

Knowlton United Methodist Church

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Dedicated to Outreach and Growing in Faith, Fellowship, Witness, & Service in the Name of Jesus Christ

KNOWLTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Please take this time before our worship begins to center yourself. Please turn off all cell phones.

PRELUDE OUR LIFE TOGETHER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Open your hearts to God's loving mercy. **ALL: Lord, come into our hearts this day.**

ONE: Having received God's mercy, bring that love to others.

ALL: Lord, be with us as we reach out to others in

compassion.

ONE: Feel your spirits filled with the goodness of God. ALL: Lord, we thank you for the many blessings which you pour into our lives. AMEN.

*HYMN The Church's One Foundation UMH #545

CALL TO CONFESSION

We do not have to beg God to forgive us, but simply confess our foolish words, our mistaken acts, our grudging hearts. Please join me as we pray together, saying,

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Forgiving Lord, we are such jealous people. We want to make sure that we get what we deserve, that we are always treated fairly. Yet we complain when you treat others, who have not worked as hard or been as faithful, with such love. Just like the workers in the Gospel lesson, we want to know why you are as generous with the late-comers as you are with us, after all, we whine, we've been here longer. You are merciful and compassionate. You do not count the time, but the quality of the heart. Forgive us, generous Lord, when we have been so petty about your love. Heal and restore us. Help us reach out with love and hope to others in the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN

A time of silence as we lift up our prayers to God

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Feel the comforting power of God's love and mercy in your lives. God is with us through all our experiences. Though we try we cannot stray from God's love. Rejoice! This is the good news for all of us! AMEN.

HYMN God Is So Good TFWS #2056

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 20:1-16 Pew Bible NT pg 20

MESSAGE Choices: O God Why Me?

HYMN Christ For the World We Sing UMH #568

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

OFFERING

THE DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

* OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance, receive these gifts with thanks from your people, we pray. May they and we help your love and grace flow like rivers in deserts of need. Amen.

*HYMN I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing
UMH #333

*BENEDICTION

Go forth into God's world as God's own children. Let the love of Christ be reflected in your life and your deeds. Go with joy to serve the Lord. AMEN.

POSTLUDE

* Please stand or sit reverently

KUMC September Sermon Series "Making choices as we journey to the land of generosity."

UMW SILENT AUCTION

November 11, 2017 5-8pm Advance Tickets coming soon!

Donations of Barilla Penne Pasta & Tuttoroso Traditional Sauce appreciated! **KUMC Community Prayers September 24, 2017**

Week 2

Alice Gouger

This Week

Answered Prayer

Emma Hoernle Jackson Whitmore Leigh Anthony Jon VanDerWal Broken Relationships Kyle Dalrymple Donna Michael Those who have cancer The Mullooly Family	Ed Bilyk Shirley Imhof Kathy & Jim Maureen Bobby & Aliza & Family Anthony DeBuono Nancy Howie
Week 3	Week 4
Helen Black Carol Catalano Diane For the elimination of hatred and racism Those affected by the hurricanes and earthquakes Brielle Stephanie Lee Alderton Leigh Linda Rita Justice Bill	Steve The Van Dongen Family Sandy Carol Gabrielle Fenton & family Chris Hank & Carole Ken & Carole Brandon Norwicke Kayla Winkler Dylan Walthour Jim Golding

SERVERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

	Today!	Next Week
Worship	Pastor Ninabeth	Pastor Ninabeth
Greeters	Carol Catalano	Bobbie Cavanaugh
Ushers	Donna Ventura Jill Imhof Joe & Donnie	Donna Ventura Jill Imhof Joe & Donnie
Counters	Barry Hine Mike Ventura	Bonnie Simmons Barbara O'Neill
Fellowship		Potluck

September - October Calendar

TODAY & THIS WEEK

September 28 (Thur) Imagine KUMC 6:30pm September 28-30 (Thur - Sat) Thrift Store 10am – 2pm Friday evening 4m – 7 pm

NEXT WEEK AND AFTER

October 5 (Thursday) Book Study: What God Asks 7-8pm
October 5-7(Thur - Sat) Thrift Store 10am – 2pm
Friday evening 4pm – 7 pm
October 7 Fish Fry 5:30 – 7pm

Reverend Ninabeth's office hours: Thursday & Friday 9am – 2pm or by appointment (908)391-2561 knowltonumc@gmail.com