

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

A Prayer of Response²

ALL: In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name. Illumine the homes of this earth with the light of your love, granting courage to those who are hurt or lonely, endurance to those who care for sick family members, and wisdom to those in fearful times of change. We thank you for gifts of love we have received from mother, father, spouse, child, or companion. As we have been loved by you and by others, so may we love. Grant us your peace, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*Song of Response

"Many Gifts, One Spirit"

 UMH Pg. 114

Offering

*Doxology

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.

 UMH Pg. 95

*Prayer of Dedication

Dr. Randolph

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

"We, Thy People, Praise Thee"

 UMH Pg. 67

*Benediction

Dr. Randolph

 UMH = UM Hymnal

 FWS = Faith We Sing

¹A Prayer of Alcuin of York, who lived in England in the 8th century, quoted in *The United Methodist book of Worship*, 310.

²A prayer of Ruth Duck, who lived in the United States in the 20th century, quoted in *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, 437.

Meriden United Methodist Church

Flourishing as a Family



Worship Theme



Hanging by a Thread: Families And Stress

January 22, 2012

Meriden United Methodist Church

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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**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

*Call to Worship

L: We are living now through the cold, dark days of mid-winter.

C: Many of us watch the weather reports, hoping that it will not snow.

L: While others watch the same weather reports, hoping that it will snow and give us an unscheduled break from school and work.

C: It is a good time to stay indoors and watch college basketball, or movies, on television.

L: Yet, even in the cold winter, God's warm love comforts and sustains us.

C: Even during the long, dark nights of winter, the light of Jesus shines forth to guide us.

L: Come, let us worship God who lights our path.

C: Yes, let us worship God who warms our hearts.

*Song of Gathering

"We Gather Together"

 UMH Pg. 131

WE LIFT OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

*Prayer of the People¹

ALL: Eternal Light, shine into our hearts. Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil. Eternal Power, be our support. Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us. That with all our heart and mind and soul and strength we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite

mercy to your holy presence; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

"Families"

Dr. Randolph

Reading from Hebrew Scriptures

Genesis 37:3-4, 18-28

Meriden UMC Adult Choir

"He Will Carry You"

Reading from Hebrew Scriptures Song of Solomon 7:10-12

*Gospel Reading

Mark 3:31-35

*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

"Hanging by a Thread: Families and Stress"

Dr. Randolph

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: Wetmore-Goff UMC and their Pastor Song Keun Lee

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

LOOK WHO'S CELEBRATING THIS WEEK!

Birthdays

1/23	Carol Monhollon	1/24	Madison Greene
1/23	Mary O'Donnell	1/26	Joe Eichenberger
1/23	Kay Fiebig	1/27	Kathy Swank
1/24	Rhonda Quiett	1/27	Paul Monhollon
1/24	Jeff Wellmann	1/28	Caitlyn Ross
1/24	Emalee McClurg		

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



TODAY'S SERMON - is the second in a series, entitled: "Flourishing in Times of Fear and Anxiety."

SPECIAL THANKS TODAY TO - Laura Anderson, our guest pianist this morning, filling in for our accompanist Marybeth Bramlett.

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.

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Today's Liturgist
Today's Greeters & Ushers John Corum and Linda Gilbertson

VISION STATEMENT

"Sharing God's love within our community and into the world community."

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

Mark 3:31-35

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him.

³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' ³³And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 22nd

9:00am Sunday School
9:45am Welcoming time
10:00am Worship
11:15am Outreach Committee
1:00pm Volleyball Practice

Monday, January 23rd

5:30am Body & Soul Fitness
6:30pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, January 24th

Newsletter Deadline

9:00am Women's Exercise
10:00am Jayhawk Area Agency
5:45pm Body & Soul Fitness
6:30pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, January 25th

5:30am Body & Soul Fitness
6:00pm HS/MS Youth Groups
7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, January 26th

9:00am Women's Exercise
5:45pm Body & Soul Fitness
7:00pm Volleyball Practice

Friday, January 27th

5:30am Body & Soul Fitness

Saturday, January 28th

8:00am Basketball Clinic

Sunday, January 29th

9:00am Sunday School
9:45am Welcoming time
10:00am Worship
1:00pm Volleyball Practice

THINGS I WANT TO REMEMBER FROM TODAY'S SERMON

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 29th	Bruce & Joyce Fleeker	Dawn Chase
February 5th	Laura & Nathan Anderson	John Olson
February 12th	Helen Atherton/Margie Payne	Bob Hassler
February 19th	Daniel & Dawn Chase	Nancy Lord
February 26th	Brad & Pam Clark	Charisse Powell