

World Communion Sunday

October 6, 2024 **10:30 a.m.**

Welcome to Worship at Memorial United Methodist Church.

Please register your attendance in the blue book at the end of your pew.

Visitors, please include the best way for us to follow up with you.

Music to Center Ourselves *Rendez à Dieu* (Wagner)

Welcome to Worship

*Call to Worship

Your steadfast love is before our eyes, O God.

Help us move in faithfulness.

When tests and trials come – when evil itself appears –
we place our trust in you, O Knower of joy and suffering

Help us move with integrity.

Place us on level ground, O Redeemer.

Move us to sing songs of thanksgiving

And to proclaim your wondrous deeds.

***Opening hymn** *When Our Confidence Is Shaken* UMH 505
(to the tune of *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*)

Old Testament Psalm 26 and Job 1:1, 2:1-10 Alice Butch

Children's Time

Message Pastor Terri Branstrom

***Hymn** *Come to the Table* (Sheet music available from the ushers.)

Offering Our Gifts and Commitments

Offertory *Meditation on "Bread of Life" (Hamilton)*

Ushers will pass the offering plates to receive today's offering and any prayer requests (please write requests on the green cards found in the pews). You may also make financial contributions on the square reader near the entrance, or online on our website.

***Doxology: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow** UMH 95

***Offering Prayer**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

As you come down the center aisle, you are invited to place a donation for Backpack Buddies in the backpack.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn *Spirit of God* TFWS 2117

*Departing Blessing

Music for Going Forth *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* (Kidwell)

* The asterisk indicates times in worship where we're invited to stand.

Please join us after worship for coffee and conversation.

Assisting Today

Altar Guild: Sue Hampton and Nannette Martin

Communion Servers: Ted Brainard, Laurie de la Garza, and Nannette Martin

Counters: Chris Morrow and Alice Butch

Coffee Hour clean-up: Alice Butch

Refreshments: Sandy Galleske

Projectionist: Dylan Messina

Ushers: Nannette Martin and Laurie Kaufman de la Garza

TODAY 11:30 Bell Choir practice

MONDAY 5:30 Bible study: *The Ten Commandments*

WEDNESDAY 9:00 Knit & Crochet
6:00 Band practice
7:00 Jubilee Choir practice

NEXT SUNDAY 10:30 Worship

OCTOBER 14 Campus Ministry meal ← **Sign up to make cookies**

OCTOBER 17 4:30 Church Council -- All forms due for Conference.

OCTOBER 19 5:00 Game Night – Pastor Terri will make Batonas.
Please sign up.

OCTOBER 31 Trunk or Treat – Please sign up to help or to bring treats.

NOVEMBER 1-2 Pasty Bake

NOVEMBER 3 10:30 All Saints Sunday
11:30 Staff-Parish Relations Committee
12:00 Church Conference (all members of Memorial encouraged to attend)

Hurricane Relief UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. If you would like to contribute to the recovery efforts from Hurricane Helene, you may either give to the church and clearly mark that it is for Hurricane Helene (UMCOR Disaster Response and Recovery United States #901670) or contribute at <https://umcmission.org/advance-project/901670/>

The great thing about UMCOR is that 100% of all the money you give goes directly to the cause. There is no overhead.

World Communion Sunday – Oct. 6

The United Methodist Church has a special offering every year on World Communion Sunday. Your gift marked “World Communion Sunday” empowers a diverse mix of national and international ethnic young adults to make a global impact for Christ.

Trunk of Treat

Memorial UMC will again host Trunk or Treat during Gladstone’s trick or treat hours on Oct. 31 *provided that enough people sign up to bring candy and hand out candy from the back of their vehicle*. Please sign up by Oct. 13, if possible, so that we know we have enough candy and “trunkers” to successfully do this.

All Saints Sunday -- Nov. 3

You are invited to submit names of special people in your life who have gone home to God in the past 12 months. Please submit these names **by Wednesday, Oct. 30** to be mentioned in the All Saints Service.

Sunday School is off to a great start!

Sam Gaudino, Lettie’s granddaughter decorated the hallway and room 4 for autumn. Peggy French, Monica Peach, and Cassie Tines have already signed up to teach. Maybe you could sign up for a Sunday or two.

Needed: Homemade afghans, laprobes, blankets to supplement what the Wednesday morning knitting group will be giving to assisted care facilities. The afghans, laprobes, and blankets can be knitted, crocheted, or quilted. Yarn is available in the Grapevine Room if you would like to take some and work at home ... or you can come to the Knitting/Crocheting group on Wednesday morning after 9:00.

Also, the Cancer Society is asking for hats. For more information, please speak with Peggy Richter (260)705-3330 or Lettie Houghton 428-9545.

Weekly report: 5th Sunday of Sept. deposit for general fund: \$1,992.

Goal for the week: \$3,404.

Prayer List

New Concerns

Matthew Hampton
Tom Butch
Linda Yagodzinski
Vera Lewis (Nannette’s “mom”)
Sheila Simmons
Ruth Johnson
People living in the aftermath
of natural disasters

Recent Concerns

Help in making a decision
Mark Bishop
Joni Heger
Erik and Brianna and Raylen
Heather Plimpton
Family of Lois Johnson
Family of Geri Hammond
Family of Herb Heger

Ongoing Concerns

Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine	Mindy A.
Lorna Benson	Beth and Sarah Benson
Bud and Pat Clark	Bette DeRoeck
Ian Goldi	Nancy Grondine
Shannon Hagen	Nancy Harger
Caroline Hart	Walt Houghton
Kathy Howard	Jim Hubbard
Hueneman family	Gail Johnivan
Liz Kempfer	Dorell Kirschner
Christopher Lund	Toni Marchese
Rebecca Marchak	Jeanette Mineau
Helen Palo	Rodney Potvin and family
Josiah Pryor	Bev Quick
Kris R.	Jordan R.
Debbie Rosen	Mrs. Craig Seckinger
Pam Thorbahn	

Memorial United Methodist Church

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Mission: We live to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ.

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NOVEMBER 8 7:00 Album Launch Concert with Phil Lynch

NOVEMBER 29 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Holiday Giving Bazaar

Please sign up to help

- Teach Sunday School
- Bring muffins or other treat
- Usher & greet
- Read scripture
- Serve communion

Fall Bible study “The Ten Commandments”

Monday evenings 5:30 in the youth room

Nearly everyone has heard of the Ten Commandments, the list of "thou-shalt-nots" found in the Bible. Jesus saw these commandments not as onerous burdens, but as guideposts to help us experience a good and beautiful life. In this book of Scripture and inspiration, bestselling author Adam Hamilton brings modern eyes to the most important set of ethics in history. He considers the commandments in their historical context, considering the meaning of each commandment in Hebrew, unpacking how Jesus reinterpreted them, and showing how every thou-shalt-not was intended to point to a life-giving "thou shalt." He also explores how the latest research in science and psychology illuminates these commandments, rightly understood, as a way of ordering one's life beautifully in the present day. In a culture marked by workaholism, materialism, and social media-driven envy, God has given us a time-tested path that leads to gratitude, confidence, and peace. We hope that you can join us on Monday evenings at 5:30.