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Sunday School & Worship

Sunday School 8:45 am—Adult & Children (ages 3yrs—12th Grade)

Joy Class: In Fellowship Hall

Faith Class: In the Parlor

Children: Age assigned Rooms

Worship - 10:00am

In-person

Live-stream on Facebook & YouTube
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United Methodist Church Mission:

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world



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Exodus 3:1-15



August 20, 2023



Our Mission:

To help people find and follow Jesus Christ

Our Vision:

Connecting people with God through worship,
with the church through whole-life discipleship,
and with the world.

Welcome to Worship

*You are invited to stand as able

Prelude	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>	Julie Ulrich & Sheila Burns
Welcome and Announcements		Waid Radford
*Call To Worship		ALL
Leader: This place is holy ground. People: This is a place to hear God’s voice. Leader: God sees the misery of his people; he hears when they cry out. People: God sends us to bring healing and hope to the world. Leader: God has a burning bush, for everyone he has a calling on every life. People: Lord help us to respond with courage and grace.		
*Opening Hymn	<i>Trust and Obey</i>	UMH# 467
*Greeting One Another		ALL
Ministry of Music		Julie Ulrich & Sheila Burns
Children’s Moments		Pastor Mike Raypholtz
Offertory	<i>I Need Thee Every Hour</i>	Julie Ulrich
*Doxology & Offertory Prayer (Praise God, From Whom All Blessings flow)		Pastor Mike Raypholtz
Hymn of Preparation	<i>His Name Is Wonderful</i>	UMH# 174
Prayer for the People & Lord’s Prayer		Waid Radford
ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.		
Scripture Lesson		Exodus 3:1-15
Message	<i>Your Burning Bush, Part 1</i>	Pastor Mike Raypholtz
*Closing Hymn	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	UMH# 593
*Benediction		Pastor Mike Raypholtz
*Postlude		Julie Ulrich

Announcements

Preschool Registration is Open—Contact the Church Office at 740-862-4343.

Contact Information Forms if you have not completed one, forms are at the Connection Center.

Trustees Meeting— short meeting after church service today, Sunday 20th.

Love Package are collecting old Christian Literature, old bibles, guidepost, etc. They will be sending the donated items over seas for Missionary work. There is a Dropbox by the Connection Center.

Announcements—All information to be part of the weekly announcements is due by end of business, 3:00 pm, Tuesdays as they are emailed out on Wednesdays. All bulletins and inserts information is due by end of business, 3:00 pm on Wednesday for that upcoming Sunday bulletin.

Altar Flowers



In Memory of
Trey Martens
on his birthday

Given by
Dave & Leslie Martens

Events this Week

Wednesday, August 23rd
10 am Senior Volleyball (FLC)
11 am Community Lunch (FLC)

Weekly Devotional

MONDAY: Exodus 2:1-10. Pharaoh was trying to destroy the Hebrews, but it was God's plan to keep Moses alive. God arranged for Moses to be found and adopted, and for his own mother to get paid to take care of him (nice work if you can get it)! The name “Moses” is a pun of a word that means “drawn out” of the water. In our baptism we have all been drawn out of the waters of death and given new life. Therefore God has a plan and a calling for all of us!

TUESDAY: Exodus 2:11-15. God doesn't just use the good things in our lives to prepare us, he also uses the worst. Whenever you have bad luck or make a terrible mistake, ask yourself, how will God use this for my good? Moses will learn that his anger and his desire to stand up for his fellow Hebrews from oppression were not misplaced – he was just going about it he wrong way. God will use Moses' new situation to hone his understanding and direct his passion in a wiser way.

WEDNESDAY: Exodus 3:1-6. Usually if a bush catches fire in the desert it is immediately vaporized, but this bush wasn't hurt by the flame. There must have been times in his later life when Moses remembered that image, and thought about how God could keep him from becoming burnt up or burnt out. We tend to think of churches as being “God's house,” but this story shows us that even a sheep yard can be holy ground if God is there! That could change the way we see the whole world!

THURSDAY: Exodus 3:7-10. God always sees and hears. Many people doubt that God is attuned to their suffering because he seems to stay quiet. God's timing is a mystery that we may never understand. But here we see that God is working to not only free the Hebrews, but to give them a story that will fascinate and encourage them for thousands of years to come!

FRIDAY: Exodus 3:11-15. Moses does NOT want this assignment, and he argues with God for two chapters. What do you think of Moses' two questions here (verses 11 & 13) – what do you think he's really saying? Have you ever made these same excuses to God? How does God respond to Moses? How do God's words speak to you for your life right now?