

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	Laree Morrise
Organist/Director of Music	Scott Blankenbaker
Accompanist	Lisa Nelson
Visuals	Jim Bissig
Sound	Jeff Thieman
Greeters	Cindy Kalvig, Lana McElroy
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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 7, 2024



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Reverend July Eilders

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Prelude Scott Blankenbaker
"Prelude on *Come, O Thou Traveler*"

Welcome
Announcements

Call to Worship
Put your trust in God, who knows our names.
The Holy One does not forsake those who seek God.
Be gracious to us, Holy One.
For you are the One who lifts us from the storm.
We praise you in every time and space.
We rejoice that your hand guides us.

-Michelle L. Torigian, *Abingdon Worship Annual 2024*

Hymn "Morning Has Broken" #145

Moment of Centering

Opening Prayer
Holy Breath of life, we enter this space searching for sacred peace.
May the winds of this hour be quiet and calming.
May the waters of this day be as peaceful as a pond.
May our hearts find the tranquility we desire.
May we fill the air with sweet songs of joy. Amen

Anthem "There's a Spirit of Love" *Chancel Choir*
Mark A. Miller

Scripture Reading I Samuel 17: 4-11, 19-23, 32-49
Mark 4: 35-41

Hymn "This Is My Song" #437

Sermon "Peace in My Heart" *Reverend Judy Eilders*

Hymn "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" #349
(sing through twice)

Invitation to the offering
Offering Prayer

We are always rejoicing, Holy One, for your many gifts in our lives. Even when we have nothing, you make us feel as if we have everything. May these gifts usher peace into our world, that all may know of your love and touch your grace. Amen.

Holy Communion

May God be with you.
May God be with us here.
We come with all we are, body, mind, and spirit.
We offer all we are to God.
Let us thank god.
We thank God for wisdom, truth, and life.

...and so, with all of creation, and the great company of heaven, we praise you as we join in the unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might!
Creation and heaven are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is Jesus, who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest.

...we praise you and give thanks for all that we have received, offering our whole selves to you, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

. . . holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, holy God, now and forever.

Amen.

Receiving of Elements

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn "Let There Be Peace on Earth" #431

Benediction

Postlude "Improvisation" *Scott Blankenbaker*

July 7th – July 13th 2024



Sunday, July 7

- 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Food Bank Collection, Narthex
- 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 8

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

Tuesday, July 9

- 5:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 10

- 2:00 p.m. Music Moments on Facebook
- 5:15 p.m. Beyond Praise, Sanctuary
- 7-8:30 p.m. Private Event, Fireside Room

Thursday, July 11

- 4:00 p.m. Missions

Friday, July 12

No Church Events

Saturday, July 13

No Church Events



Did You Know?

Hello, Jade the new Office Manager here!

Beavers are an animal native to Iowa. I saw one the other day.

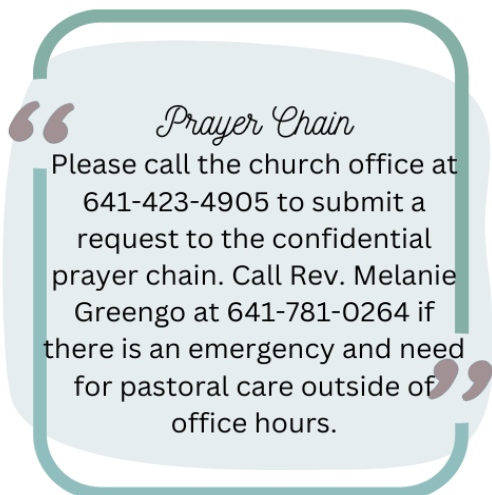
Beavers can clock in at about 4 feet long, including their tail. They're also incredibly strong, as they can carry logs and branches while standing on their back legs.

Speaking of tails, beavers use their tail to communicate. When a beaver senses danger approaching, it will slap the surface of the water with its tail as a warning signal. It helps alert nearby beavers that there's a threat, keeping the colony safe.

A beaver's teeth never stop growing, meaning they have to constantly gnaw on wood to prevent overgrowth. There is iron in their tooth enamel, making their incisors incredibly strong. It's the iron in their teeth that make them look slightly orange.

Even though they stay underwater a lot, beavers are still mammals. They breathe pure air instead of breathing underwater like a fish. Beavers can stay underwater for up to 8 minutes, and they are able to close their noses and ears to keep water out.

Beavers are the original engineers. By constructing elaborate dams, they are the construction crew of nature and can completely change their surroundings. They use branches, rocks, mud, and vegetation to create ponds for shelter and protections. Their dams change water flow, help recharge groundwater, and provide a habitat for various other species.





Best Wishes

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

July 9th

Ken & Lori Smith

COMING SOON TO A PULPIT NEAR YOU:

6-Week Sermon Series:

"Yes. These stories really are in the Bible!"

July 14th-Aug 18th

Come and learn from our very flawed and very human ancestors in the Older Testament. Together we will explore some fascinating and often wild stories found in the Older Testament.

July 14-What can we learn about faith and doubt from Abraham and Sarah?

July 21-Learn how to live out your convictions from Shiphrah and Puah.

July 28-See what God has to say about grumbling and complaining (it may surprise you!).

Aug 4-See what being Holy means through the eyes of Samson.

Aug 11-Learn how God turned around Elijah's ministry with a nap.

Aug 14-Let's explore Esther's story together! (There will be props, so come prepared!)

God's peace and love to you.
Pastor Mel Greengo

*Pastor Mel will be out of the Office June 24th-
July 7th.*

Contact the office for pastoral care emergencies.



Sunday, July 14

9:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
1:00 p.m.

Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
Worship Service, Sanctuary or FB
Radio Broadcast, KCMR 97.9 FM
Spirit Filled Trails, Parking Lot

Monday, July 15

9:00 a.m.
12:30 p.m.

Turquoise Table
Card Writing Ministry, Nursery 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

6:00 p.m. Bridges of Hope, Fellowship Hall

Friday, July 19

No Church Events

Saturday, July 20

No Church Events



Radio Ministry Sponsors

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

This Sunday's radio broadcast will not be sponsored.

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:

7/7, 7/14, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11, 8/25