

PENTECOST – 19th SUNDAY

09/30/2018

10:00 am

A special word of welcome to those visiting our church today. We are happy you joined us in worship. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to worship with us each Sunday and to participate in other activities and services here.

Please stand for acts of worship designated with an asterisk (*). Any who prefer may “rise up” in spirit only, if physically standing presents difficulties.

GATHERING

CHIMES CALLING US TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

**“Holy, Holy, Holy”
“Forever”**

**Nancy Cook, Organist
Sanctuary Choir**

Welcome and Announcements: Pastor and Congregation

(Welcome and thanks for completing the yellow half sheet in the bulletin and dropping it in the offering plate. The prayer station in the back of the sanctuary is available for lighting a candle or leaving a prayer note any time before, during, or after worship).

***Note: Please be informed that our worship service is being recorded and carried live on face book and our website**

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Safety for the Sheep ... - Leader and Congregation**

P: Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High;

C: will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

P: I will say of the Lord;

C: “He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.”

P: For the Lord will deliver you from the snares of the fowler and the deadly pestilence, and will cover you with his pinions;

UNISON: Under the Lord’s wings we will find refuge. God’s faithfulness is our shield and buckler Amen!

***Opening UM HYMN # 467**

Trust and Obey

A LITANY: The 23rd Psalm - Leader and Congregation (See Insert)

CHILDREN’S TIME

Pastor

***PRAISE SONGS**

Led by Praise Team

GOD’S WORD IN SCRIPTURES

Old Testament

Isaiah 53: 1-6

Reader: This is the word of God for the people of God,

Cong: Thanks be to God

Choir Anthem

“Proclaim the Glory of the Lord”

Nancy Cook, Director

Gospel:

John 10: 22-32

Reader: This is the word of God for the people of God,

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WITNESSING TO THE WORD

Theme: JESUS, THE SAFE SHELTER FOR THE SHEEP!...

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor

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.

OFFERING / OFFERTORY

Words of Invitation & Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Rest in His Love and Abide” Nancy Cook, Organist

***The Doxology # 95**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

All we are and all we have belong to you, O God. You have entrusted to our care the gifts of life and materials. As your disciples, grant that we might follow your path of generosity every moment and at all times. Bless our presence, tithes and offerings we bring today for your Kingdom’s work among us and in our community to the glory of your Holy Name. Amen!

***UM HYMN # 381**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

***SENDING FORTH IN GOD’S LOVE AND CARE/ BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

(Let’s greet those around us with words of farewell and peace).

Thank you for being a part of today’s worship experience.

Rest assured God loves you, and so do we all!

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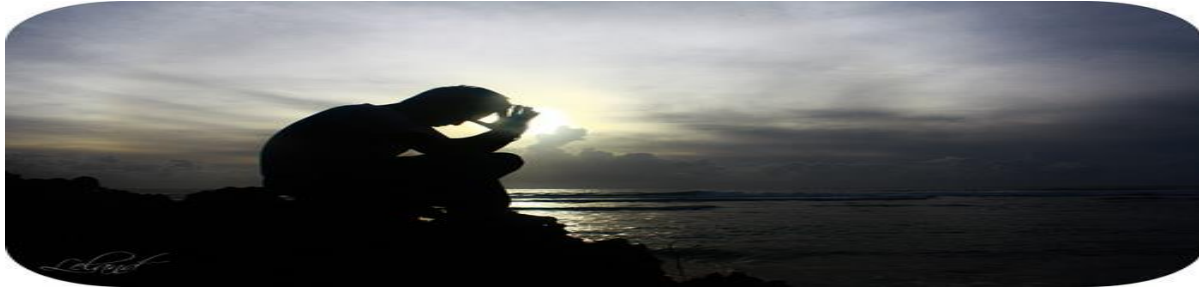
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Dennis Clay: Pianist

Joy McClelland: Custodian

Nancy Cook: Choir Director



JOYS AND CONCERNS OF OUR PARISH AND THE WORLD

Thoughts and prayers for Laurie Lewis and family. Laurie's mom passed away this week.

Prayers for a speedy recovery for Dawn Nejedly who had knee surgery recently.

Prayers for Debby Ganaway.

Prayers for Debra Bolle for guidance on a decision needed to be made for her leg/knee.

Continued Prayers are needed for Tracie Feest who went thru breast cancer surgery recently.

Thoughts and prayers for Bill and Laverne Fawcett for health and healing from surgery.

Prayers for strength during a trial and health for Laurie Lewis.

