

*The Order for Worship
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 26, 2010*

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude Nicky Wilson, Organist

Bringing in the Light Acolytes

**Welcome, Announcements, & Greeting Time* Tammy Owen, Liturgist

**Hymn of Praise* "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" No. 127

**Affirmation of Faith* Tammy Owen, Liturgist

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Gloria Patri.* No. 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.

Prayer Time/Prayer Concerns/Pastoral Prayer Rev. Jim Stringfellow

Lord's Prayer

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.

Offertory "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" No. 140

Giving of God's Tithes & Offerings

**Doxology* No. 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.

Children's Minute Renee' Rowse
(After Children's Minute, children ages 3 1/2-5th grade are dismissed for Children's church)

Anthem Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson Job 42:1-6 Tammy Owen, Liturgist

Sermon "The Hard Kind of Waiting" Reverend Jim Stringfellow

**Hymn of Dedication* "Be Still, My Soul" No. 534

Benediction

*Congregation, please stand as you are able.

The Story

Monday, September 27 Youth Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room



Operation Christmas Child Spotlight: this year we will be providing all of the shoeboxes for our Operation Christmas Child project. Please look in your closets, under the bed, or in the garage to find any empty shoe boxes we can fill to send to the children whose lives can be touched by the gifts we can share during this blessed holiday season. Please leave them in the coat area in the Narthex. We will be sending our shoe boxes on their way in mid-November. Let's make this our best year yet!

FIRST STOP has run out of money and needs all kinds of essential supplies, such as toilet tissue, paper products as plates, paper towels, forks, coffee, bath soap, bottled water, powdered milk. Call Tobey Avery at 828-5438 for more details.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 District Council Meeting, Trinity UMC New Room, 2:30-4:00 p.m., to discuss disposition of the District Office and Ministry Center on Jordan Lane

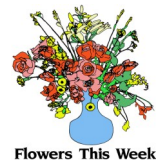
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 Staff/Pastor relations Committee Training, Trinity UMC New Room, 4:00 p.m. All members of the Staff-Parish Team are invited to join in this Northeast District Training event for local church Staff-Parish Teams.

SYMBOLS IN CHRISTIAN ART & ARCHITECTURE

The Cross is displayed in a central place in the church chancel. It is a reminder that Jesus Christ is the center of the Christian faith. In Roman Catholic churches, a figure of Jesus is displayed on the cross, reminding worshipers of His atoning sacrifice. In other churches the cross is shown empty as a reminder of Christ's Resurrection. The cross is also a reminder of our own sin and need of redemption, and for the believer in Jesus Christ, Who died that our sins might be forgiven, it provides the whole context for Christian worship.

The Altar has a central place in the chancel. The altar is the place where the elements of communion are prepared. In Protestant Reformed churches, the altar is replaced with the Lord's table. A table may be distinguished from an altar by its open legwork. An altar reminds believers of Jesus' self-sacrifice as the Lamb of God. A table is an reminder of Jesus' invitation to participate in the fellowship of God. The offering plates are usually placed on the altar after the collection is taken as a symbol of the worshipers' sacrificial response to God's redeeming love shown in Christ Jesus.

The Baptismal Font is a reminder of God's adoption of believers into His family. It is a sign of His covenant with His people. The font holds water which the minister sprinkles on the head of the one being baptized the font often has an octagonal base because eight is the number of regeneration and new life. In churches of the Anabaptist tradition, a baptistery takes the place of a font. A baptistery is a large pool of water in which believers are immersed for baptism as a sign of dying and rising with Christ.



The flowers on the Altar are in loving memory of

Clovís Oden

Vernon, Kathy, Missy, & the Grandchildren

Welcome to Our Guests We are honored that you have chosen Epworth United Methodist Church as your place of worship this morning. If you are not active in a church or if you are looking for a new place in a caring, serving church, we invite you to become part of this church family. Children's Bulletins are available in the narthex. **Sunday School** classes are 9:00-10:00 a.m. **Thank you for worshipping with us today.**



"Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity"

Stress. Anxiety. Fear. These three words capture the state of mind of many of us in America today. We have witnessed dramatic market losses, the collapse of the world's largest insurance company, and many bankruptcies and mergers. Every day seems to bring another piece of economic uncertainty.

A recent survey found that more than three out of every four Americans are stressed about the economy and personal finances. Half were worried about providing for basic family needs. Over half of the respondents reported being angry and laying awake at night worried about economic problems. The declining state of the nation's economy is taking a physical and emotional toll on people nationwide.

I hope you will all join us in worship and Sunday School the next several weeks as we search out this experience that is becoming known as the "American Nightmare." Increasing consumer debt, declines in personal savings, lower income growth, and a volatile stock market are all a part of our growing insecurity. We have lived too long in a society that tells us "you deserve it now," whether or not we can afford it or really need it.

We are all struggling with these issues. We cannot and should not ignore them. Over the next eight weeks we will devote time in worship and small groups to emphasize "Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity." We'll explore together what the Bible teaches us about financial management. We'll hear expert advice and stories about what others have learned by working through financial challenges. We will try to provide you with some practical tools you can use to assess your financial situation and develop a financial plan with a biblical foundation.

At the conclusion of the emphasis, we will all have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We will consecrate these commitments in the worship service on two consecutive Sundays. Next week we will announce the schedule of our upcoming events. I hope you will join us as we look at how we can manage our financial resources and truly experience simplicity, generosity, and joy.

