

✠ 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, John Chapman, Sherri Horst Clark, Jimmy Parker, Trent Lubers, Wanda Landers, Joyce, Craig Dobrinski & John Harris, Garry Howard, Ronnie Schulz, Danny, Butch Collins, Rev. Larry Masoner, Jimmy Cole.

Joys & Concerns—Flood victims from Hurricane Harvey & Irma; Dakota Tilton & Karen Kezer (FL residents); Clea Sims (Perry, OK); Monique Blagowsky (upcoming tests, mother of Toni Ray); Willa Mae Switzer; 1 y/o Raygan (seizures); sexual assault victims; Dr. Garry Bull (deployed to Houston, TX); Asian students at SWOSU; Dawn Walker (brain injury recovery); Dana Walker Strawn (upcoming wedding & shoulder surgery); Mark Hetherington; Raymond McKellips; William Moore (Kelly Lackey's dad, fx femur); Amber Morrison & crew of USS Wasp going to Japan; Alene Macaulay (4th back surgery next week); all world leaders; thanks for rain; Jeanne Rookhuyzen; Bryan Baxter (upcoming arm surgery); Chesney Broughton; Those struggling with marital issues; Kerfoot Family; Kaye Zimmerman (mother of Shauna Rhoads); Mary Statser; Krissy Martens (surgery recovery); Shirley Ediger; Max Leonard; All care-givers serving loved ones; Joy Blanton; Archer George; Dana Blanton (pending wedding Sept. 16th); Kirk Milligan; Kamdyn Taunton; Hannah Bockelman; safe return of family cat Frida.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Weatherford, OK

September 10, 2017

8:30AM & 10:30AM

14th Sunday after Pentecost

*Liturgists: Kelley Ramey (8:30AM);
John Kokalis (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 "A Minature" Gordon Phillips
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
The time is near! **The night is past.** Leave the darkness behind. **Live in the light of God's love.** Set aside selfish ways. **Share Christ's love wherever you are.** The time is near! **Let us worship God.**

✠ THE PROCESSIONAL
Hymn of Praise U.M.H. No. 408
"The Gift of Love" (all 3 vv.)
Lighting of the Altar Candles & Lifting Up the Cross

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Together, let us confess . . . **God of freedom, You help us leave behind all that keeps us from being fully human, yet we resist Your help and the change You offer. Clinging to old, familiar patterns, we are reluctant to move on. When others challenge us, we grow defensive. Give us open and generous hearts, that we may hear Your call and follow You on new adventures of love and compassion. AMEN.**

❖ ANTHEM "What Brings Us Together" Jay Althouse
Chancel Choir; Maxine Page, director; Sophia Lee, piano

II. GOD'S FAMILY HEARS & RESPONDS

❖ 3-M (Mini-Methodists Moment) Ruth Boyd
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 EPISTLE LESSON Romans 13:8-14

❖ HYMN OF PREPARATION W. & S. No. 3003
"How Great Is Our God" (both vv.)

✠ THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 18:15-20
"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 Takes Sin Seriously" Rev. Brack

RESPONSE Psalter Lesson . . . Psalm 149 See Lectionary Insert

OPPORTUNITIES OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

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 "Prayer" Englebert Humperdinck
Hannah Grace Strickler, vocalist; Marti Bessinger, accompanist

✠ 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 . . . **God of light and love, You provide all that we need As first You gave the gift of life and love to us, so now we bring our gifts to You. May they reflect the love and concern we have for our neighbors. May they represent our commitment to build communities of freedom and hope. AMEN.**

IV. GOD'S FAMILY IS SENT INTO THE WORLD

✧ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP U.M.H. No. 632
"Draw Us In The Spirit's Tether" (all 3 vv.)

✧ COMMISSION and BLESSING

Put your sandals on your feet and take your staff in your hand. Walk away from darkness and enter the joy and love of God's love. Follow God's call, for Christ is with you. Go in peace and joy!
 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 *"Grand Choeur"* Cesar Franck
 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.



- . 3:00PM Today . . . Organ recital in our Sanctuary, featuring Owen Reid.
- . 6:00PM Today . . . Connections Sunday School class cookout at Means Park, southeast Pavillion.
- . 7:00PM today . . . Church Council meeting

. Kudos to Dr. Kim & Paula Arganbright on the birth of their grandson, Isaac Allen Arganbright, Sept. 1st, 6lbs. 7ozs., son of Clark & Rebecca Arganbright.

. See your blue & green bulletin inserts today regarding our UM disaster response to south Texas. Consider a monetary donation to UMCOR (mark the envelope "UMCOR") or a monetary donation to our local church for the purchase of supplies to go in "Flood Buckets" (Cleaning Kits) [mark the envelope "Flood Buckets"]. We have folks who have volunteered to take our donations to Sam's in OKC and purchase the Flood Bucket supplies. We will then have a "Flood Bucket Party" and assemble them. They will be taken to our Conf. Office in OKC for transport to our UM Sager Brown warehouse in LA.

. Need 8:30 Liturgist for October, and two 10:30 Holy Communion servers for October. Sign-up at the Welcome Center.

. 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 . . .
 , Please check out the "Fall Worship Music Sign-Up for Instrumental or Vocal Offertories" at the Welcome Center. Consider sharing your musical talent with your church family.

, Wednesday, Sept. 20th, 5:15PM . . .
 4-M Potluck (Mid-Month Methodist Meal) in Fellowship Hall