

Becoming The People of God

February 11, 2024

Scouting Sunday



Order of Worship

WE GATHER

- Opportunities** Rev. Judy
- Prelude** *“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”* Kim Crom
- Presentation of Colors** Boy Scout Troops 220 & 71
- Welcome** Rev. Deb Wacker
- Choral Introit** Chancel Choir
- *Call to Worship** Dustin Spillar

Leader: The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth (Psalm 50:1-2).

Leader: God’s glory fills the earth, but sometimes we, like Elisha, do not think we are ready to encounter glory.

People: And yet, God’s glory showed up anyway.

Leader: Sometimes we are like the disciples who witnessed Jesus’ transfiguration and wanted to cling to that one glorious moment.

People: And yet, God called them down from the mountain.

Leader: So, we gather today, some of us feeling ready and some of us feeling wholly unprepared, yet all are called together to worship and to be led by glory out into the world.

People: God, may we perceive your glory all around us, pointing us in the way you would have us go. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** *UMH #77 vs. 1,3 & 4*
“How Great Thou Art”
(Children are invited to come to the front during the last verse)

Children’s Message Chuck Spillar
(Bible Storytime for Children K-3rd grade. Follow Melissa.)

PREPARATION TO HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture: Trevor Spillar
2 Kings 2:1-12 and Mark 9:2-9

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God
People: Thanks be to God

Sermon *“Crossing Over”* Rev. Deb

WE RESPOND

- Blessing of our Scouts** Rev. Deb
- Hymn of Prayer** *“Spirit Song”* UMH #347
- Pastoral Prayer** Rev. Deb

The Lord’s Prayer

Choral Response Chancel Choir

- Offering** Rev. Deb
- Offertory** *“Oh How He Loves You and Me”*
- *Doxology** *“Sanctuary”*

WE GO FORTH

Closing Hymn: *UMH #156 1, 2 & 4*
“I Love to Tell the Story”

- *Benediction** Rev. Deb
- Choral Closing** Chancel Choir
- Postlude** *“America”* Kim Crom

Prayers

Sara Simon and family on the passing of her Aunt Ruth Hooper.

John Tracy, Priscilla's son, was in a head-on collision.

Jon Ainsworth, as he recovers from outpatient foot surgery.

Angie McClelland's mother, **Nancy Razey**, is in Hospice suffering with Body Inclusion Myositis.

Angie Edward's nephew, **Chris Roberts** as his legs heal.

Ken Wacker Sr. struggling with Prostate Cancer.

Smokey Boyer: congestive heart failure.

Charlie Carson living at Medallion Rehab.

Bob Adams and his health issues.

Jack Whitney is scheduled for cardiac surgery.

Prayers for **Cheyenne, Austin, Danny, Sam, Jack, Oscar, Drew, Gael**, and **Trevor** as they attend confirmation the weekend of Feb. 17th.

Our "WAVES", our country and its leaders.
Our World: The people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Gaza.
Serving in mission: Kutela Katembo, Angola, Africa

Presence

Sanctuary 69, Nursery 2, Fellowship 5,
Online 4, Total: 80

Gifts:

Feb 4 th	Jan 28 th	Jan 21 st	Jan 14 th
\$4189	\$3844	\$3543	\$4901

Opportunities

How Many Cans Can a Food Cart Contain
If Each Can Can Contain Some Fruit??

A silly tongue twister ... or a serious call for help? The pantry at Mercy's Gate needs **canned fruit and other non-perishable food and hygiene items**. Let's see how many cans a cart can contain!! (We'll publish the count in the Messenger next month.) You may bring donations to the cart in the entry on any Sunday or weekday. Thanks for caring!

"Helping Others X 2!" FEBRUARY MISSION FOCUS

You have been so generous in the past that there is a fund from previous year's "Bundles of Love" to purchase underwear and socks for Mitchell HS, Swigert MS, and Wilson Elem. **BUT! The Backpack Project needs more money due to the rising cost of food.** The same three schools receive a total of 60 backpacks each month, and there are families who rely on those groceries and hygiene items to make it through the month.

YOU ARE INVITED TO HELP X 2: You may bring "Bundles of Love" (socks and underwear) if you wish. **That certainly will help! Please contribute all cash or checks for the Backpack Project.** Checks may be made to Central UMC, designated Backpack Project.

Events

Today at 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Super Bowl Party in Fellowship Hall

Come watch the first half and Halftime Show, then head home to finish the game.
Bring Snacks, ~~your competitive nature~~, I mean loving nature, and prepare to have fun.

Ash Wednesday

Next Wednesday, February 14, 2024
@ Central UMC – 10 a.m. – Imposition of Ashes
@ Sunrise UMC – United Methodist Community
Worship - 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Tiffany Keith and Sunrise UMC have invited us to a pre-gathering of snacks before the service begins, leaving the closing to be somber in nature. Please bring hors d'oeuvres to share at 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Study with Rev. Deb
"He Chose the Nails" by Max Lucado

Class will meet twice each week Feb. 20-Mar. 26
Tuesday mornings at 9:30 -10:30 a.m.,
Thursday evenings at 6:00 -7:00 p.m.
Books (\$14.00) are available in the office.

Confirmation
is next weekend February 17-19, 2024