

Memorial United Methodist Church, September 13, 2020, 15th Sunday after Pentecost

*Congregation is invited to stand as able

WELCOME & GREETINGS & WORDS OF REFLECTION

“We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.”
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

PRELUDE Prelude on “Hyfrdol” by: Gerre Hancock

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “O How I Love Jesus” #170

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (I Corinthians 13: 4-8a)

Love is patient, love is kind,
it isn't jealous, it doesn't brag,
it isn't arrogant, it isn't rude,
it doesn't seek its own advantage, it isn't irritable,
it doesn't keep a record of complaints, it isn't happy with injustice, but it is happy with the truth.
Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things.
Love never fails.

***INVOCATION** (*in unison*)

Most loving God. Teach us to love. Teach us to love you with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. We so want to love our neighbor as you have commanded, but we need your eyes to see them as you do. Even more, let us see ourselves with your eyes that we might love ourselves as you do, so we can truly know how to love others. AMEN!

RECEIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING: (May be dropped into the basket as you exit the sanctuary or mailed to the church or made online at www.umcmemorial.com)

HEARING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

THE WORD IN MUSIC “Ubi Caritas” by: Michael John Trotta
Chancel Choir recording, w/ Dr. Angela Reynolds, flute

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 18: 21-35 (CEB)
Reader: The Word of God for the People of God! **People: Thanks be to God!**

THOUGHTS OF A PASTOR “Forgiving” Rev. Ron Branson

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

TIME OF PRAYER (Silent, Pastoral, and Lord's Prayer)
Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

***RECESSIONAL HYMN** “Lord, I Want to be a Christian” #402

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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PRAYZ WORSHIP

GATHERING SONG “My Life is in You, Lord” #26

WELCOME!

(Sharing of Birthdays, Anniversaries, Special Celebrations)

WORDS OF REFLECTION

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OPENING SONG “Mighty to Save” #47

PRAYER

Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to seek for rest, to labor and not seek reward, except that of knowing that I do your will. AMEN!

SONG OF PRAISE “In the Name of Jesus” #69

OFFERING “Change My Heart” #21

SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 13: 8-12 (CEB)

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TIME OF PRAYER

CLOSING SONG “I Refuse” #72

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

Enter to worship . . . Depart to serve

Matthew 18:21-35 Common English Bible

Parable of the unforgiving servant

²¹ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Should I forgive as many as seven times?”

²² Jesus said, “Not just seven times, but rather as many as seventy-seven times.”^[a] ²³ Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle accounts, they brought to him a servant who owed him ten thousand bags of gold.^[b] ²⁵ Because the servant didn’t have enough to pay it back, the master ordered that he should be sold, along with his wife and children and everything he had, and that the proceeds should be used as payment. ²⁶ But the servant fell down, kneeled before him, and said, ‘Please, be patient with me, and I’ll pay you back.’ ²⁷ The master had compassion on that servant, released him, and forgave the loan.

²⁸ “When that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred coins.^[c] He grabbed him around the throat and said, ‘Pay me back what you owe me.’

²⁹ “Then his fellow servant fell down and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I’ll pay you back.’ ³⁰ But he refused. Instead, he threw him into prison until he paid back his debt.

³¹ “When his fellow servants saw what happened, they were deeply offended. They came and told their master all that happened. ³² His master called the first servant and said, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you appealed to me. ³³ Shouldn’t you also have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ His master was furious and handed him over to the guard responsible for punishing prisoners, until he had paid the whole debt.

³⁵ “My heavenly Father will also do the same to you if you don’t forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Leader: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

O How I Love Jesus

1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
 2. It tells me of a Sav-ior's love, who died to set me free;
 3. It tells of one whose lov-ing heart can feel my deep-est woe;

it sounds like mu-sic in my ear, the sweet-est name on earth,
 it tells me of his pre-cious blood, the sin-ner's per-fect plea.
 who in each sor-row bears a part that none can bear be-low.

