Upcoming Events and Information

Tue./Thur.: Saturdays:	Exercise Group (Fireside Room) Men's Bible Study (Fireside Room)	3:30pm 8:00am
Wednesdays:	Bible study/Reckless Love	9:30am
•	Bible study/1 Corinthians	7:00pm
Thursdays:	Bible study/Seated With Christ	6:30pm
Mon.,9/19:	Rev.Dr Beck @Dixon First UMC	2:00-5:00pm
	Nominations Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	6:00pm
Sun., 9/25:	First Bibles for 3rd graders	10:00am

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

- Thank you for helping those in need!
 Starting TODAY, 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
- It's that time already: October Chimes info.— Thank you!

The flowers on the altar are in Honor of their 59th wedding anniversary from David and Sharon Siex.

Worship Leaders today

Youth Director:Melissa HurleyMusic Ministry:Judy Bushman (Organist)Mary Nelmes (Handbell Choir Director)Head Usher:Jeff Cedro

8:00am Wendy Fitzanko Derek/Aaron Fitzanko James Fitzanko

Liturgists:

Greeters:

Ushers:

10:00 am Stacey Wendelken Matt/Ellie Wendelken Sadie/Myla Wendelken

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Wesley United Methodist Church



SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome to Wesley United Methodist Church September 18, 2022

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE A Voice of Calm I Love to Tell the Story

by Dennis Eliot by Wm. G. Fischer/arr. L A Warriner

INTROIT

Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place

by Lanny Wolfe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

†CALL TO WORSHIP (Matt 17, 1 Pet 1)

Light of God, shine upon us this hour. We bring to you all that we are—both our strengths and our weaknesses. We lift our prayers for your world in all its beauty and its pain, trusting in your Spirit's power to redeem. Let us encounter your Holy Spirit, undeniably present among us, that we may bear Christ's light to a world that longs for peace. Amen.

†OPENING HYMN "Maker, in Whom We Live"	UMH #88 vs 1,2
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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

HYMN

"Glory Be to the Father" #70

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:00AM)

SPECIAL MUSIC (10:00AM) Yes, Jesus Loves Me BELL CHOIR A medley of praise songs by Michael Akers

"More Love to Thee, O Christ" UMH#453 vs1,2

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 16:13-17

This is the Word of God for the people of God Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Who Do You Say That I Am?"

<u>Thanksgiving</u>

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

RESPONSE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #95

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dear God, Source of light and love, all things belong to you. You generously share with us the blessings of home, food, friends, and life itself. Receive a portion of what you have given us in our morning's offering. May our gifts and joyful service strengthen your church, that we may share good news and compassion with those in need. Amen.

Sending Forth

† CLOSING HYMN	"Blessed Assurance"	UMH #369 v1
† BENEDICTION		
Seek justice and dis	cover God's blessings.	
We go forth to wal	k humbly before our God.	
Practice kindness and	nd touch Christ's presence w	ithin.
We go forth to foll	ow the way of peace.	
Share mercy and ab	ide in the Holy Spirit.	
We go forth in the	footsteps of compassion. A	men.
† RECESSIONAL	"More Like You"	TFWS#2167 (first half)
POSTLUDE	The Heavens are Telling	g
by Lu	dwig van Beethoven/arr. Do	rothy Wells
<i>†Please stand if you are</i>	e able in your body or spirit.	
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