

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2026

10:30AM

*Welcome to Worship at Memorial United Methodist Church.
Blue attendance books are in the pews. Please sign in, and please
include contact information if you are a visitor.*

Music to Center Ourselves *The Water Is Wide* (Broughton)

Welcome to Worship and The Wave

Mission Moment Laurie Kaufman de la Garza

***Call to Worship**

Christ comes to us in sunshine and in the dead of night.
Welcome the presence of Christ.

We welcome you, O Christ! Blessed be your name!

Christ reaches out to us in the stillness of peace and in the rage of the
storm. Nothing overwhelms our Savior. Nothing overcomes.

Our hope and trust are in you! Blessed be your name!

***Hymn** *Since Jesus Came Into My Heart* TFWS 2140

Responsive reading Psalm 17:1-7, 15

***Gospel reading** Matthew 14:13-21

Children's Time

Message Rev. Terri Branstrom

***Hymn** *We Walk by Faith* TFWS 2196

Offering Our Gifts and Commitments

Offertory *Meditation on "Tis So Sweet"* (Davis)

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
in the fellowship area, or online on our website.

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

***Offering Prayer**

Hymn *Fill My Cup, Lord* UMH 641

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Song** *Wade in the Water* TFWS 2107

***Departing Blessing**

Music for Going Forth *Morning Fanfare* (Lehenbauer)

* 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 Jody Harrison
Counters: Nancy Peterson and Wilma Vanderdonck
Projection: Dylan Messina
Snack: Chris Jensen
Ushers/Greeters: Nannette Martin and

MONDAY 5:30 Bible Study: "The Passion of Christ"

WEDNESDAY 9:30 Knit and Crochet
6:00 Band Practice

THURSDAY 4:30 Church Council

SATURDAY 5:00 Game Night

NEXT SUNDAY 10:30 Worship at Van Cleve Park,
in the pavilion by Kids Kingdom, followed by a potluck picnic.
1:30 Worship at Lakeview Assisted Living

SEPT. 12 10:00 -12:00 Charge Conference here at Memorial

SEPT. 24 – 26 Rummage Sale and Scrap Metal Drive
(the last one this year!)



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focus the camera on your smartphone at this QR code
and follow the directions that appear on your phone.

Dear Church Family,

As someone who grew up in this church and has been a member since I was born, Sunday School holds a deeply special place in my heart. I vividly remember all of the wonderful teachers who taught me God's Word with so much love, warmth, and joy. It is an absolute privilege to pass that rich tradition down to the children we have with us today!

This year, we are using Godly Play and interactive, hands-on learning so our kids don't just hear Bible stories—they experience them.

From weaving paper baskets for the Feeding of the 5,000 to crafting moving scenes and building bulletin boards, our kids will be rolling up their sleeves each week.

My biggest goal is for our children to look back and remember Sunday School as an absolute highlight of their week. With school starting back up soon, we want them to be so excited about what they are doing that they tell their classmates, invite their friends, and bring others along to share in God's love with us!

To make this year extra special—and keep our classrooms and storage room fully stocked and organized—we are reaching out to our wonderful congregation for a few supply donations.

Items We Are Looking For:

- **Everyday Supplies:** Glue sticks, markers, chalk markers, and colored paper/cardstock.
- **Specialty Craft Items:**
 - **Smooth River Rocks:** Needed for an upcoming lesson on **August 23rd** on Psalms ("The Lord is my rock"), where the kids will paint their own faith stones!
 - **Craft Hardware & Embellishments:** Sequins (for crafts throughout the year) and metal brads/paper fasteners (for interactive spinner crafts).
- **Storage & Organization:** Clear or colored plastic organizers, bins, or drawers (new or gently used!) to help us get our Sunday School supply room neat and organized.
- **Open Donations:** Have extra art or school supplies sitting around at home? We will gladly accept any craft items

you're willing to donate—I will find a creative way to incorporate them into our lesson plans!

How You Can Help:

We are **not picky about brands at all**—store brands and gently used organizers are wonderfully appreciated!

If you prefer the convenience of online shopping, you can also browse our direct Amazon wishlist.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2E2GK5WGD321P?ref=wl_share

Donations can be dropped off in the **Narthex, Sunday school classroom, or the education office.**

Thank you so much for your continuous love, prayers, and support as we invest in our kids and help them step out in faith!

Blessings,

Emily Trotter

Picture Directory

We need digital photos of various church activities within the last year or so for the new picture directory. Please email just a few.

If you missed getting your picture taken for the directory, please email a recent picture of you / your family to the church or, if that is not possible, Pastor Terri's daughter Elizabeth could come to you and take your picture. Also send any changes (address, phone, whatever) to us.

Our **Church Conference**, which is normally at the beginning of November is Sat., **Sept. 12**, this year 10:00-12:00. We are hosting 14 churches here and could really use a hostess crew 9:30-12:30 to make beverages and set out all the treats that the various churches bring. All church members are encouraged to attend this meeting where we approve the annual reports of our church.

Prayer List

New Concern: Pam Thorbahn

Recent Concerns: Bill Buchmiller
Karen and Jerry Hubbard Friends and family of Borg

Ongoing Concerns

Pray for all wars to stop.	Richard Abbott
Lorna Benson	Beth and Sarah Benson
Kim Bessonon	Alice Butch
Pat Clark	Richard Demeuse
Dona and Jon Durham	Ian Goldi
Adam Haberstitch	Cheryl Harger
Lettie Houghton	Ron Houle
Richard Hull	Berta Johnson
Dora and Andy Leonard	Christopher Lund
Toni Marchese	Beverly Martin
Ryan Minor	Elijah Moffitt
Carolyn Morrow	Kathy Jo Myhren
Betty Nyquist	Helen Palo
Josiah Pryor	Margaret Richard
Elizabeth Peltz Richardson	Debbie Rosen
Lisa Richer Barta	Judy Smith
Mark West	Brian Wood

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