

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

"The Lily of the Valley"

♪ FWS Pg. 2062

*Benediction

Dr. Randolph

 UMH = UM Hymnal

♪ FWS = Faith We Sing

¹Written by members of our 2nd/3rd grade Sunday School class, Katie DesLauriers, Joshua Kuhn, and Olivia Ann Tuck, and their teacher, Betty Majors on 13 November 2011.

²A prayer by Alcuin of York, who lived in England in the 8th century, quoted in *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, #310.

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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."

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VISION STATEMENT

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

Meriden United Methodist Church

Christian Flourishing



Worship Theme



What Does It Mean to "Flourish?"

A Christian Perspective

January 8, 2012

Meriden United Methodist Church

Baptism of the Lord

January 8, 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

*Call to Worship¹

L: God is wonderful

P: Praise be to God.

L: God is the best.

P: Praise be to God.

L: God will always love us.

P: Praise be to God.

L: God is always with us.

P: Praise be to God.

L: God will never forget us.

P: Praise be to God.

L: God will never give up on us.

P: Praise be to God.

*Song of Gathering

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

 UMH Pg. 110

WE LIFT OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

*Prayer of the People²

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)*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time

Dr. Randolph

Choir

"I'm So Glad"

*Gospel Reading

Luke 12:22-32

*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

Dr. Randolph


"What Does It Mean to 'Flourish'? A Christian Perspective"

A Time for Prayerful Reflection

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*Song of Response

"Jesus Calls Us"

 UMH Pg. 398

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

DIRECTORY PICTURES! - We are working to put the directory together and welcome any and all pictures of the congregation at work and play! Bring them in or email as soon as possible! If you would like your picture included in the directory, but were unable to have a portrait session, we can take submitted pictures. Just drop them by the office or email them ASAP!

MEETINGS TODAY! - The Trustees and Finance Committees will both meet at worship today. The Trustees will be electing a chairperson.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 8th

Baptism of the Lord

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

Thursday, January 12th

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

Friday, January 13th

5:30am Body & Soul Fitness

Monday, January 9th

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

Tuesday, January 10th

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

Wednesday, January 11th

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

Saturday, January 14th

8:00AM Basketball Clinic

Sunday, January 15th

Potluck

9:00am Sunday School
9:45am Welcoming time
10:00am Worship
12:00pm Admin Council
1:00pm Volleyball Practice

LOOK WHO'S CELEBRATING THIS WEEK!

Birthdays

1/08 Joe Farrant
1/08 Larry Powell
1/10 Sarah Grose
1/10 Warren Swank
1/12 John Welborn
1/12 Don Schaeffer
1/13 Lucy Korber
1/13 Bethany Payne
1/13 Cameron White

Anniversaries

1/08 Mike & Carol Monhollon

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

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Luke 12:22-32

²²He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. ³²Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

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 15th		
January 22nd		
January 29th		
February 4th		

THINGS I WANT TO REMEMBER FROM TODAY'S SERMON

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.