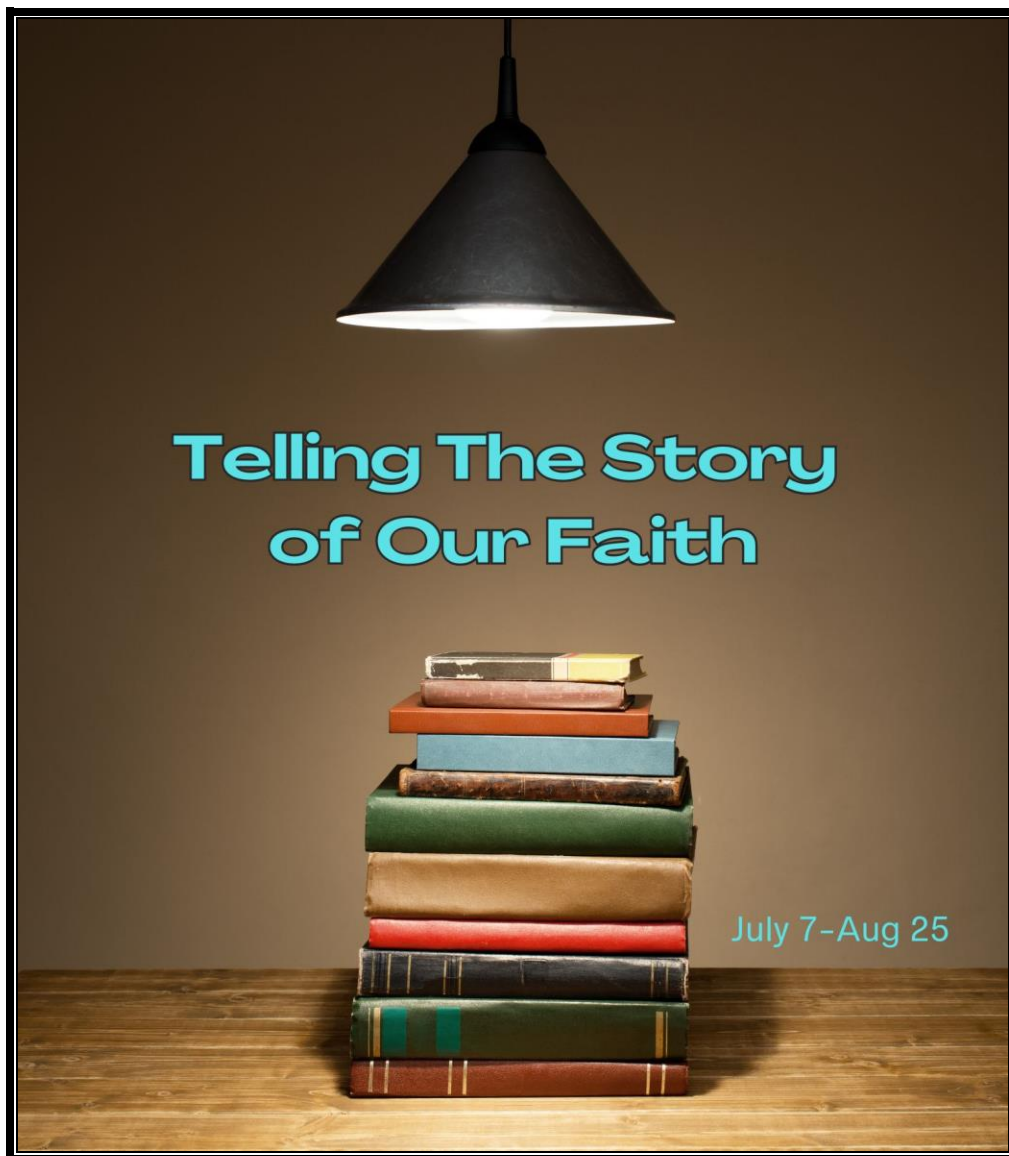


THE COMMUNICATOR

July 07, 2024



Telling The Story of Our Faith

July 7-Aug 25

Sunday, July 07, 2024

**9:00 a.m. Traditional Service
Communion Sunday**

Have communion elements available for online worship.