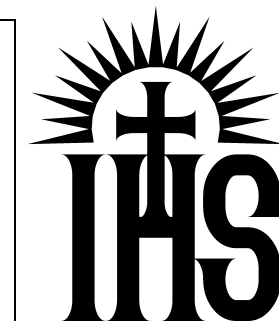


WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY is celebrated the first Sunday in October. It is one of the six church wide Special Sundays of The United Methodist Church. World Communion Sunday provides scholarships for US racial and ethnic-minority students and international students, both undergraduate and graduate levels. The study program must be directly responsive to the mission work of the United Methodist Church, including and especially addressing the elimination of poverty, global health, congregational development and leadership within the church and community.

"Be Still My Soul" is a popular revival hymn written by Katharine von Schlegel (1697-c.1768) and translated into English by Jane L. Borthwick (1813-1897). The music was composed by Jean Sibelius, from his music 'Finlandia.' The scripture reference of this hymn is found in Psalm 46:10: "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

**Attendance
September 19, 2010**

Worship:	136
Sunday School:	92
Children:	11
Youth:	16
Adults:	65



**Stewardship
September 19, 2010**

General	\$3,537.00
Building Fund	223.00
Flowers	32.00
SBB	55.00
Youth	10.00
Total	\$3,857.00

THOSE WHO SERVE

Month of October

Trustee John Cady
Ushers Paul & Judy Ballance, Dave & Jane Maguire
Altar Guild Ginny Brandau
Monthly Counting Team Charles Avery, Jim Treadway
Communion Servers Scott & Amy Key, Jeff & Marcie Purser
Communion Steward Nancy Ballew

September 26

Liturgist Tammy Owen
Greeters Gina Marie Tilson, Daniel Tilson, Leigh Carpenter, Scott Jones
Acolytes Rachel Lozier, Kathryn Larson
Children's Church Volunteers Renee' Rowse
Nursery Volunteers Valerie Jones, Leone Purser
Visitation John Cole
Sound Scott Jones/Richard Wilson
Prayer Chapel Mary Anne Bott

October 3

Liturgist Randall Shepard
Greeters Loyce Esslinger, Joyce Peek, James & Mary Ann Kirkland
Acolytes Pete Shepard, Tylor Thompson
Children's Church Volunteers Beth Marshall, Jan Bannister, Monica Yearick
Nursery Volunteers
Visitation John Cole
Sound Scott Jones/Richard Wilson
Prayer Chapel John Cole



Prayer concerns and praises for the week of September 26, 2010

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

AIC Trey Franklin	Maymie Pickett
Ed Friday	Ethel Phillips
Donna Hamilton	Madeline Reynold
Lue Harvell	Pat Reid
PVT Chris Howser	Bill Schrimsher
Jane Hoffman	Ann Sexton
Tammy Hoffman	Sam Sproles
Mildred Hopper	Frances Slayton
Ed & Joyce Hunt	Earl Stringfellow
RJ Jackson	Nell Stone
Bill Kerr	Pam Stunk
Lillian Johnson	Ethel & Rodney Short
Darby Jones	Lance Taylor
Mary Ann Kirkland	Nell Teater
Carolyn Knight	Rhonda Tucker
Larry Limbaugh	Marguerite Wilson
Dee McPeters	Jarrett Williams
Vickie Manhart	US Military families
Fred & Mary Moffitt	

Prayer Needs:

I am requesting prayer for: _____

Situation / relationship: _____

_____ Please contact me. _____ Please list this prayer request in the bulletin.

_____ I would like to talk with a staff member about joining Epworth UMC.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Reverend Jim Stringfellow, Senior Pastor
 Renee' Rowse, Children Ministries Director
 Judy Panucci/Valerie Jones, MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten Directors
 Eric Wilson, Music Ministry Director Nicky Wilson, Organist/Pianist
 Erin Hicks, Youth Director
 Jimmy Gattis, Treasurer Larry Mathis, Assistant Treasurer
 Leone Purser, Secretary Billy Ledbetter, Custodian

Ongoing Weekly Events and Meetings Listed Below

Sunday School	9:00 am - 10:00 am	
Sunday Worship	10:15 am	
	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	E.D.G.E. (every 3rd Sunday)
	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Youth
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Children's Choir
	7:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Youth Choir
Monday	9:30 am - 1:30 pm	MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten
	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts/Pack 96
Tuesday	9:30 am - 1:30 pm	MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten
	10:00 am	Lydia Circle-Parlor (every 3rd Tuesday)
	6:30 pm	Stitchers, Etc. - Parlor
		(2nd & last Tuesday of each month)
Wednesday	9:30 am - 1:30 pm	MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten
	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Girl Scouts - Art Room
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Youth Bible Study
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Adult Choir
Thursday	9:30 am - 1:30 pm	MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten
	9:30 am	Adult Bible Study—Parlor
	6:00 pm	Rebecca Circle - Parlor - 3rd Thursday
		of each month
	6:30 pm	Trustees Meeting-Conference Room
		(2nd Thursday of each month)
Friday	9:30 pm - 1:30 pm	MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten

Wish to Join?

Questions about Membership?

You may join Epworth United Methodist Church by
Confession of Faith - the initial entrance into membership in the church when you confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

Reaffirmation of Faith - renewing your initial confession of faith after a period of inactivity or not being on a church membership roll.

Transfer of Membership - from another United Methodist congregation or from a Christian church of another denomination. We recognize baptism from all other Christian churches.

If you have questions about baptism or church membership, please contact the office at 256-536-1559 or eumc@hiwaay.net, and our pastor will be pleased to meet with you.

“Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.”- Romans 15:7