Refrain

O how I love Je - sus, O how I love Je - sus,

O how I love Je - sus, be - cause he first loved me!

WORDS: Frederick Whitfield, 1855
 MUSIC: 19th cent. USA melody

O HOW I LOVE JESUS
 CM with Refrain

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart,
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in my heart,
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho-ly in my heart,
 4. Lord, I want to be like Je-sus in my heart,

in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian
 in my heart; Lord, I want to be more lov-ing
 in my heart; Lord, I want to be more ho-ly
 in my heart; Lord, I want to be like Je-sus

in my heart. In my heart, (in my heart)
 in my heart. (in my heart)

in my heart, (in my heart) Lord, I want to
 in my heart, (in my heart)

be a Chris-tian in my heart. (in my heart)
 be more lov-ing in my heart. (in my heart)
 be more ho-ly in my heart. (in my heart)
 be like Je-sus in my heart. (in my heart)

WORDS: Afro-American spiritual
 MUSIC: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and arr. by
 William Parley Smith, 1986
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Memorial UMC Reminders

Memorial Worship Times

8:45 am – Traditional service

11:00 am – Contemporary/Prayz service

We will live streaming our worship services at
memorialsunday.org

Memorial's Picnic Shelter

There has been an upswing in the usage or request of usage of Memorial's Picnic Shelter. We encourage you or your group to use the shelter. We do ask that you call the office to let us know when you plan on using it so that we can avoid any scheduling conflicts.

Memorial Preschool Fall Mum Sale

Starting on Sunday September 13th going thru the end of October, folks from Memorial can go to Anderson's Plants & Produce and purchase fall flowers, pumpkins and other outdoor fall decorations. There is a flyer in the September Poplar Leaves that you need to take with you and present to Anderson's. Memorial's Preschool will receive a percentage of all flyer sales. Please note the original end date on the flyer (Sept 19th) has been extended. Additional flyers are available in the church office or on the table in the Narthex. Please support the Preschool and purchase your fall flowers at Anderson's. You may "preorder" and Anderson's will deliver to the church. (see Christy Cresgy or Missy Wilcox with questions).

Triple F Monthly Luncheon

Triple F will be meeting on Friday, September 18th at 11:45 a.m. Our menu will be PIZZA. When you call in your reservation, please let the office know your pizza preference. We will try to accommodate everyone's requests. **Janette Branson will be our guest speaker.**

Reservations should be turned in by Wednesday, September 16th, by noon.

Bike/Walk/Run – Heritage Trail

We encourage you (and your friends) to join us on Sunday September 20th at 2:00 pm for a socially distanced gathering on the Heritage Trail.

We will start at the trail head (parking lot) behind the New Life Church at the East Glen stop light. You may go as far as you like. The church bus will be available to assist anyone who needs it. We do ask that you wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Discussion Group Starting

Are you ready to get together with your friends from Memorial? We are preparing to do a new study series call NOOMA.

These gatherings will be centered around a video series that features the reflections of Rob Bell with for six-week. Each of these is stand alone session, which simply means you can miss one and still participate in the rest.

We are planning on starting Wednesday September 9th with a **gathering at 2pm (note: time change)** and another at 6pm. To ensure appropriate social distancing, these classes are **limited to only 9 people** so call the Memorial office and register with Kevin right away ... if we have more people than space, we'll open another class!

So, aren't sure you're ready for gathering in person yet? Starting on Tuesday September 15th we will have a Zoom gathering of the same NOOMA Series with unlimited attendance so you can even invite your family and friends from across the country! You will still need to register with Kevin through the Memorial office so we know your email and can send you a link by email!

Finally ... if you don't know how to use Zoom, you can make arrangements to learn how by contacting Kevin who will endeavor to find someone who can show you in person, or talk you through the process of getting connected using Zoom.