Prelude: Acolyte: Aubrey Johnston	“God Bless America” (Irving Berlin)	Dr. Kim
Welcome		Pastor Marie Smith
Opening Hymn	“Maker, in Whom We Live”	UMH 88 vs. 1-4
Greeting		Alice Chester
Opening Prayer		Julie Farthing
Scripture Reading	Genesis 1:1-5	Julie Farthing
Children’s Message		Pat Southward
Scripture Reading	Genesis 1: 26-31	Julie Farthing
Special Music	“Morning Has Broken”(Richard Averre)	Ladies Ensemble
Creation Video		
Sermon	“Who are we Made to Be?”	Pastor Marie Smith
Pastoral Prayer/Lord’s Prayer		Pastor Marie Smith
Prayer Hymn	“More Precious than Silver”	FWS 2065
Holy Communion		Pastor Marie Smith
Offering Offertory:	“ ‘Tis a Gift to Be Simple” (John Purifoy)	Pastor Marie Smith Dr. Kim
Doxology	“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”	UMH 94
Closing Hymn	“How Great Thou Art ”	UMH 77 vs. 1-4
Benediction		Pastor Marie Smith
Postlude	“The Wonderful Cross” (Lloyd Larson)	Dr. Kim

Telling the Stories of Our Faith Who are we Made to Be?

Rev. Marie Smith

July 7, 2024

Some of those biblical stories may seem more mythical or poetic than fact.

We need to see ourselves within the story, and how it shapes and informs us today, in this moment.

*Genesis 1: 26-27 "Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them."*

We are each created by God, made in the image and likeness of God.

We are given opportunities to live into this image of God.

It is our responsibility as being created in the image of God to reflect those things of God.

Psalm 139: 14 "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

That uniqueness is essential and part of a bigger purpose and plan.

We each have this thing that God has uniquely placed in us that makes us who we each are.

Action Steps:

1. What is your unique and special God fingerprint?
2. How do you share that uniqueness with others?

Sunday, July 07, 2024

10:30 a.m. – The Point - Contemporary Service

Communion Sunday

Have online communion elements available for online worship.

Welcome **Levi Graf**

Creation Video

Opening Songs **Levi Graf**
“I Thank God”
“House Of The Lord”
“Who You Say I Am”

Announcements/Offering
Offering Prayer
Offertory Song **Levi Graf**

Sermon **“Who are we Made to Be?”** **Pastor Marie Smith**

Holy Communion **Pastor Marie Smith**

Lighting of Candles
During the last song, we invite you to light a candle. It may be for someone else, or a situation you are going through. This is your time to connect with Jesus, and allow the Light of Christ to illuminate your life.

Closing Song **“Fire Fall Down”** **Levi Graf**

Benediction **Pastor Marie Smith**

For more information on programs offered at the church please contact:

- Worship Services – Office 740.474.4796
- Children's Sunday School & Nursery – 740.474.4796
- Sermon Chat – Linda Kennedy – 740-248-3357
- Dimensions for Living Class – John Wysong – 740-601-3673
- The Explorers – Mark Denniston 740.474.4796
- Community Life – Mark Denniston 740.474.4796
- Monday Evening Ladies Bible Study – 740.474.4796

Other programs:

Community Care Ministry – 740.474.4796

The Corner Closet – 740.474.4796

Bell Choir – Lora Arledge – 740.412.0702

Church Choir – Alice Chester – 740.474.4796

Saturday Morning Men's Group – Larry Harris – 740.601.7769

Girl Scouts – Office 740.474.4796

Scouts – Robert Fanska-850.529.6724 or Joe McNemar-614.580.8074

Narcotics Anonymous – 740.474.4796

Quilters Group – Pam Patrick 740.412.7642

Plant-Based Meals – Ruth Wilson 740.474.7019

Joy Group – Linda Kennedy 740.248.3357

Christian Counseling – Dr. Nina Helene 614.906.6609

Self Defense – Rick Seeds 740.497.3695

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Prayer List for July 03, 2024

Barb Bigam

Joy Brooks

Diane Cooke

Mary Ann Janes

Doug Sweazy

Mary Harrison-Reed

Scarlett Hedrick

Carol Carter

Carolyn Solt

Brian Barthelmas

Pam Sands

Roger Crago

Johnson Family – Passing of Marilyn Johnson

Phil Daniels

John McClure

Robert Sterne

Tom Hull

Mike Logan

Sue Blake

Barnhart Family – Passing of John Barnhart

Huffer Family – Passing of Bennie Huffer

Grace & Arledge Families – Passing of Dean Grace

Keith Rooker

Compassion Needs: inexpensive vehicles (\$500-\$1500), toilet paper & paper towels, lamp, end tables, sofa, dresser, washer & dryer, any size bed, maternity clothes(L/XL), push lawnmower, yard tools

The Senior Citizens luncheon at this year's Pickaway County Fair sponsored by CUMC Outreach was well attended, in spite of the hot weather. The 125 people we served enjoyed a ham or turkey sandwich, applesauce, chips, cookies, and water. Thanks to the following who helped bake cookies and serve: Harriet Barthelmas, Mark Denniston, Sue Evans, Pam Paul, Joyce Sedlak, Jerry Wolford and John Wysong. Betty Wolford

