

## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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| Led by:               | Pastor Don Dunn   |
| Choir Director:       | Margaret Treiber  |
| Musicians:            | Carla Ryan, Vocals<br>Bob Del Mar, Guitar<br>Betsy Pecka, Piano<br>Joseph Hernandez, Vocals |
| Assistant of the Day: | Denis Plew  |
| Usher:                | Barb Deycous  |
| Greeter:              | Linda Bryant-Smith  |
| Liturgist:            | Ann Chandler  |
| Coffee Hour:          | Bev White   |
| Counters:             | Linda Bryant-Smith & Louise Ingebrigtsen  |
| Flowers:              | Camille & Christy Price<br>(38th Wedding Anniversary)                                       |
| Communion:            | NA  |

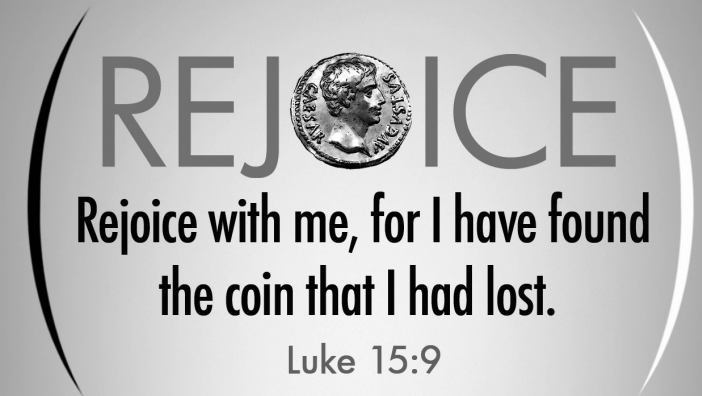
Special thanks to those contributing their time and talents for our worship.

### **Servers for Next Sunday, September 22nd**

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| Assistant of the Day: | Lonny Holleman                |
| Usher:                | Christy Price                 |
| Greeter:              | Denis Plew                    |
| Liturgist:            | Bobbi Dunn                    |
| Coffee Hour:          | Jennifer Sager                |
| Counters:             | Denis Plew & Margaret Treiber |
| Flowers:              | NA                            |
| Communion:            | NA                            |

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

September 15, 2019– 9:45am



**The United Methodist Church of Ephrata**  
"We Serve God by Serving Others"



## WELCOME TO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF EPHRATA!

If this is your first time with us we'd like to thank you for visiting! If you did not receive a Welcome Brochure from a greeter when you entered be sure to pick one up from an usher as you leave. The brochure has more information on our church and its ministries.

At the time of our offering do not feel pressure to put anything in the offering plate. While you are welcome to give, you are our guest and we simply want you to enjoy your time with us!

**Hearing assistance available.** If you are hearing impaired and would like to use an assisted listening device, please request one from the ushers.

**Prayer requests cards** are located in the pew box. If you have a need or celebration, fill out the card and place it in the offering plate.

**Please join us** for refreshments and fellowship after the worship service.

## OUR CHURCH STAFF

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Church office hours are Monday - Wednesday 9am-1pm, Thursdays 9am-12pm

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| <u><b>Happening Today!</b></u><br>Worship, 9:45am<br>with Pastor Don Dunn<br><b>Alaska Conference<br/>Special Offering Sunday</b> | <u><b>Monday, September 16</b></u><br><br><b>Newsletter Deadline</b><br>UMW - 1pm        |
| <u><b>Tuesday, September 17</b></u><br><br>Quilters, 9am<br>Grief Support Group, 6pm  | <u><b>Wednesday, September 18</b></u><br><br>Newsletter Folding, 9am<br>Bible Study, 2pm |
| <u><b>Thursday, September 19</b></u>  | <u><b>Friday, September 20</b></u>   |
| <u><b>Saturday, September 21</b></u>  | <u><b>Sunday, September 22</b></u><br><br>Worship, 9:45am<br>with Pastor Don Dunn        |



