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"Sharing Christ: Love, Hope, Joy"



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 29, 2023 • 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

*PARISH INVOLVEMENT

*GREETINGS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

MOMENT OF QUIET MEDITATION

PRELUDE

Charissa Garrigus

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: You know the message God sent to all through the people of Israel.

People: It is a message of peace by Jesus Christ, who has been made Lord of all.

Liturgist: God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by evil forces, for God was with him.

People: He was put to death on the cross but God raised him up on the third day.

Liturgist: He then appeared to many witnesses and commanded them to preach to everyone and testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.

People: All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Liturgist: Today we gather in his name.

People: Today we bless God for the salvation that he freely offers us in Jesus Christ.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 2071

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

*OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, You sent Your Son Jesus not only for Your people Israel but for all nations. From the clutches of death upon a tree, you raised your son to life so that all people would receive eternal life in you. You have given the world faith and hope. Lord, remind us that we are part of something holy, precious, and set apart for a divine purpose.

May we never be ashamed of the gospel because it is the power to save. Use us, God, as those who can reveal the story of death turned to life. In Christ we pray, Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 348
"Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881
"The Apostles' Creed"

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

PSALTER Psalm 29 No. 761

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Acts 10:34-43

SPECIAL MUSIC "Grace Alone Can Cure Our Ills" - D.S. Isaac

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SERMON Pastor David Neuen
Forest Faith
Dead Trees and New Life

RESPOND TO GODS GRACE

HYMN OF PRAYER Screen
"Psalm 1:3"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

GIVING OF GIFTS TO GOD'S MISSION

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

SENDING OF CRISTY ROLESAN AND FAMILY IN CHRISTIAN LOVE

GO OUT WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF COMPASSION No. 318
"Christ is Alive"

*DISMISSAL WITH A BLESSING

Go forth joyfully. God is with you. Bring peace and hope to all you meet. And may God's eternal love shine through you always. AMEN.

*POSTLUDE Charissa Garrigus

Trick-or-Treat for UMCOR • Today

The youth will be collecting for UMCOR after the 9 am service on today!

TODAY'S FLOWERS: Today's chancel flowers are in appreciation of Peggy Richwine on the occasion of her birth anniversary October 28 — a gift of her family. The altar flowers are in honor of Cristy Roleson - a gift of the Richwine family.



Community Lunch
Saturday, Nov. 18
11:30 am



October's
Loose Coin
will support
UMCOR

Prayer Concerns & Worship Notes

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Today's Participants

Pastor: Rev. David Neuen
Liturgist: Sandy Osborne
Children's Message: Susan Hancock
Audio: Curt Barclay
Visual: Eli Roleson, Noah Roleson

Church Staff

Pastor: Pastor David Neuen
Music Director: Luke Garrigus
Organist: Charissa Garrigus
Church Secretary: Cristy Roleson
Business Manager: Sharon Cesnik
Custodial Engineer: Laurie Davis

VIEWS

FROM THE HEIGHTS



The Chapel at the Mountainside

Exploring along the valley of the Teton mountains, we came across a small Episcopal chapel with stunning views of the mountain peaks to its west.

While our stomachs were grumbling for dinner, this serene spot insisted we rest and meditate for a moment. The mist upon the mountain spires evoked God's presence like a pillar of cloud before the congregation, and the wooden pews beacons us to dwell beneath God's splendor and give thanks. What a breathtaking space to have church.

The chapel's original architect did not build on the spot to mark a particular holy encounter or spiritual epiphany. The church was built because ranchers couldn't get anywhere else. For the folks out in the country, taking the long arduous bumpy wagon ride to Jackson, WY was impractical. They would have to navigate the challenging Snake River by ferry to get to Sunday services. When Menor's Ferry broke and worshippers had to travel even further down river, the ranchers had experienced enough. The newly constructed Transfiguration Chapel opened its door in 1925 and has been actively holding summer services ever since. (No services in the winter as even modern-day travelers can't make it to church where several feet of snow go unplowed.) I'm sure that as a preacher or two droned on, the mountain backdrop provided



a mesmerizing escape. _But the motive for this church spot was convenience.



