

*The Order for Worship
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 5, 2010*

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude Nicky Wilson, Organist
Bringing in the Light Acolytes
**Welcome, Announcements, & Greeting Time* Katy Torabinejad, Liturgist
**Hymn of Praise* "Spirit Song" No. 347
**Affirmation of Faith* Katy Torabinejad, 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* "The Old Rugged Cross" No. 504

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 Luke 14:25-33 Katy Torabinejad, Liturgist

Sermon "It Only Comes in Extra-Large" Reverend Jim Stringfellow

Sacrament of Holy Communion
(offerings made at the Altar table are given to the Social concerns fund)

**Hymn of Dedication* "O Young and Fearless Prophet" No. 444

Benediction
 *Congregation, please stand as you are able.

The Story

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 Youth will have Fireside at the church at 5:00 to watch *To Save a Life*. Please bring snacks to share.

TODAY, there will be a short meeting of the trustees right after the Worship service

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 Lay Leadership Team Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Conference room

CUB SCOUTS AND GIRLS SCOUTS will meet Wednesdays in the Art Room. Contact Kristen Shields for more information - 256-536-1626 or byrdk@hotmail.com.

Anyone interested in participating in the IMS Day of Service & Unity, September 11, please call 536-2401. It starts with breakfast at 8:00 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 Trustees' Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 Worship Team Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

The Old Rugged Cross was written and composed by George Bennard in 1913. It is one of the most popular of all 20-century hymns sung on Good Friday.

George Bennard was born in Youngstown, Ohio, but his parents soon moved to Albia, Iowa, and later to the town of Lucas in the same state. It was here the young George made his personal acceptance of Christ as his savior. His father died when he was sixteen years old, and it was also the time he joined the Salvation Army. Bennard and his wife served this organization as officers.

Bennard, whose ministry was highly esteemed, was ordained by the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was also involved in conducting revival services, especially throughout the states of Michigan and New York.

One day, after returning to Michigan coming from one of his ministries, Bennard passed through a trying experience which caused him to reflect seriously about the significance of the cross and in particular, what the apostle Paul meant when he spoke of entering into the fellowship of Christ's suffering. While contemplating on these truths, Bennard was convinced that the cross was more than just a religious symbol but rather the very heart of the gospel.

In 1913, an inspiration came to Bennard when he was staying in Albion, Michigan. He started writing *The Old Rugged Cross* and composed the melody first. The words of his completed hymn were put into his heart as answer to his own need.

He wrote other favorite gospel hymns, but none ever achieved the popularity of *The Old Rugged Cross*.

Bennard spent the last years of his life by the "side of the road," a few miles north of Reed City, Michigan. At the age of 85, he passed away. Near this home there still stands a twelve foot high cross with the words, *The Old Rugged Cross* - home of George Bennard, composed of this beloved hymn.



The flowers on the Altar are in honor of

Jerry & Arlene Johnson's

57th Wedding Anniversary, August 29th

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.**

In Memory Of

<i>Given By</i> Nell Rose Brackett Gene & Fannie Falkenberry Gwyn & Shirley Faile	Faye Reese Tom Rice	<i>For</i> Capital fund Undesignated Undesignated
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SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY CLASSES will begin September 19. Please see Brother Jim concerning classes you would like to teach and/or be taught. There will be no dinner meal this year.

Labor Day: How it Came about: What it Means Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity and well-being of our country.

FOUR TIPS FOR TEACHING YOUR CHILD RESPECT

One of the most important things you can teach your child is respect. Teaching a child to be respectful is not as difficult as it may seem. The best way to teach respect is to show respect for others, which a child begins to develop by first learning to respect his or her parents.

Respect is an attitude. It is a response to others that may be verbal and non-verbal. Respect is the attitude of admiration or esteem - to hold in esteem or consider well-regarded - towards others, oneself and one's possessions. A respectful child takes care of belongings and responsibilities, and a respectful child gets along with peers, parents, and figures of authority.

