

### Birthdays...

- 6 Allison Miller  
Justin Burns  
Seth Black
- 7 Jackie Black
- 8 Brittany Hernandez  
Addison Opheim  
Dick Sample
- 10 Kim Gustafson

### Anniversaries...

- 6 Hojin Shin & Gloria Lee
- 9 Doug & Margaret Miller

### Attendance ...

10/27/19 120

### Empowering EFUMC Ministry...

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| General Fund       | \$ 4,126.00  |
| Family Life Center | \$ 2,520.00  |
| Then Feed          | \$ 1,550.00  |
| Just One           |              |
| Soup Supper        | \$ 1,545.03  |
| Bake Sale          | \$ 435.50    |
| Total              | \$ 10,176.53 |

*We are now taking  
donations for the  
Harvest Auction.  
Please see Jackie  
in the office, if  
you have any  
questions or  
donations to  
drop off.  
Thank  
you!*

### This Week...

#### **Sunday, November 3 (Daylight Savings Time Ends)**

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Confirmation
- 6:00 PM Boy Scouts in basement

#### **Monday, November 4**

- 2:15 PM Communion @PARC Hall
- 4:00 PM Intercessory Prayer @Emerald Oaks
- 4:30 PM Girls Scouts @Family Life Center

#### **Tuesday, November 5**

- 4:30 PM Praise Team Practice
- 4:30 PM Just for Kix in basement
- 6:00 PM Intensified Prayer @War Room

#### **Wednesday, November 6**

- 1:30 PM Upper Room Bible Study @Emerald Oaks
- 3:30 PM 345 ALIVE in basement
- 5:30 PM Jr UMYF in basement
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Practice in Sanctuary
- 6:30 PM Sr UMYF @Family Life Center

#### **Thursday, November 7**

- 2:00 PM Emerald Oaks Monthly Service

#### **Friday, November 8**

*\*Office Closed*

- 9:30 AM Men's Prayer Group in the Library
- 12:00 PM Horizon's Bingo @Family Life Center

#### **Sunday, November 10**

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Confirmation

### **God's Harvest Auction**

November 24  
11:30 AM  
Following  
the Church Service

Dinner with Live and Silent Auctions



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Call to Worship  
Psalm 119:137-144,  
    *U Tsadhe*  
(text from *The Message*)

**Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost  
November 3, 2019, 10:00AM**

***Welcome!*** We're glad you're here.

*When you see the [\*], people are invited to arise as able.*

*Hymns No. 57-734 are in the red hymnal (The United Methodist Hymnal),  
2000's are in the black hymnal (The Faith We Sing).*

### **PRELUDE**

### **BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** You *are* right and you *do* right, God;  
your decisions are right on target.

**P:** **You rightly instruct us in how to live  
ever faithful to you.**

**L:** My rivals nearly did me in,  
they persistently ignored your commandments.

**P:** **Your promise has been tested through and through,  
and I, your servant, love it dearly.**

**L:** I'm too young to be important,  
but I don't forget what you tell me.

**P:** **Your righteousness is eternally right,  
your revelation is the only truth.**

**L:** Even though troubles came down on me hard,  
your commands always gave me delight.

**P:** **The way you tell me to live is always right;  
help me understand it so I can live to the fullest.**

#### **\*OPENING HYMN**

378 Amazing Grace

#### **\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Lord God of love and peace,  
open our hearts today  
to receive the invitation of Jesus  
to come and be present in our lives.  
Release us from our smallness  
and create an atmosphere of confession**

## Amazing Grace

“Amazing Grace” resides in a sphere of public awareness that few hymns can claim. Some think it is a folk song. Many would be surprised to find that it is an 18th century hymn.

The Wesleyan tradition emphasizes “grace” and develops this characteristic of God in distinct ways. John Wesley notes, “All the blessings which God hath bestowed upon man are of his mere grace, bounty, or favor; his free, undeserved favor; favor altogether undeserved; man having no claim to the least of his mercies.”

## Holy Communion

Ritual is from Discipleship Ministries of the UMC  
“The Great Thanksgiving for All Saints and Memorial Occasions”

**and healing love in our hearts and our spirits.  
For we ask these things in Jesus’ Name, AMEN.**

## CHILDREN’S SERMON Brenda Gonzales

### JOYS CONCERNS PRAYERS

#### \*SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:24-30

<sup>24</sup> “Then the man who had received one bag of gold came.

‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed.

<sup>25</sup> So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

<sup>26</sup> “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed?

<sup>27</sup> Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers,

so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

<sup>28</sup> “So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags.

<sup>29</sup> For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance.

Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.

<sup>30</sup> And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

### MESSAGE OF LIFE

Series - 7 Things Christians Must Have - Diligence  
“Defeat the Noonday Demon by Loving God”

#### \*HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God,

## 2. Choose a Detailed \_\_\_\_\_

**(Purpose)**

- Ephesians 4:24  
and to put on the new self,  
created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.
- Bob Buford, *Halftime*  
If the first half was centered on success,  
the second half should shift the focus to purpose and tasks.
- Joshua 14:12  
“Now give me this hill country ...”  
requested by Caleb, over 80 years old

## 3. Discernment, Moderation, \_\_\_\_\_ and Hope

**(Discipline)**

## 4. Love with All Strength Now Here

Galatians 6:9

Let us not become weary in doing good,  
for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

## D. Sharing

- Have you talked to your family recently?  
Or do you sit in front of TV or your cell phone, or computer more often?
- In what ways are sloth and gloom similar, and in what ways are they different?
- Why is sloth so serious for Christians?
- Find out where the Bible deals with sloth and discuss them.
- Are you motivated and hard at work these days?  
Or are you just doing the work that is given that day?  
Is there something new that inspires you to action today?

