

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"*



July 10, 2022  
FIFTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME ----- Rev. Harry Jenkins

ORGAN PRELUDE ----- Dr. Jessica Scott

HANDBELL INTROIT ----- "Fanfare" ----- Susato/McChesney

\*OPENING HYMN #545 ----- "The Church's One Foundation"

\*CALL TO WORSHIP ----- Liturgist, Tammy Matheny

Leader: We have been called to walk the faithful road  
and to choose the way of God's justice.

People: We are here because we believe strongly that our God is good,  
and that we live in that goodness. We are here to proclaim our faith  
and to seek direction along this faith journey.

Leader: Come together, then, to be God's people.  
Follow Christ and listen for the good things that God has done.  
Rise up in praise and thanksgiving!

People: We will share with others the goodness that we have found in God.  
May our lives be an expression of that goodness.

**\*OPENING PRAYER:**

God of the sojourners, we ask your presence with us on our journey through life. Help us to be faithful to your ways of love and grace. Keep us from helpless despair. Give us the power to make your love known, even in this world that seems so bent on war and hate. With your courage in our hearts, we will walk the Jerusalem road together. AMEN.

PSALTER LESSON: Pg. 780, Response #1 ----- Psalm 46

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Currently, offering plates are not being passed during worship.  
If you wish to make an offering,  
you will find the offering plates at the front of the sanctuary, or in the narthex.*

*(Children’s Church with Anita Burns)*

**HYMN #434 (congregation on response) -----”When the Poor Ones”**

**EPISTLE LESSON: ----- II Corinthians 4:1-5, 16-18**

Since God has so generously let us in on what he is doing, we’re not about to throw up our hands and walk off the job just because we run into occasional hard times. We refuse to wear masks and play games. We don’t maneuver and manipulate behind the scenes. And we don’t twist God’s Word to suit ourselves. Rather, we keep everything we do and say out in the open, the whole truth on display, so that those who want to can see and judge for themselves in the presence of God.

If our message is obscure to anyone, it’s not because we’re holding back in any way. No, it’s because these other people are looking or going the wrong way and refuse to give it serious attention. All they have eyes for is the fashionable god of darkness.

They think he can give them what they want, and that they won't have to bother believing a Truth they can't see. They're stone-blind to the dayspring brightness of the message that shines with Christ, who gives us the best picture of God we'll ever get.

So we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace.

These hard times are small potatoes compared to the coming good times, the lavish celebration prepared for us. There's far more here than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can't see now will last forever.

SERMON ----- "Hard Times" ----- Rev. Jenkins  
*(You are encouraged to use this space for notes.)*

PRAYER OF INVITATION

\*HYMN #452 ----- "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

\*BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE-----Dr. Scott

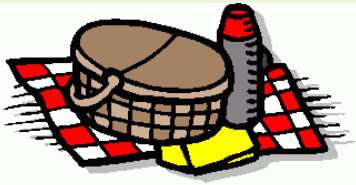
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**Help Wanted**



We need a few more folks to help run our Sunday broadcast. Lorie Wyant co-ordinates this ministry, and will train you! For more information, contact Lorie at 304-629-3161.

If you know of someone who is in the hospital, nursing home, or has a need,  
please let Rev. Jenkins know.

Reverend Harry Jenkins at 304-280-0592

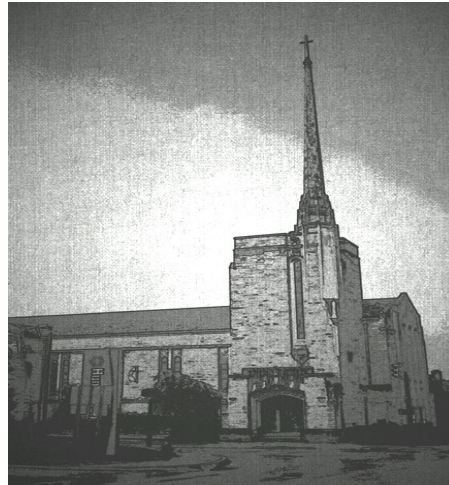


## Church Picnic

### **CHURCH PICNIC --- Mark your calendars!**

Sunday, September 11th  
Hilltop Shelter at Riverbend Park

More details to come!



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### **HELP NEEDED...**

One of our members, Eve Samples, needs some help re-arranging some furniture at her home in Salem.

If you are available, please get in touch with Eve. Thanks!



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