

✠ OUR PRAYER LIST TODAY ✠

L: Lord, in Your mercy,
P: Hear our prayers!

All those living with cancer—Jana Lou Scott, Dick Knutson, Muriel Boden, Ann Widener, Linda Stengl, Deborah Knobel, John Chapman, Sherri Horst Clark, Jimmy Parker, Don Roulet, Trent Lubers, Wanda Landers, Joyce, Craig Dobrinski & John Harris, Garry Howard, Ronnie Schulz, Danny, Butch Collins, Rev. Larry Masoner, Jimmy Cole.

Joys & Concerns—Dawn Walker (Glenda's dau.-in-law); Helen Calkins; Gary Winters; Steve Johnson; Bryan Baxter; Chesney Broughton; Those struggling with marital issues; Kerfoot Family; Kaye Zimmerman (mother of Shauna Rhoads); Jeff Griffiths (bro. of Sarah Schulz); Mary Statser; Krissy Martens (surgery recovery); Shirley Ediger; Glenna & Phil Tannehill (travel graces); Max Leonard; All care-givers serving loved ones; Joy Blanton; Kirk Milligan; Kamdyn Taunton; Hannah Bockelman; those with addictions/mental illness/depression/dementia/cancer; Jason Mills; James Ediger; Armando; all those incarcerated and their families.



**FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Weatherford, OK
August 20, 2017
8:30AM & 10:30AM
11th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgists: Joyce Teghtmeyer (8:30AM);
Claudia Wright (10:30AM)

✠ Please Stand As You Are Able

✠ 10:30AM Service Only

I. GOD'S FAMILY ENTERS INTO WORSHIP

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S CHILDREN FOR WORSHIP

You are invited to light a candle at one of the Prayer Stations, located at the far ends of the Chancel railing.

Servant Leader Opportunities

Please View the Screens

Gathering Chimes . . . Let the people enter into silence
The Greeting & Opening Prayer Rev. Brack

Prelude "Consolation No. 4" Liszt
Marti Bessinger, organ

Words of Welcome
✠ "Feet and Greet" (Let's get out of our seat, move our feet, and greet our sisters & brothers in Christ.)
✠ Gathering Song W. & S. No. 3176
"Come, Now Is The Time To Worship"

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

How good it is when we gather in unity and love. **How beautiful is this body of Christ.** How good it is when we gather in mercy and grace. **How beautiful is the love we have come to share. Let us worship our God!**

✠ THE PROCESSIONAL

Hymn of Praise U.M.H. No. 383
"This Is A Day of New Beginnings" (vv. 1, 2, 4)
Lighting of the Altar Candles & Lifting Up the Cross

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Together, let us confess . . . **Forgiving God, You know when we withhold forgiveness. Merciful One, You know when we are not merciful. Gracious Christ, You know when we are stingy with Your grace. Acceptor and Lover of all, You know when we reject and exclude and hate. Forgive us and reclaim us. Strengthen us with Your Spirit of love, that we may offer forgiveness and compassion in the pursuit of Your unity and love. In Your mercy and grace, we pray. AMEN.**

✠ ANTHEM "Thy Word Is A Garden, Lord" arr. Ken Berg
Chancel Choir; Maxine Page, director; Sophia Lee, piano
Anita Chen, cello

II. GOD'S FAMILY HEARS & RESPONDS

✠ 3-M (Mini-Methodists Moment) Ruth Boyd
BLESSING OF THE BACK PACKS Rev. Brack
As children enter the Chancel, **ALL SING** . . . W. & S. No. 3163
"Walking in the Light of God" (first page only) [see screens]
As children return to their seats, **ALL SING** . . . W. & S. No. 3163
"Walking in the Light of God" (first page only) [see screens]

THE OLDER TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 45:1-15

✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION U.M.H. No. 560
"Help Us Accept Each Other" (all 4 vv.)

✠ THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 15:21-28
"Behold, the wisdom of God's Word!"
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

✠ GLORIA PATRI U.M.H. No. 70

HOMILY "God Loves and Uses the Outsider" Rev. Brack

RESPONSE Psalter Lesson . . . Psalm 133 See Lectionary Insert

OPPORTUNITIES OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
BLESSING . . . AT THE BEGINNING OF A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

LIFTING UP OTHERS IN OUR PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER
THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD (8:30AM Service) U.M.H. No. 895
✠ "The Lord's Prayer" (page 3, choral version) W. & S. No. 3070

III. GOD'S FAMILY GIVES THANKS

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Folk Song" Cecil Gibbs
Marti Bessinger, organ

✠ DOXOLOGY U.M.H. No. 94

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION OVER OUR GIFTS

Together, let us pray . . . **O God, bless these gifts, that they may bring mercy and grace, compassion and love, healing and hope through the ministries and missions we support. In Christ's gracious name, we pray. AMEN.**

IV. GOD'S FAMILY IS SENT INTO THE WORLD

✧ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP U.M.H. No. 545

"The Church's One Foundation" (vv. 1, 2, 4)

✧ COMMISSION and BLESSING

Go in God's mercy and grace. **We will share God's mercy and grace. Hate and violence and threats as we've witnessed in Charlottesville, Virginia and North Korea and Washington will not prevail; they are not God's way.** Go in Christ's peace and love. **As our Lord's witnesses in this world, we will share Christ's peace and love.** Go and be a blessing to the world.

Amen? **AMEN!**

✧❖ PARTING SONG & RECESSIONAL W. & S. No. 3181

"Peace, Salaam, Shalom"

**Peace, Salaam, Shalom. Peace, Salaam, Shalom.
Peace, Salaam, Shalom. Peace, Salaam, Shalom.**

POSTLUDE *"Canon in C Op. 56 No. 1"* Schumann

Marti Bessinger, organ

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal-low-ed be your
name. Your king-dom come, your will be done on earth as in
heav - en. Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. For -
give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a -
gainst us. Save us from the time of trial and de-
liv-er us from e - vil, for the king-dom, the power, and the
glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er.

... YOU SHALL BE NEAR ME,
YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN AND
YOUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN.

GENESIS 45:10



. Wesley Foundation Student Center Board meeting today at 3:30PM at The Wesley.

. Sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center for "Wonderful Wednesdays" light snack suppers. They begin on August 30th. Melissa Jackson is our Children's Coordinator.

. NO Finance Committee meeting tomorrow, Monday, Aug. 21. Next meeting Sept. 18th, 5:30PM, Conference Room.

. Grab | Gather | Grow . . . "G3" Community Groups begin in October. Check out the curriculum in the Narthex.

. Check out Dr. Sam Lackey's newest flyers at the Welcome Center—SWOSU students & others: "Safe Campus Intelligence Defense" FREE training. Questions? 580.774.4602 robert.lackey@swosu.edu

Coming Up . . .

, Wednesday, Aug. 23rd 5:30PM

"Welcome Back Dinner" in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-ups in adult Sunday School rooms for side dishes and desserts. Sponsored by our Evangelism Committee. Come eat & greet with us as we begin the new school year.

6:00PM . . . Chapel time (Vesper Service) begins for youth and adults.

6:30PM . . . Chancel Choir practice; Youth Group, and Confirmation Class all begin.

, Fri. & Sat., Aug. 25th & 26th

Quilting Retreat sponsored by Saska Koch & Diana Walker. Questions? Contact Saska Koch (580-302-1263).

, Sunday, Aug. 27th, 2:00PM

Devotional Service at Brookdale Assisted Living Center. Come help us sing & serve!