## E. Scriptures

- Proverbs 6:6, 9; 10:4, 26; 12:24, 27; 13:4; 15:19; 19:15, 24;  
20:4; 21:25; 22:13; 24:30; 26:13, 14, 15, 16
- Ecclesiastes 10:18
- 1 Thessalonians 5:14
- 2 Thessalonians 3:6, 11-12
- Hebrew 6:12

“A Sluggard buries his hand in the dish;  
he will not even bring it back to his mouth!”  
- Proverbs 19:24 -

Matthew 25,24-30 4. **Defeat the Noonday Demon by Loving God - DILIGENCE**

**A. Sloth/Laziness**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ in Busyness (Hidden)
- 2. Illness of \_\_\_\_\_ (Soul)
- 3. *'acedia' / 'accidie'*  
- not \_\_\_\_\_ (interested)
- 4. Sin of \_\_\_\_\_ Loving (NOT)  
- sin of commission vs sin of omission
- 5. *'diligence' 'diligere'*  
- to \_\_\_\_\_ (LOVE)
- 6. "wicked, lazy servant"(Matthew 25:26)  
- Not working is worse than working and resulting in damage.

**A. Characteristics of Sloth/Laziness**

- 1. Gloom/melancholy and Boredom (anger)  
- caused by \_\_\_\_\_, failure, no reason  
- create a vicious cycle of repetition
- 2. Destructive Postponement  
- "I'll do it tomorrow!"  
- "Let's share the gospel, pray, and love. But let's do it tomorrow."

**A. How to Overcome Sloth/Laziness**

- 1. **REaffirm Purpose and \_\_\_\_\_ (Calling)**

Colossians 1:6

that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;  
20 you were bought at a price.  
Therefore honor God with your bodies.

2 Thessalonians 3:10

For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule:  
"The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat."

Creator of heaven and earth:

God of Abraham and Sarah,  
God of Miriam and Moses,  
God of Joshua and Deborah,  
God of Ruth and David,  
God of the priests and the prophets,  
God of Mary and Joseph,  
God of the apostles and the martyrs,  
God of our mothers and our fathers,  
God of our children to all generations.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Drink from this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

**Ways to Serve...**

- Liturgist
- Greeters
- Acolytes
- Ushers
- Children's Sermon
- Shekinah praise team
- Teach Sunday School
- Lead Youth Group
- Provide snacks for 345 Alive
- Provide meals for Jr/Sr UMYF
- Operate Computer during Worship Services
- Serve on Committees
- Help with special projects and events as needed
- Support in prayers

**Nursery Available...**

Nursery care is available during the worship service for children.  
The nursery is on the second floor. Although nursery care is provided during the worship service, Children are welcome and encouraged to participate in our worship services.

***In Our Prayers ...***

Steve & Lynne Farnsworth  
Karen Chism  
Sharon Hobart  
Jane Stevens  
Devin Morey  
Abby Burns  
Deb Weir  
Irene Goff  
Florence Malm  
Richard Henrichs  
Will Farlow  
Carol Ensley  
Joyce Muller  
Lincoln Coakley  
(grandson of Joann Coakley)  
Scott Sanne  
(Grandson of Pearl Whitmore)  
Philip Christenson  
(brother of Marge Solberg)  
Kort Freeman  
Lois Lowman  
Ted Strohmman  
Deb Nissen  
(sister-in-law of Deb Wickman)  
Marjorie Solberg  
Vi Sampson

*\*The families of members  
who passed away,  
this past year including:*

Rick Jones  
Daryl Underwood  
Wayne Truog  
Keith Bare  
Gwen Carmichael  
Bev Hankey  
Vida Krough  
Ethel DeJung  
Shirley Weisbrod,  
Bernece Hersom

*\*Those who have been  
hospitalized  
& our military members.*

as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,  
redeemed by his blood.

Renew our communion with all your saints,  
especially those whom we name before you—

Bernece Hersom  
Shirley Weisbrod  
Ethel DeJung  
Vida Krough  
Bev Hankey  
Gwen Carmichael  
Keith Bare  
Wayne Truog  
Darol Underwood  
Rick Jones  
—(in our hearts).

Since we are surrounded by  
so great a cloud of witnesses,  
strengthen us to run with perseverance  
the race that is set before us,  
looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other,  
and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory,  
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.  
Through your Son Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

**PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING**

Eternal God,  
we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

95 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

**\*OFFERTORY**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

712 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

**\*BLESSING**

**\*SONG OF SENDING FORTH**

467 Trust & Obey (Verse 1)

**POSTLUDE**

***“God Is Good All the Time!”***

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**Liturgist**

Danielle Ditch

**Organist**

Rosemary Matthews

**Pianists**

Kelley Fog

Rachel Miner

**Choir Director**

Dave Fog

**Bell Choir Director**

Melanie Flynn

**Computer Operator**

Embrock Family

**I Sing a Song  
of the Saints of God**

Lesbia Lesley Scott  
(1898-1986) wrote  
pedagogical  
and inspirational hymns  
for her three children  
during the 1920s.

This hymn was composed  
for All Saints' Day.  
It stresses that saints  
not only lived in the distant  
past but also may live  
and work today  
as they carry out  
the everyday activities  
of their lives.

The United Methodist  
Hymnal contextualized  
the language written three  
quarters of a century ago  
in England for the North  
American hymn singer:  
*“You can meet them  
in school, on the street,  
in the store, In church,  
by the sea,  
in the house next door,  
They are saints of God,  
whether rich or poor....”*