

Week of October 18-25, 2020

Sunday, October 18

11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service** - Our worship service is livestreamed, as well as recorded and later posted online.

Noon - ***Congratulations, Thank You, and a Fond Farewell to Pastor Luigi!!***

3:00 p.m. - Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF) Meeting

Rev. Donna Van Trees begins her interim ministry at LaPorte

Monday, October 19

Tuesday, October 20

3:30 p.m. - Lay Visitation Team Meeting

6:18 p.m. - Prayer Group

Wednesday, October 21

9:30 a.m. - Ladies' Bible Study

6:30 p.m. - **Disciple Light Class** - Join us to view *The Chosen* series!

Saturday, October 24

11:00 a.m. - **Charge Conference Meeting** (via Zoom)

Sunday, October 25

8:00 a.m. - Men's Study

9:00 a.m. - Adult Bible Study (video conference, please contact Dave Van Arsdale for access information at dvanar@yahoo.com)

11:00 a.m. - **Church Without Walls Worship Service** (outdoors, weather permitting)

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3:00 p.m. - Methodist Youth Fellowship



Congratulations, Thank You, and a Fond Farewell, Pastor Luigi!

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, and there is so much to appreciate!

We would like to **congratulate** Pastor Luigi upon his recent ordination as an elder, show him our **thanks** for his caring, passionate, and tireless leadership, and **wish him well** as he embarks on his new journey as a U.S. Air Force Chaplain.

Pastor Luigi's last day with our congregation will be this Sunday, October 18, so we've planned a special time to recognize his accomplishments and bid him farewell.

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Following our 11:00 a.m. worship service, ushers will dismiss you to participate in a reception line (socially distanced with masks). There will be a card basket available if you wish to write Pastor Luigi and his family a personal note.



Shalom, Pastor Luigi & family!

Share a "Special Moment"

You are invited and encouraged to share your gifts during worship. We would like to have a "Special Moment" on Sundays where people in our congregation can participate. During the Special Moment, you can share a song, a reflection, a poem, a story, a testimony, a liturgical dance, or whatever God puts in your heart.

The purpose of this moment is to allow you an opportunity to edify others in 5 minutes or less.

The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the welcoming area, or you may call the church office.



Rev. Donna & husband, Karl Hankins

A Warm Welcome to Rev. Donna J. Van Trees!

Rev. Donna is looking very forward to being our interim pastor beginning Monday, October 19 through December 31, 2020. She is a retired Elder of the East Ohio Conference since July 2014, and she has been a District Superintendent Assistant since December 2014.

Growing up Rev. Donna and her family were very involved in the EUB church, and it is where she learned the importance of a strong church family. She heard the call into ministry while at Malone College, attending Deuber Ave. UMC and followed that call through the then Canton District Committee on Ministry. Rev. Donna earned a B.A.

in Psychology and Christian Education from Malone and a Master of Divinity from Ashland Theological School.

She accomplished much in her 34 years serving as a pastor. This includes being Chair of the Board of Directors for People In Need, a nonprofit multi-agency group serving the needs of the community in Delaware, OH. In Tiffin, Rev. Donna served as Chair for the Board of Directors for the St. Francis Spirituality Center, Chaired the Ministerial Association, and actively participated in a Community Think Tank organized by the Mayor of Tiffin which created opportunities for new ministries and services in the city. Most notably was bringing a Transitional Housing unit to fruition for families by purchasing a former Bed & Breakfast.

Disciple Light Class News!

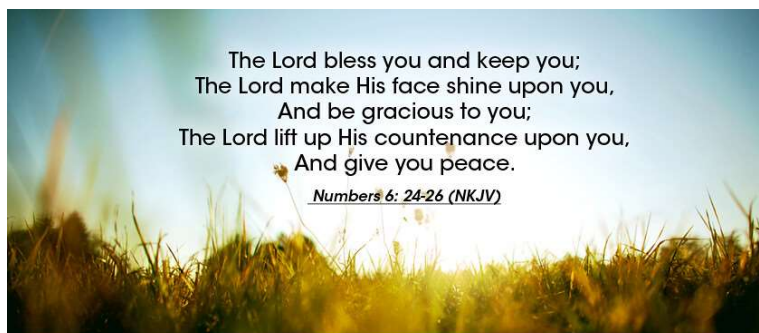
Currently, Disciple Light Class is viewing *The Chosen* series on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.. For anyone unaware of this series, let me enlighten you. The Chosen is a beautifully written and produced series about Jesus Christ. You will meet the disciples and see a side of Jesus that is so very human you will have no choice but to connect with Him.

Each episode is less than an hour long and there are eight in total. We will be watching in the sanctuary to take advantage of the "Big" screen and to allow for proper social distancing. **We start the viewing at 6:30 pm.** I encourage you to join us on this journey and to also download the app THE CHOSEN to your mobile devices so you can dig deeper by watching the bonus materials, including the round table discussions that were held to make this series historically accurate.



