# Welcome to Worship!

February 4, 2024

## PRELUDE

#### **GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thank you for signing the attendance pads.

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Linda Kelly, Lituraist

One: People of God, welcome! Surely God is in this place! All: We come to worship and to rest in God's presence.

One: Breathe deep for the goodness of God surrounds us. All: The Holy One who sustains the universe is near.

One: When we are tired, worn down, and carrying heavy burdens, God is with us.

> All: God strengthens us that we might help carry one another's burdens.

One: So, let us join together in wonder and thanksgiving for God's love that lifts us up on wings like eagles. All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

#### **SONG & PRAISE**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

#### CHILDREN'S STORY

Children ages 4 through 5th arade may exit for Children's Church and go downstairs to the Old Fellowship Hall.

INVITATION to the OFFERING with "Doxology"		No. 95
OFFERTORY PRAYER		Liturgist
*HYMN	A Mighty Fortress is Our God	No. 110
SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c		Liturgist
CHORAL ANTHEM		Choir

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 40:21-31

Created Anew: Never-Ending Creativity SERMON Rev. Greg Markins

INVITATION TO HOLY C	No. 12	
HYMN OF RESPONSE	My Faith Looks Up to Thee	No. 452

HYMN OF RESPONSE My Faith Looks Up to Thee

#### BENDEDICTION

POSTLUDE

# **NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

BIBLE STORIES FOR GROWN-UPS: Please place the enclosed meal reservation ticket in the offering plate if you are planning to come for dinner befor class, Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. so that we can prepare accordinaly.

FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER: A pancake dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 13th in the New Fellowship Hall in observance of Fat Tuesday.

AHOY, MATEYS! The Young Disciples Sunday School Class will set sail on an engaging journey through the Bible beginning on Sunday, January 28. Young lads and lassies (Ages 4 years old - 5th grade) are invited to join us as we travel through the Holy Land and learn about the stories, cultures, people, and places of the Bible. You may even find some buried treasure along the way! We arrigh so excited to see you each Sunday at 9:45 a.m.. --Captain Becky and First Mate Sarah

LENTEN STUDY: The Spiritual Formation Team has selected Tom Berlin's The Third Day as the study for Lent this year. The study will be offered in all four of the adult Sunday School classes beginning on February 25th and on Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. in the New Fellowship Hall beginning February 20th. This is a six weeks study. Books are being ordered and will be available. The cost will be approximately \$11.00. Please join in preparing your heart for Easter by joining one of these groups.

ECCHO NEEDS: Canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, mac and cheese, spaghetti, pinto beans, canned pasta, soup, and household items such as toilet paper, bar soap, shampoo, and toothpaste.

We especially need financial support to continue to purchase additional commodities. Donations may be placed in the EC-CHO Closet in the Narthex.

**LENT IS ALMOST HERE:** Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, comes on February 14. We Christians observe Lent for 40 days (excluding Sundays) to examine our spiritual condition and to strive to improve our relationship with God.

Lent is also a period of spiritual preparation for Easter Sunday, the greatest day on the Christian Calendar.

During Lent most churches have additional services. Some offer special Bible study events or classes in strengthening the spiritual life. It is a good time to study the life of a great Christian from past and the ways that person developed closeness to God.

It's important that each Christian practice spiritual disciplines to "show that you are a letter of Christ...written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts" (2 Corinthians 3:3, NRSV).

#### Ash Wednesday Self-Guided Experience

- Steele Memorial United Methodist Church
- February 14th
- 12:30-2:00 p.m., 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Come anytime during the above times and progress through the stations at your own pace.

ALL STARS 4 JESUS: Get back in the game and join All Stars 4 Jesus! We have exciting plans for the next few weeks. Come join us Wednesdays 5:30 p.m.-7:10 p.m. for choir, dinner, lessons and fun!



# **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Phyllis Argabrite Eloise Baumaardner Teresa Blake Sandy Boggess Dana Godfrev Amy Herrenkohl Mary Howard Fred Huff Monica Jackson Virainia Keefer Brenda Morning Keith Ross Chris Rov Lois Sillina Karen Turman Doris Wooten

# THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

SUNDAT-4		
Sunday School:	9:45 a.m.	
Morning Worship:	10:45 a.m.	
Prayer Warriors	5:30 p.m.	
SWAG (Youth)	Winter Jam	
MONDAY-5		
Scouts	6:30 p.m.	
Trustees Mtg.	7:00 p.m.	
TUESDAY-6		
Bible Study	1:00p.m.	
WEDNESDAY-7		
All Stars 4 Jesus	5:30p.m.	
Bible Study	5:30 p.m.	
Choir	7:00 p.m.	
THURSDAY-8		
Finance Mtg.	6:30 p.m.	

# FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN OUR PRAYERS

Paul Bock John and Jill Chapman **Cathy Drazenovich Greg & Janet Fisher Connie Foster Belle Hanson** Darrell & Connie Shull **Kimberly Westerfield** Nancy Underwood

(Friend of Amy Jarvis) (Friend of Dick & Louetta Jimison) (Friend of Karen Canfield) (Friends of Kay Ratcliff) (Sister-in-law of Connie Gesner) (Mother of Lori Crabtree) (Parents of Rick Shull) (Daughter of Jim & Nancy Allman) (Friend of Karen Canfield)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS FEBRUARY**

13-Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner 14-Ash Wednesday 12-Adminstrative Council Meeting **20-Lenten Study Begins** 

# WEEKLY REPORT – January 28, 2024

#### GIVING

Needed per Week: \$8,039.15 Received: \$3,530.00

ATTENDANCE Present: 113

**Online Views: 6** House of Carpenter Offering:\$2,250.00





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# WELCOME

to Steele Memorial United Methodist Church

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# **BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER**

Almighty God, break through and open doors to your new hopes, dreams, and possibilities for Steele Memorial and in our individual lives, and as you do, we will surrender and faithfully follow Christ onto the open road adventure of your new and unknow future. (Ephesians 3:20) Amen.

