



**FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
November 5, 2017
8:30 & 10:30AM
Children's Sabbath 2017
"Moving Forward With Hope:

Love and Justice for Every Child"
All Saints' Day Observance with Holy Communion
6th Sunday in Kingdomtide—Color is Green

Liturgists: Claudia Wright (8:30); Brenda Kimble (10:30)

✠Please Stand As You Are Able ✦10:30AM Service Only

I. ENTRANCE

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

The Greeting & Opening Prayer Rev. Brack

Prelude "Open the Window, Noah" African Am. Spiritual
Children's Choir; Marti Bessinger, director

Processional
Lighting of the Altar Candles & Lifting Up the Cross

Words of Welcome

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Kate: We gather with love, in the name of God who loves each and every child.
Ruby: We gather with hope, as the body of Christ who is the hope of the world.
Ella: We gather with justice, called by the Spirit whom Jesus called the Advocate.

Rachel: Come, let us worship on this Children's Sabbath day with love, hope, and justice.

✠ OPENING HYMN

"God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale" (vv. 1-4) U.M.H. No. 122

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Together, let us pray . . . **Great God, on this Your Sabbath Day, come down close to us out of the battlements of Heaven, and give divine ear and eye to our prayers and worship for all our saints of light and for our children. Holy God, help us to recover our hope for our children's sake. Help us to recover our courage for our children's sake. Help us to recover our discipline for our children's sake. Help us to recover our ability to work together in unity for our children's sake. Help us to recover Your values for our children's sake. Help us to recover a spirit of sacrifice for our children's sake. Help us to recover our faith in You for our children's sake. Help us to keep in tune with our children and our saints in the Church Triumphant, ready to listen and to love, even as in Jesus Christ You have loved us, Your grown-up, wayward children. AMEN.**

II. PROCLAMATION and RESPONSE

✦ 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]
"The Story of Noah's Ark"

As children return to their seats, **ALL SING** . . . W. & S. No. 3163
"Walking in the Light of God" (first page only) [see screens]

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Rev. Brack

✠ THE OLDER TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 31:15-17
"Behold! The Wisdom of God's Word!"
Leader: And this is the Word of the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God!

✠ THE GLORIA PATRI U.M.H. No. 70

HOMILY "Moving Forward With Hope" Rev. Brack

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Congregational Response After Each Intercession:
Mighty God, Lover of justice, hear our prayer.

MISSION MOMENT—Hurricane Harvey Relief (insert) Marti Bessinger

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS & OURSELVES
PASTORAL PRAYER

III. THANKSGIVING and HOLY COMMUNION

Stewards: Jo Klingman (8:30); Helen Barnes (10:30)
Servers: Claudia Wright, Brenda Kimble, Darla Doyals, Sarah Short

A SERVICE OF WORD and TABLE II U.M.H. No. 12

PASSING OF THE PEACE Sharing signs of love and reconciliation

OFFERTORY "Hallelu" (Israeli) arr. Margaret Campelle
Children's Choir; Marti Bessinger, director

✠ DOXOLOGY "From Whom All Blessings Flow" 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!

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING . . . OUR HONORED DEAD
8:30AM Service . . . U.M.H. No. 15
✦ 10:30AM Service . . . Musical Setting "D" U.M.H. Nos. 23-24

GIVING THE BREAD and CUP

✦ **HOLY COMMUNION HYMNS Nos. 434, 2155, 2186, 711**
[✦ To Be Sung as the Loaf and Cup are Shared With Those at the Holy Table]

✠ 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, Cleta Sims, LaVerna Reid, Chesney Broughton, John Fleming, Shelli Raines (improving), Alcy Wilkie (W/CORN), Ricky Ray (father of Ty Ray), Hanson Sisson, Elizabeth Blaylock.

