Upcoming Events and Information

Exercise Group (Fireside Room) Men's Bible Study (Fireside Room) 3:30pm 8:00am Tue./Thur.: **Saturdays:** New Bible study sessions begin Wed..9/14: 9:30am / 7:00pm Ladies Lunch (See Beth Mathew) Thur.,9/15: 11:30am

TODAY, Sept. 11: Fall kick-off @ 9:15 with fun games and a fundraising dunk tank (Pastor Paul, Melissa and DS Gilbert among the targets!) Blessing of the backpacks at both services

Hot Dogs after the 10:00am service...

Come join the fun!

Everyday Essentials for local pantries are being accepted in Fellowship Hall. September collection: toilet paper. Also needed: travel-sized toiletries. Thank you for helping those in need!

Starting Sunday, September 18th we will have a weekly youth group at SWUMC! Middle Schoolers are invited from 1:30-3pm and High School from 3-4:30pm. Join us for weekly games, discussions and fellowship! Send Mel an email or text for more information or to answer any questions! Thank You.

Loose coins for September: *UMCOR refugee/migration*

For help with the **communion cup**, please contact an usher.

Worship Leaders today

Youth Director: Melissa Hurley

Music Ministry: Judy Bushman (Organist)

Mary Nelmes (Handbell Choir Director)

Jeff Cedro **Head Usher:**

10:00 am 8:00am Liturgists: Jeff Davey Amy Lopez Amy/Greg Bontz Greeters: Jan Glover **Ushers:** Jan Davey Steve Lopez

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Wesley United Methodist Church



SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OPPORTUNITIES!

Welcome to Wesley United Methodist Church September 11, 2022

Entrance

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken Gaelic melody/arr. Gilbert M. Martin A patriotic Quotation tune by Samuel A. Ward/arr. J. Hughes

Introit

Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place by Lanny Wolfe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

†CALL TO WORSHIP (Jeremiah 4, Luke 15)

From our wanderings and wonderings, we are welcomed home by God.

Lost on the highway or trapped on a cliff,

God comes to rescue and return us to safety.

Come to be found,

for all are welcome here.

†OPENING HYMN "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" UMH #103 vs 1,4

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer:

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.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

† **RESPONSE** "Glory Be to the Father" #70

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS (10:00AM)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:00am)

HYMN "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" UMH#348 vs1,2

SCRIPTURE READING Roman

Romans 5:6-8, 1 Cor. 1:18

This is the Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Meaning of the Cross"

THANKSGIVING

EDUCATION TEAM PRESENTATION (10:00AM)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

RESPONSE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

† **DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#95

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

By your grace, loving Christ, make these gifts holy. Transform each dollar into a sign of love, each coin into the face of hope, and each prayerful gift into a blessing of compassion. By your grace, loving Christ, bless this offering as an offering of love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

† CLOSING HYMN "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" UMH #368 v1,2

† BENEDICTION

† **RECESSIONAL** "More Like You" TFWS#2167 (first half)

POSTLUDE Let There be Peace on Earth by S Miller & J Jackson

†Please stand if you are able in your body or spirit.

Bold print indicates in unison

