



Congress Street UMC

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Office Hours: (see weekly calendar)

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your cellular devices.*

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UMH=United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS=*The Faith We Sing* Songbook

CHILDREN are always welcome in our worship service! Nursery Care is in Rm. 202. Worship Bags are available for the young ones among us who want to color, read books, or do activity pages during Worship and remain with their families. **COMFORT CUSHIONS** are available in the back pew. Please use them to make yourself comfortable.

Complete your Connection Card every Sunday to help us grow the community!

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Last Week's Attendance	59
Small Group Participants	18
Outreach/Volunteer Participants	8
Tithes Paid	\$ 0.00
OES Food Pantry Ministry	\$ 851.51
January Income	\$ 10,405.61
January Expenses	\$ 17,775.79
2017 Over/Under	\$ -7,350.18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PMO (Heart & Soul) - TODAY!: The Purdue Musical Organization group, *Heart & Soul*, will be performing at University Church (UChurch) today during their 11:30 a.m. worship service. It'll be 30-minutes, followed by the "Last Sunday Supper" with First Baptist congregants. Congress Street UMC is invited and encouraged to attend both of these exciting events! You may bring a dish for the luncheon, but it's not necessary in order to be present!

Ash Wednesday Breakfast: March 1, 2017 is Ash Wednesday and the United Methodist Women will have their usual Ash Wednesday Breakfast which will be held in the church parlor. The starting time will be 9:00a.m. and refreshments will be served. The guest speaker will be Cindy Taylor, Director of Development for Habitat for Humanity of Lafayette. The vision statement for Habitat for Humanity is "A world where every one has a decent place to live." Everyone is invited to attend to hear Cindy speak about this worthy topic.

Pam Detamore's Retirement Celebration: Please join the Detamore family in welcoming Pam into the blissful years of retirement! Her retirement celebration will be Saturday, March 4 from 1-4pm in Fellowship Hall. You may come and go as needed.

Community Garden Meeting on March 12: All persons interested in participating in the community garden project are invited to attend a short meeting after church (11:15 a.m.) in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday, March 12. We'll discuss what vegetables we want to grow this year, and any upgrades to add to the garden beds. If you can't attend the meeting, but are interested in helping, please contact Jean Clithero. Email is best: jmclithero@gmail.com

Greater Lafayette Social Justice Calendar. If you have an Android phone, you have a Google account. If you have a gmail address, you have a Google account. Now, you can easily "subscribe" to a local shared Google calendar with over 25 contributors on-board!! Email Clarinda for the direct link OR find it via recent social media postings! Keep up with programs, studies, films, fairs, etc. in the area!

* - *this symbol when found in the service means stand—if able.*



A podcast (audio version) of today's service is available by Wednesday each week at www.cosumc.org.

THIS WEEK @ CONGRESS STREET

Today:

9:00am Adult Small Group
9:00am Children's Class
9:30am Choir Rehearsal
10:00am Worship
4:30pm *America's Original Sin*
Study Group @
MatchBOX

Monday:

10:00am Moseying on Mondays
2:00pm Balance Class
6:00pm Teen MOPS

Tuesday:

3:30pm TLCC Chapel
7:00pm AA (Rainbow) Mtg.

Wednesday:

9:00am UMW* General Mtg.
(w/ Special Speaker)
12:00pm Imposition of Ashes
(Chapel)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
7:15pm Racial Reconciliation
Dialogue Group

Thursday:

2:00pm Office Hours
6:00pm OES Food Pantry
7:00pm H3: Holy Happy Hour
@ Arni's Pizza
(Market Square)

Friday:

10:00am Flying on Fridays
12:00pm Pizza with the Pastors
2:30pm OES Food Pantry
6:00pm Sheeza Rehearsal

Saturday:

1:00pm Pam Detamore's
Retirement
Celebration
6:00pm Game Night!

*United Methodist Women

Evolving followers of Jesus
for the transformation of
the world!

Transfiguration Sunday

Sunday, February 26, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

Please complete both sides of your Connection Card; drop in the offering plate.

Please write down any prayer requests (paper at the end of pew) you would like to have made public and pass to the center aisle. There is some paper provided at the end of each pew near the center aisle. During the Prayer Hymn, Ushers will collect these from the center aisle and give them to the pastor leading prayer.

Organ Prelude (9:55 a.m.)

"March in D" (Handel)

***Processional Hymn #258**

"O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair"

***Opening Prayer #259**

"Transfiguration"

***Psalter (p. 819, sung response)**

Psalm 99
Bill Meinweiser, Leader

***Gloria Patri #70**

"Glory Be to the Father"

***Confession & Pardon:**

One: Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. I will confess my sins to the Lord, I will not conceal my wrongdoings. God forgives and heals us.

All: We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us; some escape us, some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve you.

One: God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself.

SILENCE

One: Through Christ, God has put away your sin: approach your God in peace.

One: Jesus, our deliverer, we take your freedom from others. Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

One: Jesus, our hope, we deprive others of hope. Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

One: Jesus, God's shalom, we distort your peace. Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

SILENCE—Individual confession.

One: God forgives you. Be at peace.

Centering Silence:

One: Let us take a moment to settle into the silence.

All: In this brief moment of silence may we find strength. May our lives be rich in affection, deep in understanding and sympathy for each other.

One: May the blessings of life be known to all.

