

WORSHIP 10:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM

AUGUST 20, 2023

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

To parents of young children: Relax! God put the wiggles in children; don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles in God's house. Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to engage. Explain parts of the service and actions of the pastor, musicians, and leaders. Sing the songs, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn behavior by mimicking you. If you have to leave the Sanctuary with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. You and your child are a blessing to the church and this congregation. After the Children's Moments, children are welcomed and encouraged to stay and be part of the service or if you choose they can attend God's Big House (Ages: K-5th Grade upstairs with Mr. Andrew and our volunteers) or the Nursery (Ages: New-born to Pre-K on the main level with Ms. Sarah and our volunteers). As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

*Congregation is invited to stand, if able.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*SONGS OF PRAISE: HONEY IN THE ROCK

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: WE GATHER HERE THIS DAY TO HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US.

P: WE PRAISE GOD FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER TOGETHER.

L: WE ARE SENT FORTH FROM THIS PLACE TO SHARE GOD'S TRANSFORMING LOVE.

P: LORD, ENCOURAGE US AND EMPOWER US TO DO YOUR WILL. AMEN.

*OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON):

*As summer draws to a close, we begin to focus our attention to the activities of autumn. For some it will mean preparing children for school; for others youth will be preparing to enter college or the work force or perhaps military service. Be with these precious ones as they embark on life's journeys. Be with each one of us as we encounter life's challenges. Open our hearts to receive your healing mercy and your transforming love.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

CHORAL ANTHEM

CROSS ROADS UMC CHOIR

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

This, this is where children belong.
Welcomed as part of our worship and song.
Hearing God's Word, sharing love all along.
This is where children belong.

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

*A SONG OF PREPARATION: PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALIGHTY
UMH 139

SCRIPTURE: GENESIS 45:1-15 (NRSV)

This Is the Word of God. Do you believe It?
Yes, we believe It.

MESSAGE : BUILDING BRIDGES

REV. DUSTIN MCCUNE

A TIME OF PRAYER

A TIME OF GIVING

IN A WORLD THAT CALLS US TO SEEK FOR 'ME', WE STRUGGLE TO UNDERSTAND AND SEE THE ABUNDANCE AMONG 'US'. AS WE PREPARE TO GIVE OUR GIFTS THIS DAY, WE REFLECT ON THE PLACES OF ABUNDANCE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND PLEDGE TO CONTINUE CREATING THESE PLACES. PRICK OUR HEARTS FOR THE PLACES OF LACK AND NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IN OUR WORLD, THAT WE MIGHT BE YOUR HANDS AND FEET TO THEM.

*DOXOLOGY

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

*A SONG OF INVITATION: GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN UMH 365

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTIONAL SONG: THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you
and give you peace. Amen.

*BENEDICTIONAL PRAYER

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

God's Big House: Sundays at 10:00 am for Pre-K—5th grade

Adult Sunday School Class: meets after Church in the Conference Room. Join Debbie Wallin as she leads a video series titled *The Book of Galatians* with Kyle Idleman.

Prayer Breakfast: Join Pastor Dustin every Thursday at 8:30 am at Bob Evans in Kinetic Park

Meeting : TODAY - August 20 –Nominations Team at 5:00 pm

Fall Fest: The United Women in Faith will host a Fall Fest in the gym of Cross Roads UMC on September 9, 2023, 10:00 am –2:00 pm. Crafters and Vendors wanted. Contact the church office for contract/information.

Thank you to our hosts/hostesses for Coffee on the Lawn:

Aug. 20: Bobbi Michael, Nicki Osburn, Myra Davis

Aug. 27: Sue Dostal, Josh Taylor, Sandy Blank

Sept. 3: Carol MacCourtney, BJ Childers, Julie Savage

Sept. 13: Betty Campbell, Tammy Holland, Emma Walters

If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact the church office.

Child Care Sunday/Church Picnic: August 27 after church. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish.

90th Birthday Celebration for Carl Dayhoff: Sept. 3 at noon at Cross Roads UMC. "Your presence is desired, but not presents." Please RSVP to Annabel by August 27 if you plan to attend

OCC: Please be in prayer for Operation Christmas Child. Once again, we will participate in the shoebox program, and we plan to fill 108 boxes. If you would like to help, now is a great time to purchase school items that will fit in a shoebox. Crayons, markers, pencils, erasers, scissors, etc. are items that are on sale now. Thank you for your assistance. We cannot do this without YOU!

September Club will resume meeting on Wednesday, September 6 at noon.

Bible Study and Dinner will resume on September 13.

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