

## 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**



The church office will be closed

**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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**Sunday, September 4, 2016**  
**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**8:30 AM**

Parish Concerns

Prelude *Morning Has Broken* Irish, arr. Wilbur Held

\*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.**

Old Testament Lesson Ezekiel 34:11-16

\*Gloria Patri No. 70

Gospel Lesson Luke 19:1-10

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

\*Hymn 378 *Amazing Grace* AMAZING GRACE

Invitation to Communion

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Pardon

The Peace

Giving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory

\*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! Alleluia!**

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\*Hymn 398 *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult* GALILEE

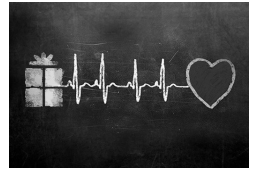
\*Benediction

\*Postlude *We Christians, Rejoice* J. S. Bach

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

**Participating with the clergy in this morning's service:** Dr. Marty Cauley

**New Sermon Series: Living in God's Grace**



Grace—God's unmerited love for us—is the foundation of United Methodist theology and practice. Grace shows us who God is, who we are, and who we can become. Grace is at the heart of our relationship with God, and our relationships with people. This vital sermon series will illumine John Wesley's concept of grace. The series will help the ideas of prevenient grace, justifying grace, and sanctifying grace come alive. We will discover how grace enriches and empowers our everyday lives as disciples of Christ.

**September 4: Prevenient Grace - God Seeks Us**

Luke 19:1-10

God yearns to be in a relationship with us and searches for us tirelessly.

**September 11: Justifying Grace - Receiving the Gift of Friendship**

Romans 5:1-11

When we say "yes" to God's invitation to a relationship, we are made right with God.

**September 19: Sanctifying Grace - Living Our "Thank You" to God**

John 14:12-17

The Holy Spirit empowers us to grow in love and holiness as we live in response to God's grace.



**September 16-18**

**Our Big Weekend**

is Retreating... to **CAMP DON LEE!**

We'll leave Friday evening and return Sunday afternoon. This will be a faith and fun-filled experience for all! The total cost for each person (ages 5+) is \$50.00. Children 1-4 are \$20.00 and children under 1 are free. **Today is the last chance to sign up! Please call Michelle Batchelor at 252-883-7462.**

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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

Tithes and Offerings

Received: \$9,891.46

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

September 1st Drafts: \$1,040.00

Give on-line at [fumcrm.org](http://fumcrm.org).



### FUMC IRA Seminar

Sunday, **September 25, 2016**, at 10:00 a.m. there will be a special seminar that will highlight financial planning techniques that can help in your stewardship and planned giving strategy. The seminar will be led by two members of our church who are experts in financial planning: Steve Felton, Financial Advisor, and Keith Beck, Certified Public Accountant. Come explore ways to financially transform your tithing to help you keep more!

**Beginning Friday, September 9, the church office will close at 1:30 p.m. on Fridays.**

## Our Church Family

**We lift up in prayer** the Thorne family, the Holland family, the Mitchell family, Mickey Bailey, Janice Foster, Steve and Sandy Pernel, and Eddy Drake.

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



### Food Bag Ministry

*"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."* Matthew 25:35

We will be distributing food to those in need on Tuesday, **September 13**, from **2-3 p.m. in the annex**. You can help by picking up a bag and filling it or by donating money. Please write "Food Bags" on your check, and the money will be used to purchase food. Thank you for helping those less fortunate.

### 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!**



### Walk for Life

Every child is wanted by someone. "Help make a difference." What can you do? Walk for Life. The 26th annual Your Choice Resource Center's Walk for Life is coming up Saturday, **September 17**, at Englewood Park, 9:15 a.m. Start signing up your sponsors now! For sponsor forms and additional information, call Jena Katkaveck at 451-2547. You can make the difference for life!

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

### Gather

Songs of Praise

*How He Loves  
Mighty To Save*

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

*Sweetly Broken  
Blessed Assurance*

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

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*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**  
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**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* HURSLEY  
*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.*

\*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

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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!***

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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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**during all worship services.**

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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