Respect, unlike mathematics or grammar, is an abstract concept. There is no step-by-step model to apply to teach a child respect. Just as the best way to teach a child how to love is to show love, the best way to teach respect is to show respect. Children model the behavior of the adults in their lives. Keep in mind the saying "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

When a child experiences respect, they know what it feels like and begin to understand how important it is. Start early - start to teach your children as soon as they may begin to understand what you say to them. It is always much more difficult to show and teach respect to a teenager who has not really been held accountable. While your child is learning respectful behavior patterns, it is essential to modify inappropriate behavior. If your child does something that is not respectful, take time to point out, in quiet and non-threatening ways, that their behavior towards others or you are not respectful. Always begin that dialogue in a safer manner for them and build upon their strengths. Be sure to offer them alternate ways in which the situation may have been better handled.

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS' DAY The impetus for a National Grandparents' Day originated with Marian McQuade, a housewife in Fayette County, West Virginia. Her primary motivation was to champion the cause of lonely elderly in nursing homes. She also hoped to persuade grandchildren to tap the wisdom and heritage their grandparents could provide. President Jimmy Carter, in 1978, proclaimed National Grandparents' Day would be celebrated every year on the first Sunday after Labor Day. In 2010, Grandparents' Day falls on September 12th.

Attendance August 29, 2010

Worship: 155
Sunday School: 98

Children: 16
Youth: 14
Adults: 68



Stewardship August 29, 2010

General	\$2,798.00
Building Fund	670.00
Flowers	32.00
DBS literature	350.00
Children's Ministries	10.00
	\$3,860.00

THOSE WHO SERVE

Month of September

Trustee Patrick Jones
Ushers Randall & Leslie Shepard, James & Amy Boyle
Altar Guild Diane Hayes
Monthly Counting Team Fred Reeves, Gwyn Faile
Communion Servers Tim & Sarah Edwards, Shirin & Masoud Torabinejad
Communion Steward Nancy Ballew

September 5

Liturgist Katy Torabinejad
Greeters Kathy Cornutt, Becky Kanaday, David Hinote, Diane Hayes
Acolytes BJ Marsh, Zach Maguire
Children's Church Volunteers Renee' Rowse
Nursery Volunteers Thomas Rowse, Ashley Howser
Visitation Diane Hayes
Sound Scott Jones/Richard Wilson
Prayer Chapel

September 12

Liturgist Tucker Hawkins
Greeters Ann Franklin, Jan Zielinski, Vernon Oden, John Cole
Acolytes Anna Ballance, Avery Manhart
Children's Church Volunteers Renee' Rowse
Nursery Volunteers Kathy Kindred, Amy Key
Visitation John Cole
Sound Scott Jones/Richard Wilson
Prayer Chapel John Cady



Prayer concerns and praises for the week of September 5, 2010

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

**Family of Sue Sinyard
 CPL Christopher Burke**

Amy Alverson
 Mildred Barnes
 Diane Birdwell
 Austin Bullard
 Sandra Boyle
 Nell Rose Brackett
 Helen Branum
Betty Brockway
 Ashley Daniel
 Joy Daniel
 Andrew Eakes
 Fannie Mae Falkenberry
 Corrine Fanning
 Chris Franklin
 AIC Trey Franklin

Ed Friday
 Ted Haas
 Donna Hamilton
 Lue Harvell
 PVT Chris Howser
 Jane Hoffman
 Tammy Hoffman
 Jimmy Hopper
 Mildred Hooper
 Ed & Joyce Hunt
 Bill Kerr
 Lillian Johnson
 Darby Jones
 Mary Ann Kirkland
 Carolyn Knight
 Dee McPeters
 Vickie Manhart
 Fred Moffitt

Ethel Phillips
 Tammy Owen
 Madeline Reynolds
 Bill Schrimsher
 Ann Sexton
 Sam Sproles
Frances Slayton
 Earl Stringfellow
Nell Stone
 Pam Stunk
 Ethel & Rodney Short
 Lance Taylor
 Nell Teater
 Marcella Weinzettle
 Rhonda Tucker
 Marguerite Wilson
Jarrett Williams
 US Military families

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: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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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
 Monday 9:30 am - 1:30 pm MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten
 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm 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 Cub Scouts & Girl Scouts - Art Room
 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm Youth choir
 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.

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."- Proverbs 22:6