- Quilters, 9am Sept 24
- Bible Study, 2pm Sept 25
- Community Dinner, 5:30pm Sept 26
- Jewelry Party, 7pm Oct 2
- Men's Breakfast, 8:30am Oct 5
- AED Class, 10 am Oct 19
- Trunk or Treat, 4pm Oct 31

## Prayer List for the Week

### Prayers for Health, Healing and Well-Being:

- Rayce & Tiffany Barnes
- Tabatha
- Susan Aldridge
- Julea Dunn
- Marie Marsh
- Dick Ross
- Francie Hernandez
- Shirley Johnson
- Kathleen Neuberger
- Kierra Smith
- Jeremy Warren
- Ralph Schonder



### Prayer requests for long term health problems:

Bob St. Clair Jr, Ed Sivula, Doug Jensen, Ron Gardner, Steven Grass, Brian Davisson, Renee Muse, Al Davisson, Steve Smith, Justin Townley, Gail Catlow, Joe Hatch, Eleanor Gausman, Dan Anderson, Randy Senn, Ed Warren, Marlene Fisk Warren, David Prince, Abbie Thorndike, Dennis Ackerman, Amy Torrens-Harry, Eric Moulton, Mike Dell, Tom Pheasant, Jessica Smith



**Prayers for our military personnel at home, abroad, and their families:** Chris Wash, Kevin Harmon, Michael Oliveira



- **UMW is meeting in the Social Hall at 1pm on Monday, September 16th**
- **Newsletter Folding is this Wednesday, September 18th at 9am.**
- **Celebrating Birthdays In September:**  
Rob Mantz (2nd), Paul Morris (4th), Bob Del Mar (5th), McKinley Fulk (13th), Jackie Driver (20th), Nick White (24th), & Donna Anderson (26th)
- **Celebrating Anniversaries In September:**  
Tom & Dolores Pheasant (65 years on the 5th)  
Nick & Ellen White (48 years on the 11th)  
Camille & Christy Price (38 years on the 19th)  
Ed & Louise Sivula (50 years on the 27th)
- **Important Upcoming Dates, Mark Your Calendars:**  
Jewelry Party - 7pm on October 2nd  
AED Class with Jeremy Burns - 10am on October 19th  
Fall Auction - After Worship on November 3rd  
All Church Planning Meeting - During coffee hour on November 10th

We gather in the name of God who claims us as beloved children, Christ who feeds and nourishes us and the Holy Spirit who gives us faith. Amen.

**Prelude**

**Introit**

**Welcome    Announcements    Friendship Pads**

**Call to Worship**

Let us bow before our Creator,  
**whose Spirit moves over desert and sea,**  
whose Word has the power to create, to judge,  
and to save.  
**Come, let us worship God.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Praise Team**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

Creator of the universe,  
**we imagine that we are in familiar territory,**  
**that we know what to expect of this hour,**  
**that we will leave much the way that we came.**  
**Do not abandon us to our foolishness.**

**In judgment, illumine our darkness.**

**In mercy, bear us home—**  
**until we recognize your presence wherever**  
**evil is confronted,**  
**truth is spoken,**  
**and life is restored.**

*[silent confession]*

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

**Scripture:** Psalm 14 (pew Bible page 388)

**Choir**

**Scripture:** Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 (pew Bible page 537) &  
Luke 15:1-10 (pew Bible page 740)

*Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.*

***All: Thanks Be to God. Amen.***

**Message:** “Rethinking Numbers”

**\*Hymn: (Hymn) #381 “Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us”**

**Apostles’ Creed, Traditional Version: Hymnal Page 881**

**Prayers of the People**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Offering**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Closing Hymn: (Hymn) #730 “O Day of God, Draw Nigh”**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

***Please join us for refreshments and  
fellowship after worship!!!***

