

SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES . . . “THE SHACK”

June & July 2017

July 16, 2017 FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 8:30AM & 10:30AM

With joy we welcome everyone who has come to worship our loving Creator.
May each of us worship with openness and love between God and our fellow worshipers.
Everyone present is a child of God, and all are welcomed here in the Lord’s House of worship.

PRAISE ENSEMBLE: Sarah Short & Hannah Grace Strickler, vocalists; Didier Khoo, violin;
David Bessinger, percussion; Marti Bessinger, piano
❖ 10:30AM Service

PRELUDE Rev. Sara Marie & Tim Bodenstein

COMMUNITY MOMENTS | INVOCATION | MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY

SONGS OF CELEBRATION

8:30—Cokesbury No. 194 “Near to the Heart of God” all 3 vv. ❖—“Heart of Worship” (see screens)
8:30—Cokesbury No. 63 “When the Whole World” all 3 vv. ❖—T.F.W.S. No. 2036 “Give Thanks”
8:30—Cokesbury No. 165 “Bringing in the Sheaves” all 3 vv. ❖—“Blessed Be Your Name” (see screens)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “A Modern Affirmation” U.M.H. No. 885

SCRIPTURE READING FOR THE DAY John 16:25-33

TODAY’S MESSAGE “Why Are You Doing This To Me?” Rev. Lynn Brack

REFLECTION TIME “I’ll Think About You” by We Are Messengers from *The Shack* movie

THE PSALTER RESPONSE Psalm 119:105-112 (responsively) See Lectionary Insert

PASTORAL PRAYER | THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Rev. Sara Marie & Tim Bodenstein

DOXOLOGY (tune, *Old 100th*) U.M.H. No. 95

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG “God Be With You Till We Meet Again” (v.1) Cokesbury No. 277
❖(tune, *Londonderry Air*) “Benediction Hymn” W. & S. No. 3182

Key Scripture Verse For the Day . . .

“God has said, ‘I will never leave you or abandon you.’” (Hebrews 13:5c)

Did You Catch That? . . .

1. When we focus on our _____, or the _____ inside ourselves, we are easily _____.
2. We can _____ God and allow our hurt to overwhelm us, OR, we can look to _____ and listen to God’s _____.
3. Jesus said to Mack: “Just keep your _____ on _____. _____. I’m not going anywhere. You _____ do this.”
4. Whatever God is calling us to, God is always calling us to God’s Self. _____ lies at God’s essence.
5. In spite of our pain and suffering and problems, we can know God’s _____. We can focus our eyes on Him and take our cues from His _____.

ANSWERS: 1. circumstances, pain, overwhelmed; 2. blame, God, ,voice; 3. eyes, Me, Breathe, can;
4. relationship; 5. heart, Word.

The Plot Line of *The Shack* . . .

After suffering the abduction, molestation, and murder of his daughter, Mack Phillips spirals into a deep depression, causing him to question his innermost beliefs in God. Facing a crisis of faith, Mack receives a mysterious letter urging him to come to an abandoned shack in the Oregon wilderness. Despite his doubts, Mack journeys to the shack and encounters an enigmatic trio of strangers . . . all three persons of the Trinity. Through this meeting, Mack finds important truths that will transform his understanding of his tragedy and change his life forever.

OUR WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

Those living with cancer . . . Jana Lou Scott, Kevin Hamburger (out pt. surgery July 21st), Muriel Boden, Ann Widener, Landy Wolfe, Carolyn Burchett, Linda Stengl, Deborah Knobel, John Chapman, Sherri Horst Clark, Jimmy Parker, Trent Lubers, Wanda Landers, Joyce, Craig Dobrinski, John Harris, Garry Howard, Ronnie Schulz, Jimmy Cole, Danny, Butch Collins (son-in-law of Phil Tannehill).

Joys and Concerns . . . Family of Morgandy Hartman (niece of Pat & Delbert Penner); Family of Dade Wilkerson (8 y/o, attending our VBS); Olivia Coil (medical); Kirk Milligan (medical); Mary Jo Stewart (surgery July 17th, sister of Terri McCormick); David Bessinger & family, on the death of his mother; Bryan Baxter; Chesney Broughton; those struggling with marital issues; Kerfoot family; Kay Zimmerman; Max Leonard; All care-givers serving loved ones; Joy Blanton; those with addictions/mental illness/depression/dementia; all those struggling with cancer; Jason Mills; James Ediger; all those incarcerated and their families; Griffin White (joy for answered prayer); joy/thanks for the Praise Ensemble this summer; Jim Long (knee surgery recovery); Helen Jones (surgery July 21st); Family of Karen Herbert of Shamrock, TX (grandmother of Bryce & MacKenzie McNabb); Jane Wilson (back surgery July 17th); VaNita Morris; Lona Scott (resident of WeatherCORN, room #5).

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

, The church family is invited to a Wedding Shower for Tiffany Short (daughter of Kim & Jeff Short) and Matt Dyson on Sunday, July 30th, 2-4PM in the Church Parlor. Questions? Contact Darla Doyals. Tiffany & Matt will be married in our Church Sanctuary on Saturday, August 5th, 2:00PM. The church family is also invited to the wedding. Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

, A senior member of our church is seeking a driver who would be available to drive her to OKC for occasional medical appointments. Meals provided along with some remuneration. She needs our help. If interested or desire additional information, please contact the pastor.

, Showing of the movie, *The Shack*, Sunday July 30th, 6:00PM, our Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite movie snacks. We will also have a supervised nursery for pre-school children, who will be watching the movie, "Cars 2."

, B. J. Brown, our Missions Committee chair, reminds us that we are responsible for delivering "Meals on Wheels" during the month of July. We need two teams of two volunteers Monday through Friday (excluding July 4th). Sign-up table in the Narthex.

, Check It out! Dr. Sam Lackey's newest info-bulletin at the Welcome Center on better balance building & stress reduction. Mondays, 11:30AM, SWOSU Wellness Center! Also, Sam is now offering "Fall Prevention Education" for 1 hour credit at SWOSU by attending two, one-hour meetings for 8 weeks at any time that fits your schedule (minimum of 3 students in class).

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