

Please check with a volunteer in the sound booth if you would like a hearing device to use during our worship service. Large-print bulletins and hymnals are also available. Please visit with one of our greeters if you need assistance. We encourage those present to sign one of the attendance logs. Attendance logs are located in the narthex near the sanctuary entrance, by the elevator entrance and in the choir room.

TODAY'S WORSHIP STEWARDS

Lay Reader Missy Schaper
Organist/Director of Music Scott Blankenbaker
Accompanist Lisa Nelson
Visuals Laree Morrise
Sound Chuck Bennett
Greeters Cindy Kalvig, Lana McElroy
Coffee Hour Mark Austin

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Worship Services

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Sanctuary or Facebook
Sunday 11:00 a.m. – Radio Broadcast on KCMR 97.9 FM

First United Methodist Church

“A Christian faith community to further God’s kingdom.”

July 14, 2024



<https://medium.com/@ologyhost/can-hope-and-optimism-be-taught-55f5b3a496a2>

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Prelude
"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" Scott Blankenbaker

Welcome
Announcements

Call to Worship
One: As Abraham welcomed the strangers
Many: So God welcomes us.
One: God greets us with joy
Many: and says, "rest here for awhile."
One: God brings out water to wash our dusty feet
Many: God prepares a meal to nourish our weary spirits.
One: So let us receive the gracious hospitality of our God.
**All: Let us rest in this holy place
where there is shade and water, food and laughter.**

-<http://spaciousfaith.com/2011/10/19/wednesday-worship-piece-calls-to-worship/>

Hymn
"Hope of the World" #178

Moment of Meditation
Be still and Know God is God Psalm 46:10

Opening Prayer

Anthem
"Like a Shepherd" – Don Moen and Deborah Simpson Beyond Praise

Scripture Reading
Genesis 18:1-15
Psalm 23

Hymn
"Faith is Patience in the Night" #2211

Sermon
"Of Course She Laughed" Reverend Melanie Greengo

Hymn
"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" #117

Invitation to the offering
Offering Prayer

Generous and loving God, we come before You with grateful hearts. We give thanks for the gifts you have given us and we pray that You direct and convict our hearts in such a way that we cannot help but serve you with all that we have and all that we are. Help us to share your hope and love with the world. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer
Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn
"Great is Thy Faithfulness" #140

Benediction

Postlude
Excerpt from "O God Our Help..." – Thomas Bliss, arr. Scott Blankenbaker

July 14th – July 20th 2024

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 14

9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary or FB
11:00 a.m. Compassionate Care, Upper Room
11:30 a.m. Radio Broadcast, KCMR 97.9 FM
1:00 p.m. Spirit Filled Trails, Parking Lot

Monday, July 15

9:00 a.m. Turquoise Table
12:30 p.m. Card Writing, Nursery Room 2

Tuesday, July 16

No Church Events

Wednesday, July 17

Supper at Community Kitchen, Volunteering
2:00 p.m. Music Moments, Facebook
5:15 p.m. Beyond Praise, Sanctuary

Thursday, July 18

No Church Events

Friday, July 19

No Church Events

Saturday, July 20

No Church Events

Prayer Chain

Please call the church office at 641-423-4905 to submit a request to the confidential prayer chain. Call Rev. Melanie Greengo at 641-781-0264 if there is an emergency and need for pastoral care outside of office hours.



This is a Hooded Merganser female eating a crayfish in East Park – Mason City. Photo by Lori E.

Did you Know?

Hello, Lori Elbermawy here!

* Hooded Mergansers are exceptional divers. They have keen eyesight that helps them spot prey underwater, including fish, insects, and crustaceans. They can dive to impressive depths and remain submerged for extended periods while foraging.

* Unlike many other birds, Hooded Mergansers have eyes specially adapted for underwater vision.

* Despite their relatively small size, Hooded Mergansers are powerful swimmers. They can swiftly navigate through water using their narrow, serrated bills to catch slippery prey with ease.

* Hooded Mergansers prefer to nest in tree cavities near water bodies. Or, they even will make a wood duck box their home. Thank the effort of folks like our own Eldon Siemers for keeping their habitat healthy! The female lines the nest with down feathers to keep her eggs warm and safe.

Thanks to dedicated conservation efforts and wetland preservation, Hooded Merganser populations have remained stable. Whether you're an avid birdwatcher or just someone who appreciates the beauty of wildlife, the Hooded Merganser is a fascinating bird worth keeping an eye out for on your next outdoor adventure!

Quarter Tube

The new Quarter Tube designation is for the Red Bird Mission. This mission aims to improve the lives of people in the rural mountains of Southeastern Kentucky through programs such as food assistance and spiritual education.



Best Wishes

Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating their special day! Congratulations to the following couples celebrating an anniversary this week:

July 14th

Allison & Dion Cody

July 16th

Kayla & Chad Helland

July 17th

Karl & Lynn Griffith
Nancy & Gary Hendrickson

July 20th

Jerry & Doris Tieszen

Supper Club

The Supper Club will be meeting at Pizza Ranch on July 25th at 5:15 p.m. Please sign up by July 22nd on the sign-up sheet located in the back of the sanctuary.

First UMC Women

The Swaledale UMC Women are inviting First UMC women to their Tea Luncheon on August 10th at 2 p.m. Their special guest will be Becky Litterer who will be discussing plants and spiritual gardening. Please RSVP to Linda Fessler at 641-998-2921 by August 5th.

Mason City Elementary School Mission Project

For the months of July and August, the congregation is invited to join our United Women in Faith in a Mason City Elementary School Mission Project. We have learned there is a need right here in our own community for several things. Financial Gifts are also welcome with a memo note of "school project".

New socks (boys and girls)

New underwear (boys and girls) - sizes 6 to 12

Toiletries - e.g. child's toothbrush, soap, shampoo

Items may be placed in the labeled grocery cart in the entry. Thank you for your donations and supporting local children!

Beth Alverson

SPECIAL MUSIC

There are still a couple of open Sundays (August 25 & Sept. 1) to be filled during the summer months. If you or someone you know would be interested in sharing your/their gifts, we would love to have that worship enhancement. Please contact Scott Blankenbaker for more information.



Sunday, July 21

9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary or FB
11:30 a.m. Radio Broadcast, KCMR 97.9 FM
1:00 p.m. Spirit Filled Trails, Parking Lot

Monday, July 22

9:00 a.m. Turquoise Table

Tuesday, July 23

No Church Events

Wednesday, July 24

Lori on Vacation through July 29th
Lunch at Community Kitchen, Volunteering
2:00 p.m. Music Moments, Facebook
5:15 p.m. Beyond Praise, Sanctuary
7-8:30 p.m. Private Event, Fireside Room

Thursday, July 25

10:00 a.m. Pastors' Circuit
5:15 p.m. Supper Club, Pizza Ranch

Friday, July 26

No Church Events

Saturday, July 27

No Church Events



Radio Ministry Sponsors

11:30 a.m. Sunday - KCMR 97.9 FM

This Sunday's radio broadcast is kindly sponsored by Patricia Thompson.

Sign up to sponsor a radio broadcast by sending an email to office@masoncityfirstumc.org or calling 641-423-4905.

Cost to sponsor a Sunday is \$80. Thank you!

Available Radio Dates:

7/21, 8/4, 8/11, 8/25, 9/1