

SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES . . . “THE SHACK”

June & July 2017

July 30, 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

COMMUNITY MOMENTS | INVOCATION | MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY

SONGS OF CELEBRATION

8:30—Cokesbury No. 12 “Sweet Hour of Prayer” all 3 vv. ❖—W. & S. No. 3177 “Here I Am To Worship”
8:30—Cokesbury No. 47 “My Redeemer” vv. 1-3 ❖—W. & S. No. 3008 “Open the Eyes of My Heart”
8:30—Cokesbury No. 139 “I Am Thine O Lord” vv. 1-3 ❖—W. & S. No. 3105 “In Christ Alone” vv. 1-3

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

SCRIPTURE READING FOR THE DAY Luke 6:27-38

TODAY’S MESSAGE “So You Just Let Him Get Away With It?” Rev. Lynn Brack
REFLECTION TIME “Days of Dark” by Dierks Bentley from *The Shack* movie

THE PSALTER RESPONSE Psalm 105:1-11, 45b (responsively) See Lectionary Insert

PASTORAL PRAYER | THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING
OFFERTORY Chancel Choir

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

BLESSING Bob & Linda Creason to join by transfer from another UMC (8:30AM Service)

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 . . .

“Forgive, and you will be forgiven. The portion you give will determine the portion you receive in return.” (Luke 6:37c-38c)

Did You Catch That? . . .

1. We are all faced with a choice. We can demand _____, holding onto our _____. Or, we can choose _____ and the path to _____. The reality is that what we _____ will come back to us.
2. God doesn’t _____ sin and evil. Everything has _____, and no one gets away with anything.
3. Forgiveness is where _____ and _____ kiss. That’s true when _____ experience forgiveness from God; it’s also true when we choose to forgive _____.
4. Papa tells Mack, “I’m not asking you to _____ what he did. I’m asking you to _____ me to do what’s _____ and to know what’s _____.”
5. First step of forgiveness: Letting go of their _____, releasing our hold on our _____ and _____. And letting God draw us back to God’s Self.

ANSWERS: 1. justice, blame, mercy, forgiveness, choose; 2. overlook, consequences; 3. justice, mercy, we, others; 4. excuse, trust, right, best; 5. throat, blame, bitterness

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 (surgery recovery), Muriel Boden, Ann Widener, Landy Wolfe, 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 Robert W. Betts (bro. of Carol Paxton); Carolyn Burchett has tested cancer free; Garry Howard (extensive cancer surgery July 26th, step-father of Sara Schulz); Olivia Coil (medical); Ethan Coil (life decisions); 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; joy/thanks for the Praise Ensemble this summer; Jim Long (knee surgery recovery); Helen Jones (surgery recovery); Jane Wilson (surgery recovery); Ella Vogt (mother of Karol Dillard & Richard Vogt); Armando; Doug Compton; Ernestine Hoelker.

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

, Welcome our newest members joining by transfer of membership today—**Bob & Linda Creason**—from St. Paul UMC in Okemah, OK. They reside at 1442 Pine, 580.816.5019, (blcreason@yahoo.com).

, The church family is invited to a Wedding Shower for Tiffany Short (daughter of Kim & Jeff Short) and Matt Dyson today, 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.

, Showing of the movie, *The Shack*, today, 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."

, You're invited to help us with our Devotional Service at WeatherFORD Living Center, 2:00PM.

, GRAB | GATHER | GROW . . . "3-G" Community Groups coming this fall! The study is entitled, "*Living The Five*" (You Can't Do Life Alone; Growing People Change; Saved People Serve People; Found People Find People; Worship Is A Lifestyle). Free study material in the Narthex!

, FREE "Welcome Back Dinner" on Wed., Aug. 23rd, 5:30PM. "Wonderful Wednesday" begins!

, 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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