Joys & Concerns—Joyce Hamburger (medical), Family of Randy Moen (former member); Alene Macaulay (Mercy Rehab.); Janis Lovell; Holly Winters; Roger Bare (father of Chris White, stroke); all hurricane victims; Raymond McKellips; all world leaders; Bryan Baxter; Those struggling with marital issues; Kaye Zimmerman (mother of Shauna Rhoads); Linda & Gerald; Mary Statser; Max Leonard; All care-givers serving loved ones; Joy Blanton; Archer George; Jeanne Rookhuyzen; Karen & Kenny Day; Kamdyn Taunton; Hannah Bockelman; Kirk Milligan; Betty Osmus; Tyler Hoffman; KeriAynn Strickler; Kristi Lamle; those with addictions/mental illness/depression; Jason Mills; James Ediger; Armando; all those incarcerated and their families; turmoil in state legislature; joy for our youth & children leading in worship.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Let us pray together . . .

People: Loving God, we give thanks for restoring us in Your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim Your love to the world through serving the children and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. AMEN.

IV. SENDING FORTH INTO GOD'S WORLD

✧ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP (8:30AM only) U.M.H. No. 434
"When the Poor Ones" (vv. 1, 2, 4)

✧ CHARGE and BENECTION

Chandler: Go forth to be the arms of God's love for every child.
Kate: Go forth to extend Christ's welcome to every child.
Ruby: Go forth to be a voice for justice in the power of the Spirit.
Ella & Rachel: May God of love, hope, and justice be with you and each child of God this day and forevermore.

❖ PARTING SONG & RECESSIONAL W. & S. No. 3181
"Peace, Salaam, Shalom"
**Peace, Salaam, Shalom. Peace, Salaam, Shalom.
Peace, Salaam, Shalom. Peace, Salaam, Shalom.**

POSTLUDE (please be seated for the Postlude)
"Wren's Song" Anna Laura Page
Children's Choir; Marti Bessinger, director

OUR HONORED DEAD

Mildred Louise (Billie) Doyals {February 11, 2017}	Robert Lee (Bob) Chambers {June 18, 2017}
Loyd Avant {February 18, 2017}	Margery Ann Goodin Harper {June 19, 2017}
James Darin Deffenbaugh {February 24, 2017}	Vanita Beverly Morris {July 15, 2017}
Phyllis Boyd Ellzey {February 28, 2017}	Odell (Buddy) Harper {September 8, 2017}
Robert Dale (Bob) Lynde {April 21, 2017}	Erma Josephine (Jo) Hunter {September 22, 2017}



A man had two sons.
And he went to the first and said,
**"Son, go and work in
the vineyard today."**

MATTHEW 21: 28

Today, Sunday November 5, 2017 . . .
. Kudos to Marti Bessinger and all our children for providing leadership in our "Children's Sabbath" observance today.

. "First Sunday Pot Luck" luncheon following the 10:30 service today. Come join us in the Fellowship Hall for food, fun, and fellowship!

. Church Council meeting at 7:00PM in the Neonate Classroom.

. 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

. You can now listen to the 10:30 service live on Coyote Radio via three stations . . . 100.3FM Coyote Classic; 1590AM Coyote Classic; or 95.5HD 2 Coyote Classic (you'll need an HD radio to get this; they can be purchased at the Coyote radio station). You may also watch the service live-streaming on our church's face book page.

Coming Up . . .
, Wednesday, November 15th . . .
5:15PM—Final "Mid-Month Methodist Meal" (4-M) of the semester. Join us for supper in the Fellowship Hall, pot luck style!

, Sunday, November 19th . . .
"Harvest Celebration Sunday"
Please bring your 2018 "Estimate of Giving" card to worship for dedication.

, Sunday, November 26th . . .
"United Methodist Student Day" special offering received. 80% goes directly to our SWOSU Wesley Foundation; 20% goes to our General Bd. of Higher Education for U.M. student scholarships.
2:00PM—Devotional service at WeatherCORN

, Sunday, December 3rd . . .
4:00PM to 6:00PM—"Merry Little Christmas Carnival" in Fellowship Hall. Family-fun evening of Christmas memories.