Prayers are with Rose Pettus who is having some health problems.

Prayers for Tammy Madden and her family.

Caring thoughts and prayers for Charlene Goar, Al & Dee Feest's Aunt, She recently fell and fractured her hip and is now in rehab, there's also a reoccurrence of cancer.

Prayers for healing and good health for Pat Held's daughter.

LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING FOR OCTOBER

October's offering will benefit UNICEF. Simply place your change in the small brown envelope found in the pew racks or on the sanctuary tables and place it in the offering plate. Your continued support of our various mission projects is greatly appreciated.

FOOD BANK ITEM FOR OCTOBER

Will be tooth paste. Bring your donation to church on any Sunday of the month and place it in the crates located near the church entrances. All items will be taken to the North Side Food Bank at Trinity UMC for distribution. Thanks.

Litany of the Psalm 23 - Leader and People

L-The Lord is my Shepherd,

P- I shall not want.

L- He makes lie down in green pastures;

P- He leads me beside the still waters;

L- He restores my soul;

P- He leads me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake.

L- Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

P- I will fear no evil, for thou art with me.

L- Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me;

P-Thou anointed my hair with oil, my cup overflows;

L- Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me, all the days of my life;

Unison: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen!

OUR RECORD LAST WEEK

Worship Attendance	10:00 am - 37
Plate/Pledges	\$1376.80
Missions	\$3.00
Playground	\$50.00

COMING THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, September 30

9:00 am – Faith To Life Bible Study

10:00 am – Morning Worship

1:00 pm – Keith Griffin Pokemon League

5:00 pm – Casa de Dios Worship Service

Monday, September 1

6:30 pm – Casa de Dios Bible Study

Wednesday, September 3

Noon – Kiwanis

6:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, September 6

Noon – Sack Lunch Program, First UMC, hosts

Announcements

COMING UP VERY SOON!

Our Charge Conference is scheduled for Saturday November 3, 2018 at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall. As usual, all those in leadership positions that report to the Charge Conference, please begin and complete your reports by Friday October 20th. Remember, the system of reporting has changed from papers to online! If you have not received the online information, please let either Liza or me know so we can make it available.

Moreover, if don't have asset to inter computer/internet, ask Liza to down load the forms for you. Please return the filled out forms to Liza so she can enter the information on the District's website.

Thanks for all you do on behalf Jesus Christ through our congregation. May God Almighty continue to increase you in strength and wisdom in the name of Jesus Christ.

HOT MEAL PROGRAM

First Church is responsible for the Hot Meal at St. Luke's Hospitality Center on Monday, October 29th. We will be needing volunteers. If you can help by providing a casserole or with serving & clean up, please sign on the sheets located on the tables in the sanctuaries. Thank you for your continued support of this Outreach ministry.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

Join other Christians around the world as we come together to share the sacrament of Holy Communion during worship on Sunday, October 7th. You'll find a special offering envelope in your bulletin on that Sunday. The United Methodist World Communion Sunday offering makes a difference for people like Chelsea Tubbs. Growing up in a loving family, Chelsea Tubbs was active in school sports and activities at Burton's Chapel United Methodist church, Cookeville, Tennessee. "The church has kept me grounded and has always been there to support me and reward me for my accomplishments," she said. Thanks for your gifts on World Communion Sunday, Ethnic Scholar Chelsea can pursue a law career. Thanks for your support of our Special Sunday Offerings.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED!

This past summer while attending Grandparent/Grandchild camp several of our returning campers were disappointed to note that the old steel swing that was located next to Oak cabin had been removed. It was discovered that the unit was just too old and in need of extensive repair in order to be safe.

We are very excited to announce the formation of a "playground fund" for the building of a playground at the Ridgewood area at Lake Lucerne. This will be a wonderful addition to the camping experiences for younger children, especially those attending Grandparent/Grandchild Camp, family retreats, church outings, etc. The plan is to have the playground completed as soon as possible so that those attending camp in the upcoming years can use the equipment. The completion of this project is totally dependent on the amount of donations received by Lake Lucerne.

*The children of First Church will have a "playground fundraiser" on **Sunday, October 28th**. The kids will decorate cookies for fellowship time and also have cookies and cupcakes for sale that morning! So, bring a bit of cash to church that day to help the kids in the effort to have a new playground at camp. Monetary donations are welcome at any time and should be directed through the church. Indicate Lake Lucerne Playground in the memo portion of any checks.*

Thanks so much for your continued support.

Carol Feest, Co-director, Grandparent/Grandchild Camp