Help...Hope...Healing...

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who receive special training to provide one-to-one Christian care to people in our congregation and community experiencing challenges in life – grief, loneliness, hospitalization, disability, job loss, and many other life difficulties. To receive care or learn more, please contact Sue Van Arsdale or Rev. Mark Vale.



WORSHIP GUIDE

Sunday October 18, 2020

NOTICE: PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE ON THE ITEMS MARKED WITH AN *

GATHERING

WELCOMING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

A Farewell Piece for Pastor Luigi

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

We are gathered to worship God.
We come from many places, with many burdens.
But at this hour, we make a conscious effort
to turn our hearts to the Lord.
So, let us get ready to be blown by God's Spirit.
Let the waters of grace, love, and blessings wash over you.
Let's get immerse in the presence of the One who has promised
to give us victory and make us shout and sing for joy.
Let us worship!

* HYMN

Standing on the Promises

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1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,

by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

3. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

4. Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

*** OPENING PRAYER**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:15-17 MSG

¹⁵⁻¹⁷ People brought babies to Jesus, hoping he might touch them. When the disciples saw it, they shooed them off. Jesus called them back. "Let these children alone. Don't get between them and me. These children are the kingdom's pride and joy. Mark this: Unless you accept God's kingdom in the simplicity of a child, you'll never get in."

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism

we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.

We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation

and given new birth through water and the Spirit.

All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

In a few moments we will be confirming our faith as well.

Through the reaffirmation of our faith,

we renew the covenant declared at our baptism,

acknowledge what God is doing for us,

and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

• Presentation of Candidates

I present Laney Jordyn Haddix for baptism.

- **Renunciation of sin and profession of faith**

Since the earliest times, the vows of Christian baptism have consisted first of the renunciation of all that is evil and then the profession of faith and loyalty to Christ. Parents reaffirm these vows for themselves while taking the responsibilities of sponsorship.

The pastor addresses parents:

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?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves?

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?

I do.

Will you nurture these children (persons)
in Christ's holy Church,
that by your teaching and example they may be guided
to accept God's grace for themselves,
to profess their faith openly,
and to lead a Christian life?

I will.

- **Congregation's Vows**

The pastor addresses the congregation, and the congregation responds:

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life
and include these persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround these persons
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in their trust of God,
and be found faithful in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them,
that they may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

- **The Apostles' Creed**

Church, the Apostles' Creed in threefold question-and-answer form appeared at least as early as the third century as a statement of faith used in baptisms and has been widely used in baptisms ever since. At this moment, as a local congregation, let us join with the universal Church across the ages in this historic affirmation of the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**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;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.]**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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.]**

- **Thanksgiving over the Water**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal Father:

When nothing existed but chaos,
you swept across the dark waters
and brought forth light.

In the days of Noah
you saved those on the ark through water.
After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.
When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt,
you led them to freedom through the sea.
Their children you brought through the Jordan
to the land which you promised.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus,
nurtured in the water of a womb.
He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.
He called his disciples
to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection
and to make disciples of all nations.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
to bless this gift of water and those who receive it,
to wash away their sin
and clothe them in righteousness
throughout their lives,
that, dying and being raised with Christ,

they may share in his final victory.

****All praise to you, Eternal Father,
through your Son Jesus Christ,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns for ever. Amen.**

- **Baptism**
- **Commendation and Welcome**

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Members of the household of God,

I commend these persons to your love and care.

Do all in your power to increase their faith,
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

The congregation responds:

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you
in the body of Christ
and in this congregation
of The United Methodist Church,**

**we renew our covenant
faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the Church
by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, our service, and our witness
that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.**

*** HYMN**

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

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"I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk 'till rising sun."

In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in,
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise."

"I was there to hear your bawling cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

OFFERTORY

- **VIDEO**
- **MORNING PRAYER**

SPECIAL MOMENT (Youth Group)

Here I am Lord

593 UMH

*** SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Romans 8 (selected verses) NIV

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus
has set you free from the law of sin and of death.
If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,
he who raised Christ from the dead
will give life to your mortal bodies also
through his Spirit that dwells in you.
For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God,
and if children, then heirs,
heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ —
if, in fact, we suffer with him
so that we may also be glorified with him.
I consider that the sufferings of this present time
are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.
We know that all things work together for good for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose.
What then are we to say about these things?
If God is for us, who is against us?
He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us,
will he not with him also give us everything else?
Who will separate us from the love of Christ?
Will hardship, or distress, or persecution,
or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."
No, in all these things we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us.
For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Corinthians 13 NIV

If I speak in the tongues^[a] of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give all I possess to the

poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast,^[b] but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

MESSAGE

Love Never Ends

HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

384 UMH

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;

end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

FAREWELL PRESENTATION

BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

POSTLUDE

Medley of Postludes

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**Please remain seated and wait for the ushers to dismiss you
for the receiving line. Thank you!**