

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Gather



Sunday Lunch Bunch

Plan to join us immediately following next Sunday’s worship at Nic & Norman’s. Please let Amie know by Thursday, October 22nd if you plan to be there!



Charge Conference

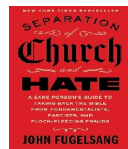
Senoia UMC will host Charge Conference on Wednesday, October 28th at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary. District Superintendent Dr. Julie Boone will be here as the Leadership Board votes on our new leaders for 2027. All are welcome!

Grow



Men’s Prayer Group

The group meets Monday mornings at 7:00 am at Lisa’s Creperie in the back dining room to encourage, support, and inspire one another.



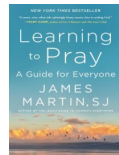
Monday Morning Bible Study

Pastor Julie leads this group on Monday mornings at 9:00 am in the JOY Room. We are studying *Separation of Church and Hate* by John Fugelsang.



JOY Sunday School Class

The JOY Sunday School class meets each week at 10:00 am in the JOY Room just off the Narthex at the front of the church. Kemp Wright leads a study on *Growing Older & Wiser* by Dale & Sandy Larsen.



Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Pastor Julie leads this study on Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the JOY Room as they discuss *Learning to Pray* by James Martin.



Mark Bible Study

Rev. Stephen Soulen leads a Bible study on the Gospel of Mark. This group meets on Wednesdays at 6:45 pm in the JOY Room as they study Mark’s Gospel.

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Thanksgiving Turkeys

I-58 collects poultry for Thanksgiving (small frozen turkey breasts or hams under 8 pounds) to support the families in our neighborhood. Last day to drop them at the church will be Sunday, November 15th.



Angel Tree

Our Angel Trees for Wellroot Family Services are in the Fellowship Hall and the Narthex. We are collecting new, unwrapped toys for children in foster care this Christmas. If you are donating a gift card, please drop it in the offering plate (in an envelope marked Angel Tree) or the office. The last day to drop off gifts is Sunday, November 29th.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Our church office is open Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Pastor Julie is available on Mondays by appointment. She takes her sabbath on Fridays and is unavailable unless there is a pastoral emergency.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday 10/18
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Sunday Worship
12:15 pm Parade Float Meeting

Monday 10/19
7:00 am Men’s Prayer Group
9:00 am Bible Study

Tuesday 10/20
5:30 pm Parking Lot Meeting
6:45 pm Bell Choir

Wednesday 10/21
10:00 am Prayer Bible Study
6:45 pm Chancel Choir
6:45 pm Mark Bible Study

Thursday 10/22
7:00 pm AA

Friday 10/23
4:00 pm Alive After 5
6:30 pm NA

Next Sunday 10/25
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Sunday Worship
12:15 pm Lunch Bunch

Those Assisting in Worship Today

Ushers: Jeff & Susan Miller
Reader: Jim Garver
Counters: Jean Cotton & Jeff Miller
Greeters: Robin Jensen & Judith Glover

Those Assisting in Worship Next Sunday - 10/25

Acolyte: Luke Tobleman
Ushers: Kemp Wright & Tray Baggarly
Reader: Jan Fenner
Counters: Katy Sweat & Mark Edwards
Greeters: Jeff & Susan Miller

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Polly Watson, Housekeeping
John Felbinger, A/V Technician

Senoia United Methodist Church



OCTOBER 18, 2026

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST



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WORSHIP

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Greeting	Dr. Julie Schendel, Pastor
Chiming of the Hour	Nancy Lewis, Organist/Pianist
Welcome and Announcements	Dr. Schendel
Prelude	<i>Bright Horizons</i> Carillon Choir

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.
We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
The Spirit empowers us to live as imitators of Christ in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.
We belong to God, and through God, we learn to love one another.
The Spirit inspires us to receive God’s Word with joy in a world that rejects the good news.
We belong to God, and through God, we live in joy with one another.
Come, let us worship in the assurance of God’s love that chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the family of Christ.
We come to worship God in the assurance that we belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another. Amen.

*Hymn	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	UMH 92, V1-4
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*Affirmation of Faith	<i>The Apostles’ Creed</i>	UMH 881
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I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and 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, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Gloria Patri	UMH 71
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*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

Meditation	<i>Lord, Speak to Me</i>
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*Lord, speak to me,
that I may speak in living echoes of thy tone;
As thou hast sought,
so let me seek thine erring children lost and lone.*

WE GROW THROUGH THE SPOKEN WORD

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer	Dr. Schendel
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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.

Congregational Response	TFWS 2205
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*Lord, may our prayer rise like incense in your sight,
May this place be filled with the fragrance of Christ. Amen.*

*Hymn	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	UMH 369, V1-3
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Worship with Tithes and Offerings	The People
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*Presentation and Doxology	UMH 95
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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Anthem	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	Chancel Choir
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Scripture Reading	<i>1 Thessalonians 1:1-10</i>	Jim Garver, Reader
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Response to the Word

Reader: The Word of God, for us, the People of God.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon	Always Give Thanks: Chosen	Dr. Schendel
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WE GO TO SERVE

*Closing Hymn	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	UMH 92, V5-6
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*Benediction	Dr. Schendel
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*Responsive Affirmation

*Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.*

*Those who are able please stand. UMH (United Methodist Hymnal)
TFWS (The Faith We Sing)
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Call to Worship written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2026.
The candle on the altar table is lit in memory of those who have died due to gun violence and in awareness of this ongoing tragedy.

WELCOME TO SENOIA UMC

We welcome you to Senoia United Methodist Church. If you are a guest with us today for the first time please let the usher know so you can be given a welcome gift. Please complete the yellow Guest Card found in your pew and place it in the offering plate. A nursery for children birth to under 4 years old is available. Please see an usher for assistance. Restrooms can be reached through the rear sanctuary door by the organ. An accessible restroom is in the hall and additional ones are in the Fellowship Hall.

BY OUR PRAYERS...

Prayers & Praises: Sharon Boyer, Keith Ward (a friend of Mary Lynn Haycraft’s daughter), and Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

You can make your prayer requests (including updates or to remove a request) by either email or calling the church office.