

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***Song of Response**
“Hymn of Promise”

UMH Pg. 707

Offering

***Doxology**

UMH Pg. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication¹**

Janice Schaeffer

It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness. We give these gifts, our Father, in order to light a candle, though it may be a small one. We ask that you will use it to bring enlightenment in our dark world; the enlightenment which frees people from illiteracy, from oppression, from hunger, from hopelessness and from godlessness. Amen.

WE TAKE GOD’S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

Passing of the Peace

(At this time the congregation is welcome to stand and greet each other in the love of Christ.)

***Song of Mission**

“This Is My Father’s World”

UMH Pg. 144

***Benediction**

Dr. Randolph

UMH = UM Hymnal

FWS = Faith We Sing

¹Prayers used by Dr. William J. Baldwin, who was the father of Janice Schaeffer, during his ministry at Wesley United Methodist Church in Iola, Kansas.

²John 3:16

VISION STATEMENT

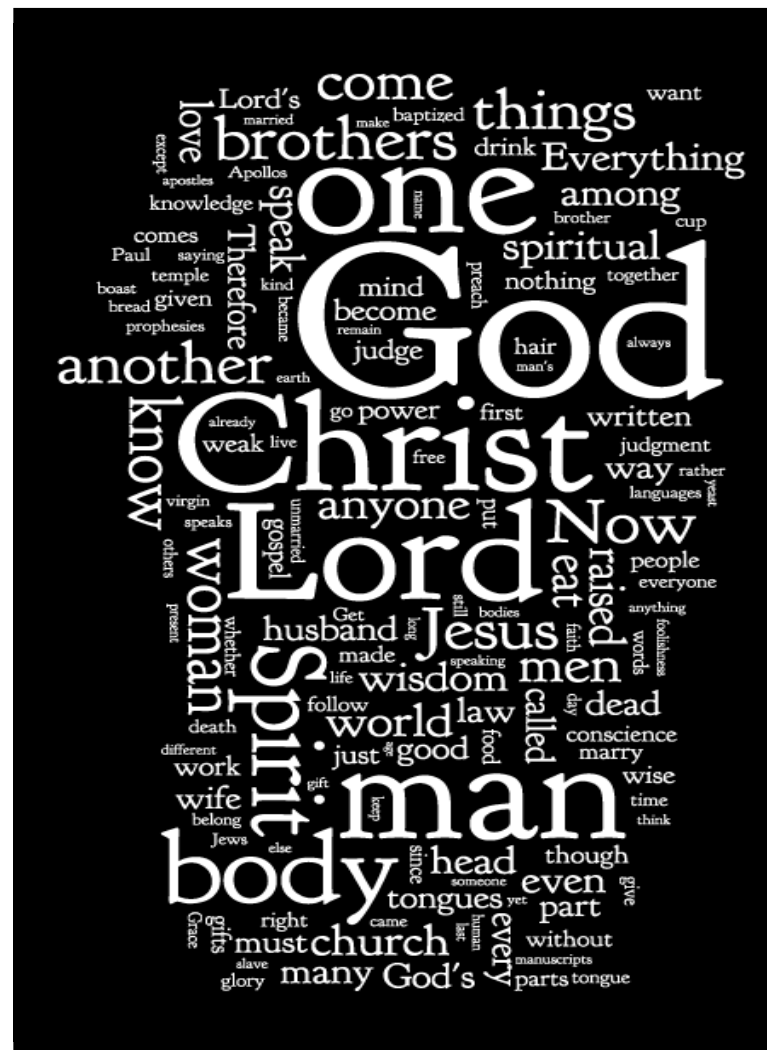
“Sharing God’s love within our community and into the world community.”

Meriden United Methodist Church

Christian Flourishing



Worship Theme



**Christians Flouring in Community:
So Many Gifts**

January 15, 2012

Meriden United Methodist Church

Human Relations Day

January 15, 2012

**Indicates those who are able, please stand. Please read aloud the bold face print. If you are a first time guest, we welcome you!*

WELCOMING GOD'S PRESENCE

Bringing in the Light of Christ - Prelude

***Opening Prayer¹**

ALL: Almighty God, from you every true prayer comes: deliver us from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thought and kindled desire, we may worthily worship you this morning; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Song of Gathering**

"Morning Has Broken"

 UMH Pg. 145

WE LIFT OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

***Prayer of Confession¹**

ALL: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your Holy Laws. We have left undone things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Grant, O merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live our lives to His glory. Amen.

A Time for Silent, Individual confession

Words of Assurance

L: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."² Jesus forgives all of us. Jesus' forgiveness heals us and restores God's holy image within us. In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven! In the name of Jesus, you are healed!

P: **In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven and healed!!**
Thanks be to God!

Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer *(Beginning With a Time of Silence)*

Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time

Nicole Welborn

***Gospel Reading**

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

***Gloria Patri**

 UMH Pg. 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Today's Message Janice Schaeffer, Certified Lay Speaker
"Christians Flourishing in Community: So Many Gifts"

A Time for Prayerful Reflection

CURRENT PRAYER REQUESTS



Prayers of Concern

- Men and women in the military
- Daniel Chase's sister, Beth, is diagnosed with brain tumors.
- Charisse Powell's grandfather, Don Smith, fell and has to re-do the knee surgery that he had done in October. Please pray for the surgery and his spirits.
- Theron Anderson is recovering from knee surgery.
- Jerry McClurg has a serious medical condition.
- Hank Smatla is transitioning from the VA Hospital to Deer Creek Park Nursing Facility
- Janice, the sister of Rosemary Wickersham, is facing a serious medical diagnosis.
- Hazel Randolph, mother of Dr. Randolph, has been diagnosed with colon cancer.

Prayers of Joy and Thanksgiving

- The Topeka Area district church we are praying for this week: Way of the Cross UMC of Ozawkie and their Pastor Ron Schultz

If you have a prayer request, please call (785) 484-2224 or e-mail mumchurch@embarqmail.com.

LOOK WHO'S CELEBRATING THIS WEEK!

Birthdays

1/17 Pam Clark
 1/17 Gary Silversmith
 1/18 Marty Silversmith
 1/19 Grace Powell
 1/20 Chad Smith
 1/20 Bob Stapel
 1/20 Dr. Richard Randolph
 1/21 Lisa Duniven
 1/21 Ella Davids

Anniversaries

1/17 Joe & Pam Farrant
 1/20 Kris & Jill Tuck
 1/20 John & Susan Corum

If your birthday or anniversary or someone you know isn't here, please notify the office so it can be added!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



DR. RANDOLPH - is in Charlotte, NC this weekend visiting his mother who was recently diagnosed with colon cancer. He will resume his sermon series, "Flourishing in a Time of Fear and Anxiety" next Sunday.

SPECIAL THANKS TODAY TO - Janice Schaeffer for filling in as our preacher in the absence of Dr. Randolph. Some of the prayers used in our service this morning are prayers used by Dr. William J. Baldwin, who was Janice's father, during his ministry at Wesley United Methodist Church in Iola, Kansas. **Nicole Welborn** for providing the Children's Message this morning. **Don Schaeffer** for his special presentation this morning, concerning our work with Habitat for Humanity. **Laura Anderson**, our guest pianist this morning, filling in for our accompanist Marybeth Bramlett, who is taking a well deserved Sunday off.

Sunday Morning Classes

Children's classes: Pre-K – 8th grades meet downstairs in the church. MS and HS meet in the pastor's office.

Adult classes: "First Place 4 Health" meets in the parsonage. "Growing in Faith" meets in the gym.

Nursery available during worship for ages 0 – 5 years of age.

Pastor Dr. Richard O. Randolph
Lay Leader John Corum
Accompanist Marybeth Bramlett
Office Secretary/Volunteer Coordinator Carrie Bramlett
Today's Liturgist Karolyn Conaway
Today's Greeters & Ushers Margie Payne and Marilyn Overstreet

MISSION STATEMENT

"We share God's love through: committed worship and open fellowship; nurturing all to be ever better disciples of Jesus Christ; serving others from what God has given us."

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹²Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

GREETERS AND LITURGISTS

If you would like to volunteer on the days that are empty or your name is listed and you cannot be here, please contact Marilyn Overstreet or the office. Thanks so much for volunteering!

Date	Greeters	Liturgist
January 22nd		
January 29th		
February 4th		
February 11th		

THINGS I WANT TO REMEMBER FROM TODAY'S SERMON

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 15th	Thursday, January 19th
<p>Potluck</p> <p>9:00am Sunday School 9:45am Welcoming time 10:00am Worship 12:00pm Admin Council 1:00pm Volleyball Practice</p>	<p>9:00am Women's Exercise 5:45pm Body & Soul Fitness 7:00pm Volleyball Practice</p>
Monday, January 16th	Friday, January 20th
<p>5:30am Body & Soul Fitness 8:30am Men's Breakfast 5:00pm Daisy Girl Scouts</p>	<p>5:30am Body & Soul Fitness 6:30pm Boy Scouts</p>
Tuesday, January 17th	Saturday, January 21st
<p>9:00am Women's Exercise 5:45pm Body & Soul Fitness 6:30pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>8:00am Basketball Clinic</p>
Wednesday, January 18th	Sunday, January 22nd
<p>5:30am Body & Soul Fitness 6:00pm HS/MS Youth Groups 7:00pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>9:00am Sunday School 9:45am Welcoming time 10:00am Worship 11:15am Outreach Committee 1:00pm Volleyball Practice</p>