"Peanut Butter" Church

Memorial is asking for folks to donate jars of peanut butter for the 14th & Chestnut Food Bank. There is a container in the Narthex for you donations or you can drop them off at the office. Please refer to the insert from Pastor Ron in the September newsletter.



Youth Group News & Fundraiser

The youth are having a fundraiser selling masks with the church Logo on them. The order form will be in the Narthex on Sundays or in the Office during the week. Thank you for supporting our youth! Cost is \$8 per mask.

September Meeting Schedule:

9/13 Frisbee Golf @ Deming Park 2 PM
9/20 Walk/Ride – Heritage Trail 2 – 4 pm
9/27 ZOOM

THIS WEEK AT MEMORIAL

Sunday, September 13

8:45 AM Traditional Worship

11:00 AM Casual Worship

Monday, September 14

12:30 PM Staff Meeting

5:30 PM Outreach & Marketing (ZOOM)

6:30 PM Preschool Board

Tuesday, September 15

Noon Scouts in Picnic Shelter

5:45 PM Missions Committee

6:30 PM NOOMA Discussion Group (Zoom)

Wednesday, September 16

9:30 AM Lectionary Bible Study (ZOOM)

11:00 AM UMW Gathering – Picnic Shelter

2:00 PM NOOMA Discussion Group

6:00 PM NOOMA Discussion Group

7:00 PM PrayZ! Band Practice

Thursday, September 17

1:00 PM Yarn Ministry

POPLAR LEAVES INFO DUE

Friday, September 18

11:45 AM Triple F Senior Luncheon

Saturday, September 19

All Day Lydia Bridgewater - family

Sunday, September 20

8:45 AM Traditional Worship

11:00 AM Casual Worship

2:00 PM HERITAGE TRAIL WALK/RIDE

Pray for our Home Bound

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| Shirley Bonfer | Anita Poorman |
| Mary Kate Miller | Kim Mediate |
| Kelly Criss | Sally Whitlock |
| Maury Miller | Meg Grandier |
| Mary Claire Hamrick | Peter Priest |
| Jane Shouse | Howard Higgins |
| Connie Smith | Betty Jo Martin |
| Stan & Kris Henderson | |
| Randall & Carolyn Hopper | |

PRAYERS

Jess & Shirley Shively, Covid-19

Carole Williams, broken ankle

Kathleen Peffley, cancer

MEETINGS/GATHERINGS AT MEMORIAL

Please inform the church office if you plan on having a meeting/gathering in the church. We want to make sure there are no scheduling conflicts and we also need to be able to sanitize the area.

(This does not include normal church committees.)

United Methodist Women News

The UMW is planning a "get together" on **Wednesday, September 16th at 11:00 am.**

This is an opportunity to fellowship. You will meet in the shelter (weather permitting).

You are asked to bring your own lunch/snack/drink.



Life Line Screening

There is a simple, convenient way for you to get preventive health screenings and learn your risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions.

These painless screenings go beyond your regular checkup to identify dangerous plaque buildup or blockage, a major risk factor for stroke and heart disease. The screenings are accurate, affordable and will give you valuable information about your health that you can share with your doctor.

We are pleased to host Life Line Screening, who will be on site on 9/25/2020 at Memorial United Methodist Church of Terre Haute to conduct these valuable screenings.

These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441 or text the word "circle" to 797979

"The West District will be an ANTIRACIST DISTRICT"

Dr. Aleze Fulbright, West District Superintendent.

I know for some that is a strong statement and you have discounted the efforts. To declare that the West District will be an ANTIRACIST DISTRICT simply means that we will be on a learning journey from September thru November to "see all cultures in all their differences as on the same level, as equals." We will be reading the book "**How to Be An Antiracist**" by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi [available from Amazon.com on Kindle, in hardback or from Audible.com].

All discussions will be held from 6:00 -7:30 PM ET via ZOOM. The first meeting is for September 13th.

You will find the schedule and ZOOM information on our Facebook page or contact our District Office.

<https://www.facebook.com/WestDistrictINUMC/>

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