



CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
AUGUST 17, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM
PASTOR ~ REV. DR. PETER VERMEULEN



*At Christ United Methodist Church we want to help you
take your next steps with Christ.*

Sunday School ~ 9:00 AM

Worship ~ 10:00 AM

* We are so glad you chose to worship with us this morning! We pray you find a warm welcome and a moving worship experience.

* Please register your attendance on the *Connection Card* found in the pew book holder.

* Nursery for **children ages 5 and under** is located across the courtyard in the Fellowship Hall. Please see an usher for assistance in locating.

* Children **Kindergarten thru Fifth grade** will be dismissed for Children's Church following the Children's Moment. Children's Church is also in the Fellowship Hall.

* Williams Hearing Assist listening devices are available at the sound booth.

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SERVING TODAY

Acolyte: Zoe Wilcher

Children's Church: Margo Whitaker, Thomas
Schoonover

Counter: Mike Crocker

Lay Reader: Jim Moore

Live Stream: Matt Bilbrey

Media: Mike Crocker

Sound: Steve Bilbrey

Ushers: Joe Galipo * / Anthony Dunn

* help with offering



20: Ginny Bramblett

22: Tammy Dunn; Betty
Northen

23: Meredith King

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

> Isaiah 5:1-7

> Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

> Hebrews 11:29-12:2

> Luke 12:49-56

Looking for a Sunday School class? Join the Christian Homemakers Sunday mornings at 9AM in the Administration Building Serenity room. This class is led by Pastor Peter and is open to anyone who wants to dive deeper into God's word.

Donations to the Church General Fund have been given **in Memory of Effie Cast and Pat Prince** by Ginny Bramblett.

A donation to the Church Capital Improvement Fund has been given **in Memory of Pat Prince** by Joyce Elliott.

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR PLACE IN CHRIST UMC'S

PUMPKIN PATCH



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19th THRU Friday,
October 31st**

**SET-UP ~ MONDAY THRU SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 13TH – 18TH**

**SOFT OPEN ~ SUNDAY & MONDAY,
OCTOBER 19TH & 20TH**

TAKE DOWN/PUT AWAY ~ SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

The Pumpkin Patch is a **CONGREGATION LED** ministry and you are needed for its success!! Patch worker sign-ups begin September 7...watch for the form! POC: Margo Whitaker, 727.551.1183 / mdwhitaker2014@gmail.com

BEGINNING TODAY . . .

- ♦ **CHILDREN'S K THRU 5TH GRADE FALL BIBLE STUDY, 4 – 6 PM, ED BLDG**
 - ♦ **ADULT BIBLE STUDY, PRAYER: DOES IT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE? 4PM, ADMIN BLDG SERENITY ROOM**
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LEADERSHIP BOARD

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19TH

5PM, Admin Bldg Serenity Room

JULY FINANCE REPORT

JULY INCOME ~ \$17,003.00

DIRECT TRANSFER ~ \$8,000.00

JULY EXPENSES ~ \$25,984.69

JULY BALANCE ~ (\$81.69) ❤️

If you have questions regarding finance information, please see Steve Bilbrey or John McIntyre.

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS

Sandy Dempster



**Kairos Prison Ministry
International**

Pastor Peter will be participating in a Kairos weekend, September 11 – 13, at Lee State Prison. Kairos Prison Ministry International is

a Christian ministry that brings the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to incarcerated individuals and their families. It's a lay-led, interdenominational ministry with three main programs: *Kairos Inside*, *Kairos Outside*, and *Kairos Torch*. **Kairos Inside** is a ministry whose mission is to develop a Christian community inside prisons, bringing positive and negative leaders together, in both male and female institutions, for a 3 ½ day Weekend led by same gender Kairos volunteers.

The Weekend is based on: A series of talks, Discussions, Chapel meditations, and Creating a Christian community.

For many participants, the Kairos Weekend creates the desire to become a Christian, and for others the desire to continue his/her spiritual growth.

How can you help? PRAY during this weekend that hearts will be opened, lives will be changed, and for the presence of God's grace and love to fill the room. A prayer sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex or contact the office. **BAKE!** Cookies are needed...6 to a bag. Make plans to have yours to the church by Wednesday, September 9 for Pastor Peter to take with him.

AUGUST 10 ATTENDANCE:

50 / 14 on-line / 162 FB Views

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE Celebration
CHIMING OF THE HOUR
WELCOME
GREETING TIME
CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Delisa Kyzer

Lay Reader & Congregation

Leader: Children of God, for the sake of the joy, we gather...

All: We gather to worship, to encounter grace, to grow in faith.

Leader: For the sake of the joy, we proclaim...

All: We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, the love of God that surrounds us and forms us into a community marked by love for God, self, neighbor, and all creation.

Leader: For the sake of the joy, we respond...

All: We respond with our lives, ready to embody our faith as agents of God's already-and-not-yet kingdom.

Leader: For the sake of the joy, God sends us...

All: God sends us into the world to meet our neighbors with the defiant joy and persevering love of the gospel today and every day.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Triune God who dwells with us as we gather, proclaim, respond, and go forth from this place.

All: Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, February 2024.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen

* HYMN OF PRAISE UMH # 606 (all verses) *Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine*

ORDER OF CONFIRMATION

Zoe Spring Wilcher

THE RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen

*On behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? **Confirmand: I do.***

*Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? **Confirmand: I do.***

*Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? **Confirmand: I do.***

*According to the grace given to you, will you remain a faithful member of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representative in the world? **Confirmand: I will.***

Let us join in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Do you believe in God the Father?

Rev. Sarah McClelland-Brown

Confirmand and Congregation: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Rev. Sarah McClelland-Brown

Confirmand and Congregation: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father; and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Rev. Sarah McClelland-Brown

Confirmand and congregation: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the everlasting life.

* GLORIA PATRIUMH # 70

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS AND CONFIRMATION *(Family is asked to come forward)*

*Remember your baptism and be thankful. **Confirmand and Congregation: Amen.***

*Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Confirmand and Congregation: Amen.***

THE CHARGE TO THE CONFIRMAND

*As a member of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries? **Confirmand: I will.***

Do you promise with God's help to live by the three simple rules of Methodism: To do no harm, to do good, and to stay in love with God? **Confirmand: I do.**

And to all members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in the ministry Christ United Methodist Church and uphold it with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness? **Confirmand and Congregation: We will.**

THE COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, I commend to your love and care these persons whom we this day receive into the membership of this congregation. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

Congregational Response: We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church and bid you welcome to this congregation of The United Methodist Church. Confirmands and Congregation: With you we renew our vows to uphold it with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witnesses. With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal. Amen.

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Lay Reader & Congregation

* HYMN OF PREPARATION

UMH # 605 (all verses) *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lay Reader

OFFERTORY MUSIC

In Christ Alone

Mrs. Delisa Kyzer

* DOXOLOGY

UMH # 95

SPECIAL MUSIC

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 2:1-2

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Run with Endurance"

Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

UMH # 378 (vs 1, 4, 5, & 6) *Amazing Grace*

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Mrs. Delisa Kyzer

* Please stand if you are able