Calendar for the week of July 07, 2024

July 07 Communion Sunday

9:00 a	Traditional Service
10:30 a	Contemporary Service
10:00 a	Children's Sunday School
11:30 a	Youth Sunday School - Cancelled
10:15 a	Sermon Chat Class – 207
10:15 a	The Explorers –301
10:15 a	Dimensions for Living Class – 203
6:00 – 8:00 p	Youth Water Activities – Church Parking Lot

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6:00 p	Self Defense Class (FHS)
6:30 p	Monday Night Bible Study
7:00 p	Scouts – Youth Center
7:00 p	Men's Bible Study – Media Center

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9:30 a	Quilters – FHN
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July 10

12:00 p	Narcotics Anonymous - 302
7:00 p	Trustees Meeting – Media Center

July 11

Noon	Mom's Group - Nursery
6:00 p	Self Defense Class - FHS
7:00 – 9:00 p	Worship Rehearsal(FHS)

July 12

OFFICE CLOSED

July 13

9:00 a	Men's Morning Fellowship – FHN
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Altar flowers are in honor of Ruth Tootle's 102nd birthday on Friday, July 5th from the Tootle Family.

******ATTENTION PARENTS******

Sunday school class for Middle School & High School students has been cancelled for Sunday, July 7 th. Classes will resume the following Sunday, July 14th.

Telling the story of Our Faith

Have you ever seen a group of kids getting carried away? Like they are cutting up, doing things that you just want to shake your head and say, you really shouldn't do that? I am reminded of that in this little story in 2 Kings 2: 23-25. It is found in a larger context of Elisha having just received the mantle from Elijah, where he asked for a double portion of his spirit. And then, as Elijah is taken to heaven before the group of prophets, his mantle or shawl fell on Elisha. This may seem odd or just some other weird story in the Bible, but to those in attendance that day it was holy and sacred.

And then Elisha begins to use these new holy, set apart powers. He blesses a town and their water supply, and as he is going from town to town a group of boys comes by and begins to taunt him. They call to him "hey Baldy." You can imagine this didn't sit well with him and in the same way that he used God's name to bless one town, he used God's name to curse the boys. 42 in total were cursed.

I am not sure of the lesson in this story, or how our story might fit in this sermon series, other than maybe we ought not tease others? Especially men who are bald. Don't take my word for it read 2 Kings 2: 23-25.

Blessings,

Pastor Marie

**** Upper Rooms will be available shortly. An email will be sent out to notify you when they arrive.

The CUMC Youth Group is having a water fun night for kids from 6th grade (going into 6th grade) to 12th grade, this Sunday, July 7th from 6-8:00 pm in the church parking lot.



Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 14th at 2:00 pm. Community UMC's very own Dr. Sun Min Kim will be in concert in our **air-conditioned** sanctuary! He will be performing several of our favorite offertories and postludes along with some new selections. Bring a friend and come enjoy what will be a wonderful afternoon of music!



Youth Ministry – Nehemiah Mission trip still has two spaces open for the trip. July 28th- August 2nd. The group will be going to Cleveland to help with housing construction. If you are interested, please see Pastor Marie.

From the Desk of Alice Chester:

"Telling Our Story in Hymns"

As we enter into this new sermon series on telling our faith story, how appropriate for us to see the story of the hymns we are singing each week. This week, we will explore God's creation. Our closing hymn is one of praise to God for his greatness. How many of us can sing all of the words to "How Great Thou Art"? At least the first verse, we have all known and loved so long we can sing from the heart. What a song of praise to God's majesty and creation! Our hymnal credits Stuart K. Hine with the lyrics and melody but actually, the hymn poem has origins in Sweden and Russia. Various folks have translated it throughout the years, Hine doing so in 1948. The song, as we know it today, was made popular when George Beverly Shea sang it during the Billy Graham Evangelistic Crusades in the 1950's. It's hard to imagine a time that it wasn't so widely used by so many churches. It's such a classic it feels like it has always been.

-Stories of the Christian Hymns, Revised Edition by Helen Salem Rizk and

-101 Hymn Stories by Kenneth W. Osbeck

Telling the Story of Our Faith

Join us over the rest of the Summer as we discover our own Story of Faith. We will dive into the Bible Stories. Bring a Friend and your Bible.

Week 1: Who are we made to be?
Week 2: Are you called by God?
Week 3: What unexpected thing can happen?
Week 4: Are you a faker?
Week 5: Freedom at what cost?
Week 6: Do I have to get my feet wet?
Week 7: Which rules do I have to follow?