team

WEDNESDAY 20th: First Day of School

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall, Topic: Saul, son of Kish
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY 21st: Last day for bulletin information to be turned into the office for this week

- 7:00 p.m. Rising Tides Practice in Worship Center

NEXT SUNDAY 24th: 15th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00 a.m. Classes and Groups
- 10:15 a.m. Worship and Praise (Including Celebration of Ministry)
- Reception to follow Worship Service
- 2:00 p.m. Eastern Star Reception in Worship Center and Fellowship Hall
- 3:00 p.m. **THE AMAZING RACE:** Meet at Elementary School 839 Spring Street with your team of 3 for a crazy fun time. Teams will pay a \$15.00 entry fee. Grades 6 -12 are invited to participate.

8:30 p.m. Pick up at Mike & Pat Louiso's 4685 St. Rt. 133, 45103. If interested please contact Bonnie Olds-Carson at 724-3856; 720-5800; e-mail bonnie@wumy.org or Lisa Smith at 734-3460.

- 6:00 p.m. Gathering for **all youth & former youth** to celebrate Bonnie's Ministry at Mike & Patti Louiso's Home with a light supper.

(1) CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE: Let me take this opportunity to invite any person in our congregation to join our Chancel Choir. We practice on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and sing each Sunday at the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service. Please contact me for any further information. Jill Oetzel, Chancel Choir Director, phone 724-0798, cell 532-3902, e-mail:

joetzel@fuse.net

(2) EMERGENCY MISSION: The Mission is in need of spaghetti and pasta.

(3) FAMILY IN NEED: A young family with 4 children is moving to Williamsburg. The only furniture they have presently is a couch & loveseat. Anyone with anything to donate (Beds?). Please contact Nancy Pontz 724-7138.

(4) MINISTRY UPDATE – August 10, 2008

Christian Education Classes (Children 11, Youth 2, Adult 58) 71 Average YTD 88

9:00 & 11:00 Services (67 + 63 + 14 Long's Retreat + 4 Mission Trip) 180 Average YTD 178

Received last week for the Budget: \$ 3,787.57

Received last week for other purposes: \$ 410.00

Budget Goal Year to Date: \$ 158,880.00

Received for the Budget YTD: \$ 136,232.57

Budget Expenses YTD: \$ 150,745.85

Don't forget your religious rights when you head to school.

- Students have the right to pray individually and in groups during the school day. However, students do not have "the right to have a captive audience listen, or to compel other students to participate."
- Students may read the Bible or other Scriptures, say grace before meals, and pray before exams "to the same extent they may engage in comparable non-disruptive activities."
- Students may discuss religious topics with their peers, but school officials should intercede if student speech is considered harassment.
- School Officials cannot authorize organized prayer at graduation ceremonies or organize religious baccalaureate ceremonies.
- Teachers and school administrators cannot solicit, encourage or discourage religious activity while in their roles as government employees.
- Public Schools can teach about religion, but not provide religious instruction. For instance, courses dealing with the history of religion, comparative religion and the Bible as literature are permitted.
- Student may express their religious beliefs in homework, artwork and other assignments when the expression relates to a school assignment.
- Students have the right to distribute religious literature when other literature unrelated to school activities is permitted for distribution.
- Students may wear religious messages on their clothing if they are allowed to wear comparable non-religious messages.
- Student groups have the same access to school facilities as other comparable student groups.

- United Methodist Reporter

A PRAYER AT THE BEGINNING OF A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

At the beginning of a new school year, O God of wisdom,
we offer thanks and praise for the gift of new beginnings
and for the opportunity to learn and to wonder.

We pray for teachers, students, and staff
that this year might be rewarding for all.

Be with us as we face the challenge of new tasks, the fear of failure,
the expectations of parents, friends, and self.

In our learning and our teaching,
may we grow in service to others and in love for your world,
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Am

Week of August 17th



WE JOIN TOGETHER IN PRAYER:

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous person avails much.

James 5:16

PRAYER FOCUS:

Ron & Penny Balzhiser
Mary Bare

Phil & Beth Barth: Kenny, Joey, Tommy
Dexter & Kathleen: Danny

Join us as we pray our way through the membership of the congregation. Some week, it will be you.

CURRENT CONCERNS:

Sarah Forney – Mercy Hospital Clermont
Jayne Lawrence – Out patient hand surgery
Evalou Jones – Surgery on Tuesday, August 19 at Mercy Hospital Anderson

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER FROM ONLINE SOURCES:

For **Cheryl Collier Jackson** submitted by Pat Scott
For **Evalou Jones** submitted by e-mail prayer chain
For **Jim (Waldo) Walter** submitted by JoAnn Shiveley
For **Lyda Cravens** submitted by Cindy Gregory
For **Bob & Lois James** submitted by Nancy Pontz

ON GOING CONCERNS LONG TERM:

Betty Rice	Clara Mae Hundemer	Barb Parker	Wade Lytle	Will Lytle
Jerry Burger	Dick Forney	Mary Vaughan	Gene Wilson	Betty Lykins
Hazel Cox	Ed Wright	Kitty & Jack Arwine	Jessie Abrams	Bob Cummins
David White			Darlene Weisbrod (Dorothy Lewis' sister)	
Drew (Great Nephew of Marge McCollum)			Thelma Jeffers (Tim's mother)	
Tom Brown (Munch Brown's Father)			Mollie Dreher (Herb & Sandy Rowan's daughter)	
Ken Newman (Tom & Pat Fisher's Son in Law)			Shirley Smith (Mary Ann Lefker's Mother)	
Allyson Clark (Randy & Dana Clark's daughter)			Mike Proud (Kim Jeffers' and Cassie Lefker's Dad)	

NURSING HOMES AND HEALTH CARE CENTERS:

Marilyn Whiteman - Locust Ridge Nursing Home
Verna Burger - Locust Ridge Nursing Home
Mary Bare – The Arbors of Milford Room #315A
Eleanor Piffer - Eastgate Spring of Cincinnati Health Care Center
Lloyd Frodge (Don Frodge's Father) - Locust Ridge Nursing Home
Wayne Roundy (Carolee Grehan's Father) Otterbein

RETIREMENT CENTERS:

Bill McManus – Eastgate Village Room #204
May Marshall - Eastgate Village Apt # 110
Geneva Carter (Dave Carter's Mother) - Eastgate Village
Fred Dyer (Jim Dyer's Father) – Veterans Home in Georgetown, Ohio
David Hutchens (Susan King's Father) – Mt. Pleasant Retirement Community in Monroe, Oh.

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE NOW SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:

A1C Patrick Fender patch_fender@yahoo.com Air Force Guam
Capt. David McCollum Army Ft. Leonard Wood, MO

Please help us update our list of Service Men & Women now serving in the armed forces.

If you have someone to include on our list –
Please contact Bill Lewis with the following information:
Full name; rank; mailing address with city, state, and zip or APO; email; what branch of service; where currently stationed; and your name as a contact for this person.
Bill's home phone: 724-7285, work phone: 724-7283 and email:
info@eastforkwelding.com

Pray for our service men and women as they leave the military to go back to civilian life.