

THE SUNDAY EDITION

Welcome! We strive to make the Lord's house a place of joy. With joy, we welcome you and pray that you're filled with hope and happiness as you lift up your heart to God.

Disciple Women's Project September 2017



"Sunbeams Preschool"

We love hearing those small, happy voices and giggles; the laughter of children eager to learn, meet new friends, and greet the world. Our preschool enrollment has declined and funding is mainly provided by monthly tuition, along with 2 fundraisers. So the September project is our own Sunbeams Preschool. We know all of you will respond with great generosity.

Since 1985, most of our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren have passed through our hallways to begin their education. We've been privileged to have dedicated staff in Anne Maloney, Jean Reeves, Joyce Austin, and others to start them off right.

Mark your envelopes "DW Preschool" and make any checks payable to "Disciples Women" with memo - "Preschool Project".



COATS FOR KIDS

As the weather begins to change, we ask that if you have any gently used coats that you are no longer using or need, or if you would like to purchase new coats, to contribute them to Coats for Kids. There's a box for your donations in the Narthex. Let's do our part in keeping kids warm!

World Communion Sunday is October 1st. We will be having different breads and the kids will be playing the chimes during worship.



Sunbeams Preschool Chicken Annie's Dinner Fundraiser - Sunday, October 1st - dine in or carry out from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. All Dinners must be pre-ordered! Tickets for the dinners can be purchased until September 25th

from Sunbeams students or the church office. Dinners will be \$10 each and proceeds go to support the Sunbeams Preschool. Menu: Three piece Chicken dinner, two sides, roll, dessert and drink.

Reconciliation Special Offering Sept. 17 & 24



The Special Offering is used to fund our Church's mission imperative to become an pro-reconciling and anti-racist church utilizing experiential education, inclusive worship and intentional dialogue. Our efforts to promote healing, relationship and restoration in the whole family of God are enlivened by funds from this offering. Through it we are able to provide programs for leadership development, curriculum for dialogue and learning, and partnerships within the Church and our communities.

Recent events have reignited the conversation about human brokenness evidenced in the sin of racism and perpetuated in our institutional structures and systems. Your generous giving to Reconciliation Ministry is transforming lives and strengthening Christ's witness in the world showing that we love one another, even as Christ continues to love us!

Attendance & Offering Report

Sept. 17, 2017 Attendance 55 Offering - \$2,957.75

Reconciliation Offering \$130.00

2014 Budget: \$196,159.00

(monthly \$16,346.59; weekly \$3,772.29)

Stewardship: Careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.

September 24, 2017



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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2017 9:30 a.m.

During worship, we offer a nursery for children under 5. The nursery is in the northeast hallway of the church.

All hymns are from the Blue Hymnal
(Unless otherwise noted)

GATHERING TOGETHER

Words of Welcome Rev. Laurie Lewis

Prelude: "You Were on the Cross"-Matt Maher

organist: Carol Anne Smock

Bringing in the Light

*Call to Worship Valerie McElroy

L Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone is our rock and our salvation.

P The Lord who gives to us generously and abundantly,

L Declare God's marvelous works among all the people.

P For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

Invocation

*Praise Hymn:

"The God of Abraham Praise" (vs. 1,2) #24

(Congregation may be seated)

SHARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Exodus 16:2-8 OTp.61

Passing of the Peace

L: May the peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Sharing of Names on our Hearts

Lift the name of someone who needs our prayers.

Prayer Hymn:

"Holy Ground" #112

Community Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture: Exodus 16:9-15 OTp.61

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI #36

Anthem: "When God Draws Near"- Aspinall/ Rouse

Chancel Choir – director: Warren Townsend

Not a day has passed without you calling me
in your boundless grace that keeps me on my knees
and when the shadows came, you're ever by my side.

You keep me anchored in your mercy wide.

When God draws near Hope replaces sorrow.

When God draws near prisoners are set free.

When God draws near broken hearts are mended.

When God draws near, darkness flees

when God draws near.

Yes, I need you Lord I'll count it all as loss
because it is Your love that keeps me near your cross.

When the seasons change and fear calls out my name

I'll cling to You, Your light of living flame.

Sermon: "An Omer For All"

RECEIVING GOD'S GRACE

*Invitation Hymn:

"Come to Me, O Weary Traveler" (vs. 1,4) #353

Invitation to the Offering:

Offertory: "Who Am I" –Casting Crowns

*DOXOLOGY #46

*Prayer of Dedication: Marian Johnson

Communion Hymn:

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" (vs. 1,2) #419

Invitation to Share the Bread and Cup

Words of Institution

L: It was on that night in the Upper Room, Jesus took the bread and broke it saying,

P: This is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

L: Then He took the cup after Supper saying,

P: This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.

Prayer of Blessing

Anne Maloney

We believe that every person who confesses faith in Jesus Christ, whether he/she is a member of this congregation or not, is welcome to join us as we break bread at the Lord's Table.

Please come forward to receive the bread and cup, and use this time as an opportunity for prayer and reflection.

Invitation to Membership

If you would like to join this church, either by making a confession of faith prior to baptism or by transferring your membership from another church, please come forward during the hymn and the minister will welcome you.

*Hymn of Thanksgiving: "Trust and Obey" (v. 1) #556

GOING FORTH

*Benediction

Postlude: "And They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" – Peter Scholtes

(*Indicates "please stand if able")

SERVING TODAY (Sept. 24)



DEACONS: Sandy Womeldorff, Elaine Hudson, John Mulberry
Sound Board: Dean Cramer

SERVING NEXT WEEK (October 1)



ELDERS: Steve Fincher, Dean Cramer
WORSHIP LEADER: Diane Watkins
DEACONS: to be announced
Sound Board: Lori Ray