

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 AM: WORSHIP SERVICE & GOD'S BIG HOUSE 10:00 AM (PRE-K - 5TH GRADE)

11:10 AM: ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (CONFERENCE ROOM)

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: GREATER
I SPEAK JESUS

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: COME, LET US CELEBRATE THE FORGIVING, RECONCILING LOVE OF GOD.

P: FOR ONCE WE WERE LOST AND FELT SO FAR AWAY; NOW WE HAVE BEEN FOUND
AND WELCOMED HOME.

L: KNOW THAT GOD'S LOVE IS LAVISHED UPON YOU FOREVER.

P: WE REJOICE AT THE NEWS OF FORGIVENESS AND HOPE!

L: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

P: Amen!

*OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON):

How incredible is your love, O God! We have been made new in your love and reconciled to you and to each other in peace and joy. Be with us this day as we hear your words of comfort and hope. Guide our lives that we may serve you more fully all of our days. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM : IS HE WORTHY?

CROSS ROADS UMC CHOIR

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

A TIME FOR CHILDREN WITH PASTOR DUSTIN

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.

*A SONG OF PREPARATION: WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 15:1-7 (NRSV)

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

SERIES: TO MY FRIEND WHO LEFT THE FAITH

MESSAGE : A WELCOME MAT FOR WANDERERS REV. DUSTIN McCUNE

A TIME OF PRAYER

A TIME OF GIVING

*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: GOODNESS OF GOD

*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

Today: We welcome the members of the Dayhoff family who are joining us in the choir.

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 Night: September 10

Fall Fest: Make plans to shop and bring a friend to The United Women in Faith Craft and Vendor Fall Fest on **September 10, 2023, 10:00 am –2:00 pm**. The event will be held in the gym.

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

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

10: Betty Campbell, Tammy Holland, Emma Walters

17: Bobbi Michael, Nicki Osburn, Myra Davis

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

OCC: Please continue to pray for Operation Christmas Child. We will be filling 108 shoeboxes this year, and the ages are 2 to 14. Now is an excellent time to get summer items from a clearance rack. Small items that will fit in a shoebox are needed like toys, clothing, or hygiene items. There is a box in the mission cubicle and at the entrance for your donations. Each box has a list of things NOT to donate and items that are acceptable. Thanks for your support. Also, if you prefer, monetary donations are appreciated too. (Make checks payable to CRUMC.)

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

Bible Study and Dinner will resume on September 13. Dinner at 6:00 and Bible Study at 6:30 pm.

Choir Practice will resume on September 13 at 5:00 pm.

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