

✠ 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 (& spouse Gerald), John Chapman, Sherri Horst Clark, Jimmy Parker, Trent Lubers, Wanda Landers, Joyce, Craig Dobrinski & John Harris, Garry Howard, Ronnie Schulz, Danny, Rev. Larry Masoner, Jimmy Cole, Cleta Sims, John Fleming, Alcy Wilkie (W/CORN), Ricky Ray (father of Ty Ray), Holly Winters, Lambert Dunn (father of Jamie Sisson), Curtis Adkins, Bobby Cornelson, LaJuan McCraw, Betty Osmus, Terry Fuller's son, Michale Chase, Troy Lee, Roy Ford, Hanson Sisson (Bob's brother).

Joys & Concerns—Joy for Butch Collins being cured of cancer (son-in-law of Phil & Glenda Tannehill); Rose Ratcliffe; Carol Wright (recovery from shoulder surgery); Gloria Loken; Bill Townsend; Donna Taylor; Cherie & Gerald Payne (Brookdale, Kelley Ramey's mom); Joyce Hamburger (medical); all world leaders; Bryan Baxter; Family of Violet Chadwick (aunt of Alene Macaulay); Those struggling with marital issues; Kaye Zimmerman (mother of Shauna Rhoads); Mary Statser; Wanda Avant; All care-givers serving loved ones; Joy Blanton; Archer George; Jeanne Rookhuyzen; Karen & Kenny Day; Kamdyn Taunton; Hannah Bockelman; Kirk Milligan; Tyler Hoffman; KeriAynn Strickler; Kristi Lamle; those with addictions/mental illness/depression; Jason Mills; James Ediger; Armando; all those incarcerated and their families.

**FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
February 4, 2018
8:30 & 10:30AM
5th Sunday After the Epiphany
Color is Green

Liturgists: Roger Penner (8:30); Logan Doyals (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

Gathering Chimes . . . Let the people enter into silence

The Greeting & Opening Prayer Rev. Brack

Prelude "Lord of the Dance" arr. Martin
Marti Bessinger, organ

Words of Welcome

❖❖ Gathering Song W. & S. No. 3059
"Love Has Come" (v. 3 only)

✠ WORDS OF GATHERING & PRAISE

Praise the Lord! How good it is for us to gather and sing praises to our God. **Great is our Lord, who understands us, lifts us up, and strengthens us.** Sing with joy and thanksgiving to the Lord, who fills our lives with steadfast love. **Praise the Lord! Let's worship!**

✠ PROCESSIONAL

Hymn of Praise U.M.H. No. 160
"Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart" (vv. 1, 3, 5)

Lighting of the Altar Candles & Lifting Up the Cross

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Together, let us pray . . . **Almighty God, who has healed our wounds by the wounds of Your only-begotten Son: Work in us that which is pleasing in Your sight, that we might possess You and You possess us; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God forever and ever. AMEN.**

❖ ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

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]

As children return to their seats, **ALL SING** . . . W. & S. No. 3163

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✠ THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:29-39

"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

"Heading in the Other Direction"

Rev. Brack

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS & OURSELVES

PASTORAL PRAYER

III. THANKSGIVING and HOLY COMMUNION

Steward: Carol Paxton

Servers: Roger Penner, Logan Doyals, Charles & Karol Dillard

A SERVICE OF WORD and TABLE II

U.M.H. No. 12

PASSING OF THE PEACE Sharing signs of love and reconciliation

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING . . . God offers us peace, strength, and love. As a sign of our thanksgiving and praise, let us offer our gifts to God.

OFFERTORY

"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts" Emma Lou Diemer
Marti Bessinger, organ

❖ "All the Poor and Powerless" All Sons & Daughters

Hannah Grace Strickler, vocalist; Keagan Smith, guitar

✠ 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

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. 143, 367, 3040, 2254

[❖ To Be Sung as the Loaf and Cup are Shared With Those at the Holy Table]

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Let us pray together . . .

People: **Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery in which You have given Yourself to us. Let us be all things to all people, that they might know Your redeeming love. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

IV. SENDING FORTH INTO GOD'S WORLD

✠ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP (8:30AM only) U.M.H. No. 367
"He Touched Me" (both vv.)

✠ COMMISSION and BLESSING

Sisters and brothers, may God be known in the stillness; may the holy be found in our smallness; and may Christ be made known in our ordinary rhythms of love and grace. Boldly proclaim the abundant and unconditional love of God, through Jesus Christ. Go in peace.
Amen? **AMEN!**

❖✠ PARTING SONG & RECESSIONAL W. & S. No. 3063
"If I Could Visit Bethlehem" (vv. 1 & 3)

If I could visit Bethlehem what presents would I bring?
If I could see what happened then, and say, "I'm glad you've come."
I wouldn't take a modern toy but gold to pay for bread,
Some wine to give His parents joy and wool to warm His bed.

I'd say, "He'll never hurt or kill, and joy will follow tears.
We'll know His name and love Him still in twenty hundred years."
I cannot visit Bethlehem but what I can, I'll do:
I'll love You, Jesus, as my friend, and give my life to you."

POSTLUDE "O, That I Had a Thousand Voices" Paul Manz
Marti Bessinger, organ



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 February 4, 2018 . . .

. Come join us in our newly remodeled Fellowship Hall for "First Sunday Potluck Luncheon" today following the 10:30AM service.

. Due to the football Super Bowl today, there will be no meetings this evening. They will take place next Sunday.

. Let's support the youth today in their annual "Souper Bowl of Caring" fundraiser to help fight hunger in our community. Every dollar collected in the soup bowls goes to the Weatherford Food & Resource Center.

. Sign-up on line for the Life Line Health Screening coming to our church on March 1st. Various packages available to suit your needs. See the pink-colored insert from Life Line Health Screening in your bulletin today.

. Sign-up for our Lenten Study entitled, "Thy Will Be Done," which begins Sunday, Feb. 18th, 4PM in the Neonate Classroom. Books (\$5) and sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

. Pick up your Lenten devotional booklet entitled, "Thy Will Be Done." They're FREE! Everyone should have one for Lent. Also, pick up your Lenten Special Offering Folder and purple bracelet.

. The Learning Tree Pre-School has openings for part-time child care aides. Contact the director, Billie Crispin.

Sign-ups & Service Opportunities . . .

, Next Sunday, Feb. 11th . . .
5:30PM—Committee Work Areas meet
6:30PM—Leadership Team in Neonate Room

, Melissa Jackson, Children's Ministry coordinator, needs your help with light snack suppers for the children when they gather from 5:30P to 6:00P. We need snacks for approx. 15 children. Sign-up sheet located at the Welcome Center. Questions? Please contact Melissa at 620-655-8696.

, Please remember the Youth Group fundraiser that continues along the west-side corridor next to the Youth Lounge. They still have a variety of pecan delights for sale.

, Sign-up at the Welcome Center if you would like to serve as a Liturgist in either service, or as a Holy Communion Server in the 10:30A service.