When you remember the event from which the chapel gets its name, you find Peter, James, and John also having a worship

service on the mountain. _They journeyed together on the seventh day up Mt. Tabor to witness Jesus's clothes turning a dazzling white while historic prophets of the faith appeared in his company. It was an experience of spiritual splendor; the men didn't want to leave. _They suggested building a little church on the summit because it was convenient to have Jesus, Moses, and Elijah all together. _They could avoid the strains of the world and praise God with hearts full from the holy high. _Jesus, of course, tells the men to prepare to return to ministry in the valley.

We come to church to be awakened by the beauty of God. _We long to stand before the majesty of God and offer our gratitude. Sometimes we also make our way to church (or we skip) based on convenience. _Do we come to the sanctuary hoping it will make life a little easier? _Do we neglect gathering with the faithful when it doesn't fit our schedule, our weather forecast, or the distance we want to travel that day? _When life gets bumpy and stressful, is worship something we decide to miss? _For all the reasons we gather, Jesus reminds us that the holy encounter on the mountain was an assuring event of God's might that equipped his followers for the real work of ministry with the people down the hillside. _Having seen God's majesty, they were charged with asking, "What are we going to do about pain, suffering, and ugliness in the world?"

The pews will always be open and available for all who want to come, kneel, pray, and rest in the presence of God. _But don't be surprised when the Spirit says it's time to go.



The Stocking Is Hung!

It may be a little early for the stockings to be hung by your mantle at home, but it is not too early for our Big Stocking to collect stuffed animals. The Big Stocking will be in the lounge during the month of November. We have been asked to collect the following for the annual Family Christmas Shopping event.

- *150 Stuffed animals - medium or larger (if possible stay away from real small ones). Need about 40 stuffed animals acceptable for 3 and under - no buttons or glued on eyes*
- *5 new backpacks for our homeless clients*
- *100 cans of spaghetti o's or ravioli*

And as always Fletcher Place always can use monetary donations to cover expenses. Another thought is Amazon or Kroger gift cards that Fletcher could use.



NOVEMBER LOOSE COIN

During the month of November, the loose change offering will go to support Fletcher Place Christmas Drive.

Please remember it is only the change that is in the offering plate that helps with each month's focused group. If you would like to make an additional gift, please place it in an envelope marked Loose Coin.



Sunday, Nov 5 at 2 am

The next book the UHUMC book club will read is *Fire by Night* by Lynn Austin. We will discuss the book on November 2, at 11:30 am, in the 2nd floor conference room. All are welcome to join us. Questions? Contact Marylynne Winslow.



MISSION HEARTS

The Christmas season is upon us and that means it's time to honor or remember those you love. You may buy mission hearts for \$5 each on three Sundays – Dec. 3, Dec 10 & Dec. 17..

This year's Mission Heart money will be go to support the BIBs Pantry.

In memory of:

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In honor of:

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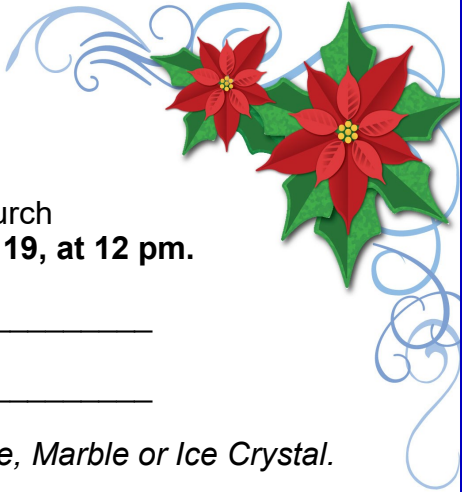
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NAME _____

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Poinsettia Order Form

You can order poinsettias as gifts, in honor of, or in memory of loved ones.



Please drop the order form in the offering plate or return it to the church office no later than **Sunday, Nov. 19, at 12 pm.**

Your Name _____

ENCLOSED IS \$ _____

Poinsettias: (\$17 each) Red, White, Marble or Ice Crystal.

