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From Your Minister

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." —Acts 2:42

This week, Wednesday Connection resumes. We will gather for a free meal, offer Bible studies for every age, and the Twisted Stitches will make items that will be given to hospitals, children, and families in need of prayer.

We call it "Connection" because the evening is about more than a schedule of activities. It is about the relationships that hold us together as a church family.

Sunday worship is at the center of our life together. We gather to praise God, hear God's Word, pray, and respond in faith. But belonging to a church family is about more than sitting in the same sanctuary for an hour each week. It is also getting to know one another. It is about sharing meals, learning together, serving beside one another, and noticing when someone needs encouragement.

The earliest Christians understood this. Their relationship was not limited to worship. They learned together, ate together, prayed together, and shared life with one another.

Those connections do not happen automatically. Relationships grow when we make room for conversation, listen to one another's stories, and spend time together beyond Sunday morning. Around a dinner table, someone who has attended for decades may get to know someone who just arrived. In Bible study, we discover that others share some of our questions. As we make something to comfort a stranger, we learn that fellowship and service belong together.

Wednesday Connection is one place where we can connect more deeply with God, with one another, and with the needs of our community. I hope you will join us as we connect, grow in faith, and serve together.

Coming Up This Week

Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, August 16, is the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, and the chancel color will be green.

Our Senior Minister, Rev. Christian Smith, will preach from Matthew 15:10–28 in a sermon titled “When Belief Becomes Mercy.”

Together, we will consider what Jesus teaches us about the difference between simply holding the right beliefs and allowing those beliefs to shape the way we see, welcome, and show mercy to others.

We invite you to join us in the sanctuary at 8:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. If you are unable to attend in person, the 8:45 a.m. service will be streamed live on our church’s YouTube channel.

All are welcome as we gather to worship God and consider what happens when the faith we profess becomes mercy we practice.

We can’t wait to see you on Sunday!



Weekly Mahjong Game

All Mahjong players are invited to open play on Mondays from 3-5.

Please see Elizabeth Fournet or Angie Knight to sign up.



On Thursday mornings, from 7:30am to 9:30am, Christian enjoys coffee at The Exceptional Bean (55 N. Walnut Avenue.) You are invited and encouraged to join him for a cup of coffee and a chance to get to know each other better, share your thoughts and ideas for the church, or just enjoy a morning cup of coffee together.

Our Twisted Stitchers group meets on Wednesday evenings at 6pm in the Session Room of the church. You are invited to attend any or all sessions; we would love to have you join us. All levels of proficiency are welcome to come! We are involved in projects that help different agencies in the community.



Sanctuary CHOIR

It is never too late to become a member of the church’s Sanctuary Choir! If you have considered joining a vocal ensemble and feel that now is the time, come be a part of our group on Sundays at 5:30pm in the choir loft. We are in the midst of preparing anthems for the semester and are excited to present our praise in song!



The Tuesday Noon Men's Bible Study continues with a study using Max Lucado's Life Lessons from the Gospel of Matthew as the text. All men in the church congregation are encouraged/invited to attend.



Other Opportunities

Holy Land 2027 Trip

In September 2027, members of our church will join First United Methodist Church for a tour of the Holy Land. If you have ever dreamed of visiting many of the places where Jesus lived and ministered, we invite you to learn more about this exciting opportunity. You can also learn more by speaking with Christian and/or visiting the following link: <https://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/hl27091527p59093>



Steve and Connie Boots have invited the JOY Club to their home on the Caney Fork River on Thursday, August 20. We will meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. and travel together to their home, where we will enjoy a pontoon boat ride. Afterward, we will have boxed lunches and cake as we celebrate our church's birthday before returning to the church. We hope you will join us for this fun day together!

Wednesday Connection

RESUMES AUGUST 12



FREE DINNER
5:15 PM



CHILDREN & YOUTH CLASSES
6:00 PM



TWISTED STITCHERS CRAFTING GROUP
6:00 PM



ADULT BIBLE STUDY
6:15 PM



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See Caleb for details and permission forms.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21



FREE EVENT

DROP-OFF

7:00 PM

FRIDAY

PICKUP

8:00 AM

SATURDAY

VBX+

Help Shape the Future

OF VACATION BIBLE EXPERIENCE

**WE'RE
EXPANDING**

In 2027, **VBX+** will include **CHILDREN** AND **ADULTS**, creating an intergenerational experience for our church and community!



**SUNDAY,
AUGUST 16**



4:30 PM

Join us as we dream, plan, and build something **incredible** for 2027!

One-Service Sunday & Church Anniversary Celebration

Join us on Sunday, August 30, for a special One-Service Sunday as we celebrate the anniversary of the founding of our church!

We will gather for worship at 10:00 a.m. outdoors near the Family Life Center. Dress casually, bring a lawn chair, and enjoy a morning of worship and celebration with your church family.

Following the service, we will continue the celebration with a church-wide cookout. The main course will be provided, and everyone is invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Come worship, eat, celebrate, and enjoy time together as we give thanks for our church's history and look forward to all that God still has in store for us!



A Note of Thanks

After Jesus heals the crippled man, he tells him to pick up his bed and walk. So all my casts and braces are gone and the doctor has told me to walk. I need to thank all of you for the meals you prepared for us. They were delicious and a blessing. Thank you all very much. Wanda McCaskey

Stewardship Report

Sunday, August 9, 2026

Commitments - \$39,851.00 Undesignated - \$3,931.00 Other - \$160.00

This week's offering included \$60.00 for facility use and a \$100.00 anonymous donation.

Total contributions - \$43,942.00



Giving is one of the ways we respond to the grace we have received in Jesus Christ. Although we do not pass the offering plates during worship, the ministry of this church continues because of your faithful generosity. Offering boxes are available beside the narthex credenza and by the "Amen Corner." Plates are also available on the table at the front of the sanctuary. You may also give electronically by scanning the QR code shown here. Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of this congregation as we seek to love God and love our neighbors.

Prayer Concerns

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- The family of Betty Richardson - Caleb Cashion's grandmother
- Anne Taylor - Tracy Spark's sister - Hospice
- Abby Putz - hip surgery
- Peggy Rittenberry - surgery
- Lois Squires - Blue Roof
- Mike Clift - back surgery
- Janet LaPoint - Evelyn Plecan's cousin
- Nancy Bunnell - Evelyn Plecan's cousin
- Allen Mackrill - Lataine Perry's brother - stroke
- Jason Lingerfelt - bypass surgery
- Lee Webb - Alzheimers
- Willene James - Freeman Smith's sister
- Ray Smith - Freeman Smith's brother
- Unspoken Requests

Cancer Treatment:

- Bailee Brown - Caleb Cashion's sister
- Kristen Simon - Cindy Putz's niece
- Jim Dixon
- Robert Marbury - Jean Webb's brother
- Barbara Spurgeon - colon cancer
- Bill Snyder - Virginia Lovellette's brother
- Linda Stringer - Evon Maggart's sister
- Niki Work - Jodi Smith's cousin

Assisted Living:

- Doris Baggett - Signature Healthcare
- Roberta Ross - Standing Stone
- Ramona Tilghman - Life Care of Sparta
- Regina Weber - NHC

