

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, September 4

8:30 am Worship Service-C
9:00 am Worship Service-FH
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Chancel Choir-CR
11:00 am Worship Service-S

Monday, September 5

Labor Day! Church Office Closed!
6:45 am Community Breakfast-FH

Tuesday, September 6

8:30 am FUMC PreK-1st Day!
9:00 am FUMC Preschool & MMO-1st Day!
10:00 am Staff Meeting-Pastor Jim's Office
5:30 pm Bell Choir-HB

Wednesday, September 7

8:30 am Intercessory Prayer-Room 49
8:30 am FUMC PreK
9:00 am FUMC Preschool & MMO
6:30 pm Chancel Choir-CR
7:00 pm Nominations Committee-ACR

Thursday, September 8

8:30 am FUMC PreK
9:00 am FUMC Preschool & MMO
6:15 pm Stephen Ministers-P

Friday, September 9

E-Newsletter articles due!
5:30 am BSF Leaders
1:30 pm Church Office Closes!

Saturday, September 10

5-8 pm Youth: Summer Sunset
Celebration-Sunset Park



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Monday, September 5,
in observance of Labor Day!

Welcome to The Hub!

The Hub, previously called "the pit," has been transformed over the last few months and with that transformation comes new purpose. It's a place where people may go to find out more information about upcoming events, small groups, youth and children activities, sign up for mission opportunities and events, and enjoy coffee on Sundays.



"Justifying Grace: Receiving the Gift of Friendship"

is the theme of the sermon *next* Sunday.
The scripture lessons are John 15:12-17
and Romans 5:1-11.
Come and bring a friend!

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS

Church, 1st Floor

Room 1 (Parlor): Horizon Sunday School
Richard Laney, teacher

Church, 2nd Floor

Rooms 32-34: Children's Small Groups
(for students K-5th grade)

Room 35: Middle School class
Kim or Troy Matthews, teachers

Room 36: High School class
Alysun or Kris Skinner, teachers

Room 39: William Whitehead class
Bob Cameron, Doug Broad &
Tommy Nunalee, teachers

Room 42: Engage class
Will Geanes, teacher

Room 43: REAL Life
Kevin Boudreau, teacher

Room 49: Langill Watson class
Milton Mann, teacher

Nursery Workers for September

9/4	9:00	Amy Brown & Kim Matthews
	11:00	Jill Everett & Heather Freeman
9/11	9:00	Beth Joseph & Amy Luttrell
	11:00	Hadley Gross & Ashley Ward
9/14	OBN	Melissa Bynum
9/18	9:00	Debra Boudreau & Kelley Tyndall
	11:00	Susan Johnson & Debbie Ray
9/21	OBN	Melissa Bynum
9/25	9:00	Mary Lew Benson & Debra West
	11:00	Debbie Bonner & Jenny White
9/28	OBN	Melissa Bynum



"To Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"

Let us pray that

people may be employed

with meaningful work

and fulfilling vocations

in our country.

**Today's theme: God yearns to be in a relationship with us
and searches for us tirelessly.**

September 4, 2016

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WELCOME!!! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

The mission of our church is to know Christ

and to make Christ known. We invite you to join us in this life-transforming mission.

Please register your attendance on an attendance pad on your row, and pass the pad along to your neighbor. If you are a guest, please include your address and telephone number, so we can stay in touch.

Stewardship Report August 28, 2016



Worship Attendance: 258

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Received: \$9,891.46

Online donations received during the month of August: \$1,702.00

September 1st Drafts: \$1,040.00
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FUMC IRA Seminar

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Sympathy to Brian Dubberly and his family on the passing of his father, *Pat Dubberly*, in Georgia.



Food Bag Ministry

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FUMC Fish Fry October 7

Tickets for Sale!



Tickets (\$8 each) will be **for sale** in The Hub (lobby outside of the fellowship hall) or at the back entrance beginning **today!**



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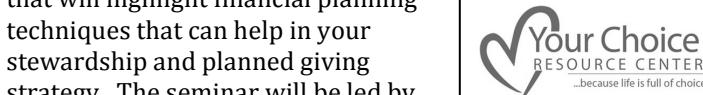
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Sunday, September 4, 2016 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM

Gather

Songs of Praise

*How He Loves
Mighty To Save*

*Sweetly Broken
Blessed Assurance*

John Mark McMillan
Ben Fielding/
Reuben Morgan
Jeremy Riddle
Fanny Jane Crosby/
Phoebe Palmer Knapp

Welcome

Hear

Scripture Lesson

Luke 19:1-10

Children's Message

Sermon

"Prevenient Grace: God Seeks Us"

Rev. Jim Bell

Respond

Invitation to Communion

Confession

Pardon

The Peace

Giving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

All I Need Is You

Marty Sampson

Communion

Come As You Are

Ben Glover/David
Crowder/Matt Maher

Go

Song of Praise

I'll A Servant Be

David Ruis

Blessings & Sending Forth

A nursery (0 to 4 years) is available on the preschool hall during all worship services.

Participating with the clergy in this morning's service: Alysun Skinner

Sunday, September 4, 2016
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM

You are invited to be seated in the front half of the sanctuary in order to enhance your worship experience and the experience of others.

The Church Gathers for Worship

Chiming of the Trinity

Parish Concerns

Prelude

Morning Has Broken Irish, arr. Wilbur Held

Introit

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast
Come, sinners, to the Gospel feast;
Let every soul be Jesus' guest.
Ye need not one be left behind,
For God hath bid all humankind.

HURSLEY

*Call to Worship

Sing aloud to God our strength.

Shout for joy to the Lord of Life.

Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

Glory to God forever.

*Hymn 400

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON

Opening Prayer

Holy God, your word is a light in darkness and a source of blessing.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us; enliven our hearts and minds as
we hear your word for us today; through Jesus Christ we pray.
Amen.

The Church Hears God's Word

Old Testament Lesson

Ezekiel 34:11-16

Anthem

Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us Bradbury/arr. Ailor
 text and melody: Hymnal No. 381

Children's Sermon

Gospel Lesson

Luke 19:1-10

Sermon

"Prevenient Grace: God Seeks Us" Rev. Jim Bell

The Church Responds to God's Word

*Hymn 378

Amazing Grace AMAZING GRACE

Invitation to Communion

Confession

Pardon

The Peace

Giving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory Anthem *Prelude in F minor* J. K. F. Fischer

*The Doxology *Doxology with Alleluias* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Music During Communion

You are invited to join in in the singing of
Let Us Break Bread Together, No. 618.

Prayer after Receiving

The Church Goes Forth to Serve God

*Hymn 398

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

GALILEE

*Benediction

*Congregational Response *Christ Beside Me*

BUNESSAN

Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me never to part.

*Postlude

We Christians, Rejoice

J. S. Bach

***Please stand as you are able.**

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The flowers on the Sanctuary altar today are given to the glory of God
 and in memory of Mary Phillips Strange by Ed and Martha Strange.

Participating with the clergy in this morning's service:

Acolytes: Davis Epps

Crucifer: Thomas White

Liturgist: Alysun Skinner