In Memory/Honor of _____

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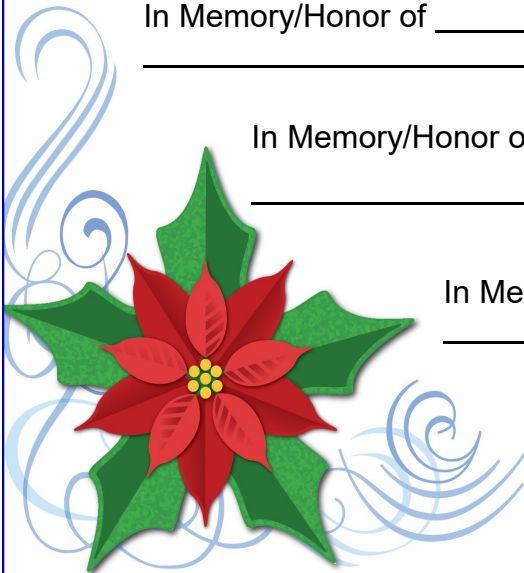
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Evening
with
Santa
Friday, Dec. 8
6:30 pm

**Order your
Christmas
Poinsettia's today!
Forms are due
Sunday, Nov. 19.**

November Birthdays

4 Janet Driskell	20 Delbert Carney
5 Peter Yawchan	21 Nina McCrary
8 Mary Stahlhut	22 Richard Curts
12 Curt Barclay	26 Karen Hickman
Amie Walls	29 Don Hannon
18 Nancy Stenger	30 Philip Fowler

November Anniversaries

11/10/2001
Scott & Barbie McCrary
11/21/1964
David & Kay Wiley
11/30/1996
Thin & Maelee Pham



Thank you to
all of you who
have brought
in hats and
gloves for our
Helping Hand.

School children greatly
appreciate being warm while
they are waiting for the school
bus.

Thank for those who
participated in the Children's
Center Fundraiser.

Director Chris Roberts

**Join us for Hanging of the Greens on
Sunday, Nov. 26 after the service.**

Many hands make light work.



**Community Lunch
Saturday, Nov. 18
11:30 am**



**November's
Loose Coin
will support
Fletcher Place
Shopping**

Join us Nov. 5
At 9 am
All Saints' Sunday
We remember all
those who died
this past year.



Join Pastor David Sunday, Nov. 5 at 11:00 am as he shares his experiences from his summer sabbatical.

Connecting & Moving in God's World

Join us as we renew our faith through relationship building, physical wellness, and a celebration of creation.

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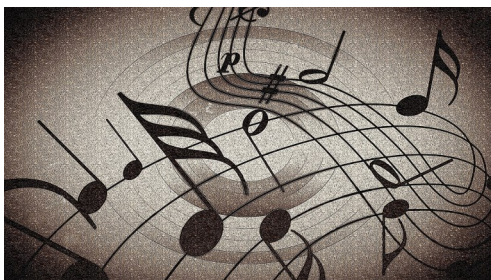
Donuts with Darrin



Join Darrin Scott Isaac as he hosts “Donuts with Darrin” on Sunday, Nov. 19 at 11:15 am in the Conference Room at University Heights United Methodist Church. He will discuss his work with the Northwest Florida Symphonic Chorale, his work in Music Ministry at Point Washington UMC, and his Requiem to be premiered the same day.

Indiana Composer Debut New Music

Sound Ecologies and the UHUMC Music Department present a concert of new choral works by Indiana composers: Henry Hartley, Amanda Ellery, Cat Hoelscher, Hannah Guo, and Darrin Isaac. Chamber chorus, classical guitar, and



string quartet combine forces to premiere D.S. Isaac's newly commissioned Requiem. The concert will begin with a presentation by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Join us on Sunday, Nov. 19 at 3 pm in the University Heights UMC Sanctuary.



**Mark Your Calendars
for
Carols, Choirs & Cookies
Sunday, Dec. 3
9 am**

More details coming soon.

Take Note: On Sunday, Dec. 3 our broadcast on WICR 88.7 FM will be a rebroadcast of last year's Carol, Choir and Cookies event.

To listen to this year's Carols, Choirs & Cookies go to [spotify.com](https://open.spotify.com) and look up University Heights UMC. You'll know its us by our logo. Choose which one you want.