Prayer Hymn #534 (vs. 1)

"Be Still, My Soul"

Silence & Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Reading:

Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up on the mountain and stay here for a while. I will give you the two flat stones on which I have written the laws that my people must obey." Moses and Joshua his assistant got ready, then Moses started up the mountain to meet with God. Moses had told the leaders, "Wait here until we come back. Aaron and Hur will be with you, and they can settle any arguments while we are away." When Moses went up on Mount Sinai, a cloud covered it, and the bright glory of the Lord came down and stayed there. The cloud covered the mountain for six days, and on the seventh day the Lord told Moses to come into the cloud. Moses did so and stayed there forty days and nights. To the people, the Lord's glory looked like a blazing fire on top of the mountain.

Ministry of Music "Peace Like a River with Amazing Grace" (arr. Raney)

*Gospel Acclamation #220 (vs. 4) "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

*Gospel Reading:

Matthew 17:1-9

A Reading from the Gospel According to Saint Matthew:

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Response to the Lesson:

One: Let us hear what the Spirit is speaking to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Silence for Personal Reflection

*Hymn

"Ancient Spirit, Modern Wonder"

Tune: Nettleton

It's our time to join the chorus, / It's our time to lift our voice.
Looking down the road before us, / It's our time to make a choice.
Let us hear Your joyful singing, / Help us make Your verses rhyme.
Hope and welcome, we'll be bringing, / Realizing it's our time.

*An Affirmation of Faith:

One: In response to the word reflected on, let us share together an affirmation of faith... We believe we are here because of the eternal generosity of that Holy Lover whom we call God. Because God is, there is a universe. All galaxies, sun, moon, and the green earth. Because God is,

All: there are mountains & plains, streams & seas, forests & grasslands.

PRAYER LIST

"peace and understanding," Sally, Tim, Lex, Rick, Andrew for "clarity & motivation to change his life," Jill & her mother with cancer, Amy's Dad, Gina, Harry, Mark, Mary "a friend," "Thank you for grandchildren," "Linda for health," "Kathy and Jen for faith"

Prayer Requests may be submitted online, via the Connection Card, or through the Prayer Request Form found on a back table in the Parlor/Narthex. Last names are printed for individuals already in public information, direct individual requests, or with explicitly given permission and a fully completed Prayer Request Form.

USHERS

Norm Baer

Howard Lumley

Your name needs to be here!

And yours too!

BELL RINGER & ACOLYTE

Creedyn Nelson

REFRESHMENTS

Pam Detamore or Betty Henderson

The wild goose in front of the Sanctuary is an ancient Celtic image for the Holy Spirit—wild, powerful, not easily controllable. It's a reminder to us throughout the church's seasons we cannot domesticate the Spirit of God! (but we can put really cool goose vestments on it...)

Online Giving



Pizza with the Pastors!
Friday, 12-1 pm
Pizza Hut (Teal Road)
Join the pastors for discussion!

The Offertory is a time of musical meditation for some individuals. If you feel the need to carry on conversation, please dismiss yourself to the parlor so that others may enjoy the organ and its important contribution to the worship experience. Thank you! (Alternatively, you could place \$725/wk into the offering plate to retain your privilege to stay seated and gab during musical portions of the service.)



**PLEASE
RECYCLE**

One: Because God is,
All: there are living creatures; seagulls & puppies, parrots & butterflies.
One: Because God is,
All: we are breathing, thinking, feeling, self-aware creatures, asking deep questions and reflecting in prayer.
One: Because God is,
All: we are made for loving, and by the grace of our brother Jesus, we find the liberty to be people of uncalculating compassion.
One: Because God is,
All: we have a Spirit-Friend who inspires and counsels, comforts and gives new life to both young and old, black and white, poor and rich, straight and gay, friend and stranger.
One: We believe in God,
All: whose nature is creativity, shaping our lives and the lives of our neighbors, luring us all to live life generously and compassionately.
One: Let us take a moment to celebrate each other. May a heart of peace rest with you.
All: In God's justice is our peace.
One: Let us share the peace of God with all our neighbors.

You are invited to share the peace with your neighbors.

Offering

Offertory

“Shall We Gather at the River?” (arr. Young)

***Doxology #94**

Sung in Unison

*Prayer of Thanksgiving: May these gifts and offerings be signs of our gratitude, and signs of our hope for life and the world as we pray in community...

***Lord's Prayer #895**

in Unison

***Recessional Hymn #133**

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

***Prelude to Lent:**

Jesus came down from the Mount of Transfiguration and set his face toward Jerusalem, where his glorious and powerful love would be revealed perfectly and completely. There he would die—a political death for radicalism that was unacceptable at the time. We wait for the reunification with this radical love to be fully displayed yet again throughout all of creation.

***Blessing & Dismissal:**

When Jesus came down from the Mount of Transfiguration he ordered his disciples to tell no one what they had seen, until he had risen from the dead. Since then, Jesus shocked the world by rising from the dead. Now you are commanded to tell everyone what you have seen and heard and felt in the living and transfiguring presence of Jesus. That we may know the story well, we shall recall, commemorate, and celebrate it during the next 40 days. Let us now prepare to begin the season of Lent.

It is the Church's tradition that the “Alleluias” not be heard for the next 40 days. Let the “Alleluias” be silent. Let us not sing “Alleluia” again until we celebrate the Resurrection. Let us go in peace to walk with Jesus to his death. A glorious Easter awaits us at the end.

***Postlude**

“Marche Gothique” (Koury)