

Happening This Week

TODAY: Worship 9:30 am, Tailgate Party, 10:30, Pizza and ice cream, 11:30!

Tuesday: United Methodist Women, 3 pm, in the Prism

Wednesday: Trustees meeting, 7 pm

Sunday School starts today! YEAH! Kids will go downstairs following Kid's Time in the worship service, and adults will gather in the Parlor at 10:45 am.

Also Today

Reminder that following the Pizza and Ice Cream Social today, Pastor Gregg and church leadership will be engaged in an On-Boarding Visioning Process with our conference guests, Kim Shockley, Kevin Witt, and David Carter. If you have the time and wish to engage with the future workings of God's plan for Park Forest Village UMC, please consider attending this special event.

Upcoming Children's Fair

Patton Township is organizing a Children's Fair on Saturday, October 9th. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact Pastor Gregg.

Volunteer Opportunities

Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board for ushers and greeters. Please consider taking a turn.

See Pam or Todd Arbogast if you're able to work at our concession stand on any one of the home games.

The Auction Is Coming!

Interfaith Human Services now has their Community Care Auction preview up on their web page. Click on to check out the great things coming in. New items are being added almost daily. The auction will begin Sept. 27 and end at midnight on Oct. 3rd. To donate an item just email director@interfaithhumanservices.org.

Park Forest Village United Methodist Church

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday September 19, 2021
Seventeenth Sunday in Pentecost
9:30 am



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or 814-404-0701*

Gathering to Worship God

Prelude “ Holy Ghost, With Light Divine “ (L. M. Gottschalk)

Welcome/Announcements

****Call to Worship**

Awake! Shine, for your light has come, as a pillar of fire to light the darkness.

We rise and follow as the Israelites in the desert.

Awake! Shine, for your light has come, as a star over the town of Bethlehem.

We rise and follow as the Magi heading westward.

Awake! Shine, for your light has come, as Christ brings us the Light of life.

We rise and follow as disciples of our Lord and Savior.

Opening Hymn

“ Come, Christians, Join to Sing “ No. 158

****Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, from the very beginning, your brought forth light to take away the darkness, a light that surrounds us with a love that shines forth in the world. We see you in the wonderment of each sunrise. We see you blazing forth in a pillar of fire. We see you shining in the outstretched arms of Jesus. We see you in the brilliance of our neighbor’s eye. Help us to follow that light, that we may be the light of life, bringing wholeness and peace to a broken world. In the name of your Son, Jesus, now and in the days that follow. Amen.

Kid’s Time

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord Prayer

The Sacredness of Offering and Reflection

Offertory “If Thou Art Near” (J. S. Bach)

****Doxology and Prayer of Dedication** No. 94

****Affirmation of Faith** The Nicene Creed No. 880

****Hymn of Preparation** “ There’s a Song in the Air “ No. 249

Scripture Readings Exodus 13:17-22
John 8:12-20

The Message

Drawing Closer (or “Lights, Camera, Action...”)

Response to the Word

Christ is the world’s light, Christ and none other,
Born in our darkness, he became our brother.

**If we have seen him, we have seen the Almighty:
Glory to God on high!**

Special Reading: *God’s Light* by M. S. Lowndes

During the Special Reading, the usher will come forward and receive the Light of Christ. The Light will be distributed down the aisle, and from there, the Light will be passed through the pews. Remember to tip unlit candles to lit ones in order to be safe.

**** Hymn of Dedication** “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” No. 338

****Benediction**

****Choral Response** This Little Light of Mine (verses 1 and 2) No. 585

****Postlude** “ Rise and Rejoice” (F. Ritter)

Please extinguish your candle and feel free to leave it on your way out...

****Denotes standing**