Announcements and Upcoming Activities

Gather

World Communion & Commitment Sunday

Next Sunday, October 4th, will be a very special day in worship as we gather as the body of Christ to share in Holy Communion, united with other Christians around the world. We also gather as a church community to support the mission and ministry of Senoia UMC by making our financial commitment for the year ahead. **Please bring your Estimate of Giving Card to dedicate to God on Commitment Sunday.**

Grow

Bible Study Groups

The Men's Prayer Group, Monday Morning Bible Study, and the Wednesday Morning Bible Study will not meet this week, but will resume meeting at their regularly scheduled times during the week of October 5th.

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 based on *Growing Older & Wiser* by Dale & Sandy Larsen. All are welcome!

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 read St. Mark's account of Christ's ministry from His Baptism by John the Baptist to his Resurrection.

Go

Pet Blessing Service

Our Pet Blessing service will be **next Sunday, October 4th at 4:00 pm** in the Meditation Garden. We will give thanks to God for our furry friends, and pray over each one. All leashed or crated animals are welcome. Food or toy donations will be donated to Coco's Cupboard.

Light Up Senoia!

It is not too early to begin thinking about our float entry in this year's parade! Plan to meet on **Sunday, October 4th** immediately following Worship in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

Little Free Pantry

Please donate a non-perishable item to the Little Free Pantry the **first Sunday of each month**. You may drop your donation in the basket located in the Narthex at the front of the Sanctuary next week. Please do not leave items outside the pantry if it is full. Rain and wildlife will ruin it.

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 9/27
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Sunday Worship

Monday 9/28
6:30 pm Rotary Club

Tuesday 9/29
6:45 pm Bell Choir

Wednesday 9/30
6:45 pm Chancel Choir
6:45 pm Mark Bible Study

Thursday 10/1
7:00 pm AA

Friday 10/2
6:30 pm NA

Next Sunday 10/4
World Communion & Commitment Sunday
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Sunday Worship
12:15 pm Parade Meeting
4:00 pm Blessing of the Pets

Those Assisting in Worship Today
Acolyte: Luke Tobleman
Ushers: Jeff & Susan Miller
Reader: Maurice Ungaro
Counters: Mark Edwards & Vijay Purugulla
Greeters: Vijay Purugulla & Dick Sutton

Those Assisting in Worship Next Sunday - 10/4
Acolyte: Luke Tobleman
Ushers: Bob Tinsley & Leigh Morgan
Reader: Vijay Purugulla
Communion Set Up: Melinda Garver & Jennifer Camp
Communion Server: Katy Sweat
Counters: Vijay Purugulla & Dick Sutton
Greeter: Jan Fenner

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Worship

We Gather to Worship

Greeting Jim Garver, Liturgist

Chiming of the Hour Nancy Lewis, Organist/Pianist

Welcome and Announcements Jim Garver

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

***Call to Worship**

Can you imagine unfettered love?
Free and bold, wild and true, the kind of love that changes you.
Can you imagine a home—safe and bright?
With impromptu dancing, meals around the table, and laughter late into the night.
Can you imagine faith like a compass?
That guides the way we shop and vote, the way we love and hope; that asks questions and yet still believes, even despite uncertainty.
Can you imagine a world where trees, bees, and all living things grow wild and free? Where peace is the narrative and hope the currency?
A world where news stories are testimonies and funerals are far between.
Can you imagine?
Yes, we can imagine.
Today in worship, dare to dream. Dare to imagine what could be. And pay attention, for God is here, in wandering thoughts, hopes and prayers.
Let us worship our holy God, that great unfettered love. Amen.

***Hymn** *God, Whose Love Is Reigning O'er Us* UMH 100

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in God the Creator, who, like a painter with a canvas, imagined creation and breathed it into being. We believe in Jesus, who many years later, walked this hurting world and showed us a new way to love. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who prods us and pulls us, leads us and guides us, carries us and loves us into new life, day after day. And we believe in the power of imagination, a gift from God that allows us to dream dreams, create anew, start over, try again, and live lives of hope. So in response, together, as God's church, we dare to dream. We strive to love. We try to imagine a new day. And we walk together, all with God's help. Amen.

***The Gloria Patri** UMH 71

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.

Stewardship Moment Peter Fenner

Meditation *For the Beauty of the Earth* Bell Ensemble

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

We Grow Through The Spoken Word

Old Testament Lesson *Leviticus 19:9-10; 25:8-12* Maurice Ungaro, Reader

Prayer of Confession Rev. Max Vincent

God of Grace, you invite us to dream of a better world,
but instead we bury our heads in the sand. We are afraid to recognize how much must change. We are afraid, because if we know the truth, then don't we have a job to do?
So instead, more often than not, we maintain the status quo.
We passively allow things to stay the same.
We don't speak out; we don't imagine a new day.
We don't dream of a world without racism, sexism, bigotry, or shame.
Instead we allow ourselves to believe that some things will never change.
Forgive us. Show us the way. Teach us to dream.
Teach us to imagine again.
Humbly we pray. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

Congregational Response TFWS 2205

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

***Hymn** *I Surrender All* UMH 354, V1, 2 & 4

Worship with Tithes and Offerings The People

***Presentation and Doxology** UMH 95

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 *Like a Tree Planted By the Water* Chancel Choir

***Gospel Reading** *Mark 12:38-44* Maurice Ungaro

Response to the Word

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

Sermon Our Story: Reimagine Our Generosity Rev. Vincent

***Closing Hymn** *Take My Life, and Let It Be* UMH 399

We Go To Serve

***Benediction** Rev. Vincent

***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.

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: Mary Pearman on the death of her mother, Anne Duncan. The Orr and Wright families on the death of Bobby Orr. Bill Stinchcomb recovering from knee surgery.

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

Pastoral Care

Pastor Julie is on vacation this week**.** If there is a pastoral emergency such as surgery or a death in the family, please contact our Lay Speaker Jan Purcell at (678) 488-7023 or our Lay Leader, Sam Sweat at (678) 758-6945. They will be happy to pray with you. If there are other non-emergency concerns, please let Amie know to add you to the prayer list for Sunday's bulletin (we print Thursdays at noon).

*Those who are able please stand.

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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.