

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	Sue Griffith
Organist/Director of Music	Scott Blankenbaker
Accompanist	Lisa Nelson
Visuals	Marty Petzoldt
Sound	Chuck Petzoldt
Greeters	Cindy Kalvig, Lana McElroy
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Event Coordinator	Betty Chipman
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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 21, 2024



COURAGE

<https://vividcomm.com/2020/04/13/courage-in-business/>

Reverend Melanie Greengo
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Prelude
"Allegro" – D. Scarlatti / Broughton, arr. Scott Blankenbaker

Welcome
Announcements

Call to Worship
Our help is in the name of the Lord our God,
the Maker of heaven and earth,
who comes to our aid in times of need,
who gives us the courage to do what we know is right,
who invites us to turn away from the influences of the world around us
and confess Him alone as Saviour and Lord.
This is our God!
Let's worship together.

-<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/08/call-to-worship-august-21-2011.html>

Hymn
"O Day of God, Draw Nigh" #730

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

Opening Prayer

Anthem
Katie Harper, Jackson
Harper-Griffith, Sue & Randy Griffith
"Ave Maris Stella" – Grieg

Wondering with Pastor Mel

Scripture Reading Exodus 1: 8-22

Hymn
"For the Healing of the Nations" #428

Sermon
"Do no harm. Do Good. Stay in love with God." Reverend Melanie Greengo

Hymn
"Make Me a Servant" (sing through twice) #2176

Invitation to the offering
Offering Prayer (in unison)

Holy God, in this moment of offering, we acknowledge your timeless presence and boundless love. As we bring forth our gifts, may we be reminded of your unwavering faithfulness and steadfast guidance in our lives. Grant us the wisdom to heed your call to worship and live out our faith with humility and grace. Amen.

- <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/worship-with-rejoicing/ninth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-b-lectionary-planning-notes/ninth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-b-offertory-prayer>

Pastoral Prayer
Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn
"I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me" #2153

Benediction

Postlude
"In Christ There is No East or West" – Reinagle, arr. Scott Blankenbaker

July 21st – July 27th 2024

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 21st

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 22nd

9:00 a.m. Turquoise Table

Tuesday, July 23rd

No Church Events

Wednesday, July 24th

Lori on Vacation through July 29th

Lunch at Community Kitchen, Volunteering
2:00 p.m. Music Moments, Facebook
7-8:30 p.m. Private Event, Fireside Room

Thursday, July 25th

Lori on Vacation

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

Friday, July 26th

Lori on Vacation

Saturday, July 27th

Lori on Vacation

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.



Hello everyone - Lori Elbermawy, Christian Administrator here, presenting you with another fact about God's beautiful planet. This is a Blue Dasher dragonfly. Blue Dashers are the largest member of the Skimmer type of (Dragonfly) family. They are a stunning blue, and can be found around still waters, marshes, bogs, lakes and wetlands.

A dragonfly goes through a process of metamorphosis, like butterflies, but quite different. A female Blue Dasher can lay up to 700 eggs in about a half a minute. Those eggs, when hatched, feed on water insects, mosquito larvae, small fish and tadpoles. They also are the prey of fish. As nymphs, they are tolerant and adapted to poor water quality, and low oxygen levels - this is one feature that make them prolific hunters of mosquito larvae, which is also prone to the same areas and conditions.

When a dragonfly nymph has fully developed into a dragonfly, they bust out of their exoskeleton and fly to the skies. You will see them dancing in the air above the marshland, lakes and bogs catching HUNDREDS of insects per day. They are God's mosquito controllers! They eat up to 10% of their body weight a day in flying insects. Can you imagine eating that much food a day ourselves!?

Even though our dragonflies are adapted to poor water quality, it doesn't mean their existence is not threatened. They are still at risk, because of wetlands destruction, insecticides, and chemical pollution of our water bodies.

The next time you are by a quiet body of water, take notice of the different species of dragonflies spinning in the air. Give them a thanks for the hard work they do to help control the mosquito population - and thank God especially, for everything that was made by God's perfect design.

(Photo of Blue Dasher Dragonfly at Ventura, IA marsh 2024 by Lori Elbermawy)

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 22nd

Michelle & Charles Sanders

July 24th

Dennis & Kathryn Gossweiler
Dan & Dawn Pruisman

July 25th

Don & Marsha Kibsgaard

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 28th

Lori on Vacation

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 29th

Lori on Vacation

9:00 a.m. Turquoise Table

2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 30th

Music Moments, Facebook

Wednesday, July 31st

No Church Events

Thursday, August 1st

No Church Events

Friday, August 2nd

No Church Events

Saturday, August 3rd

No Church Events



Radio Ministry Sponsors

11:30 a.m. Sunday – KCMR 97.9 FM

This Sunday's radio broadcast does not have a sponsor.

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:

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