

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
August 14<sup>th</sup> 2016

*Welcome to worship! Please greet those near you.  
Pray for the Service, that we will grow in our faith,  
and honor God with our worship.*

**\*\*Please sign the attendance register located at the end of each  
pew\*\*Kindly place your cell phones on silent during worship\*\***

**Welcome & Announcements** Bonita Kitts

**Greeting One Another**

**Music for Preparation** Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

**\*Call to Worship** (Please stand if you are able)

L: We come this morning to worship  
together;  
**C: Different people, different lives, different  
histories,**  
L: Created lovingly by the Source of all life.  
**C: Different people, different lives, different  
histories;**  
L: Yet, we all have one Teacher,  
**C: We, who are different people with  
different lives and different histories!**  
L: Come, let us worship together as God's  
children!

*(Adapted from Touch Holiness; Ruth C. Duck, editor)*

**\*Song of Praise**

"Where Charity and Love Prevail" UMH# 549

**\*Prayer of the Congregation**

In most of us there is still some childhood left, O God, a flood of school memories. There is a leap of the heart with raindrops and puddles and creative idea when we pick up a crayon. We smile when at the sight of bubbles floating by or a kite climbing high. Yet, we admit that anxious hurry has often replaced zestful living, seriousness has crowded out mirth, complexity has drowned out simple wonder and pat answers have replaced searching questions.

**Tender God, let a little wonder and joy flow through us so we may thrill at a baby's cry, care about every child and find ourselves with joy in our steps, a twinkle in our eye and a lightness in our soul. We pray all this in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**A Time for Children** Liz Smith

**Recognizing Our Educators**

**\*The Old Testament Lesson** Genesis 45:1-15

L: This is the Word of the Lord  
**P: Thanks be to God**

**Word through Music** "Amazing Grace"

**The Morning Sermon** Pastor Kathleen Whitmore

**"Good Job!"**

(Second in our series *The Children Are Watching*)

**Offering** "Deep River"

**\*Doxology**

**Joys & Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Dedication**

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

UMH # 560

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

"A Might Fortress is Our God"

Genesis 45:1-15

45 Joseph could no longer control himself in front of all his attendants, so he declared, "Everyone, leave now!" So no one stayed with him when he revealed his identity to his brothers. <sup>2</sup> He wept so loudly that the Egyptians and Pharaoh's household heard him. <sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, "I'm Joseph! Is my father really still alive?" His brothers couldn't respond because they were terrified before him.

<sup>4</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me," and they moved closer. He said, "I'm your brother Joseph! The one you sold to Egypt. <sup>5</sup> Now, don't be upset and don't be angry with yourselves that you sold me here. Actually, God sent me before you to save lives. <sup>6</sup> We've already had two years of famine in the land, and there are five years left without planting or harvesting. <sup>7</sup> God sent me before you to make sure you'd survive<sup>[a]</sup> and to rescue your lives in this amazing way. <sup>8</sup> You didn't send me here; it was God who made me a father to Pharaoh, master of his entire household, and ruler of the whole land of Egypt.

<sup>9</sup> "Hurry! Go back to your father. Tell him this is what your son Joseph says: 'God has made me master of all of Egypt. Come down to me. Don't delay. <sup>10</sup> You may live in the land of Goshen, so you will be near me, your children, your grandchildren, your flocks, your herds, and everyone with you. <sup>11</sup> I will support you there, so you, your household, and everyone with you won't starve, since the famine will still last five years.' <sup>12</sup> You and my brother Benjamin have seen with your own eyes that I'm speaking to you. <sup>13</sup> Tell my father about my power in Egypt and about everything you've seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." <sup>14</sup> He threw his arms around his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his shoulder. <sup>15</sup> He kissed all of his brothers and wept, embracing them. After that, his brothers were finally able to talk to him.

**Happy Anniversary**

8/14 Sheldon & Nancy Woolery, 8/19 Don & Celia Davis,  
8/19 Darrell & Linda McCune, 8/19 Russell & Mary Thomas

**Happy Birthday**

8/14 Katie Frank, 8/16 Pat Murray, 8/19 Lou Baker

**This Week at Ottawa First**

**Mon Aug 15**

7:00pm Hands of Glory Rehearsal  
7:00pm Missions Meeting

**Tue Aug 16**

9:00am Donuts & Devotions  
6:00pm Nominations Committee Meeting  
7:00pm Scout Troop #77 Meeting

**Wed Aug 17**

6:30pm Grief Share

**Thu Aug 18**

5:00pm Body Gospel Exercise Group

**Prayers & Concerns**

Bud Gilliland, September Gibson, Kinleigh Johnson, Mike Hedges,  
Randy Payne, The Wallace Family & Marsha Smith, Jeanne Logan  
*Please let us know who needs to be added.*

**Our Servicemen & women**

Kyle Atchison, Bill Murray, Justin Williard, Allison Stiefel,  
Thomas Kelley

To add a name to the Prayer Chain email list please contact  
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Judy Lanning: Ph: 242-7643 Email: [djamlanning@sbcglobal.net](mailto:djamlanning@sbcglobal.net)

**Offering for last Sunday: \$4,165**

**We are 100% on apportionments: \$12,978 paid to date**

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We had 113 in attendance last Sunday.



**\*\*\*PLEASE PICK UP AN OFUMC COOKBOOK  
TODAY FOR \$12 IN THE FIRST CUP AREA AFTER CHURCH\*\*\***

**A N N O U N C E M E N T S**

**August 16<sup>th</sup> 6pm Nominations Committee Meeting**

**August 28<sup>th</sup> 6pm Executive Board Meeting** in the Parlor. Committee Chairs & Member's at Large are to attend.

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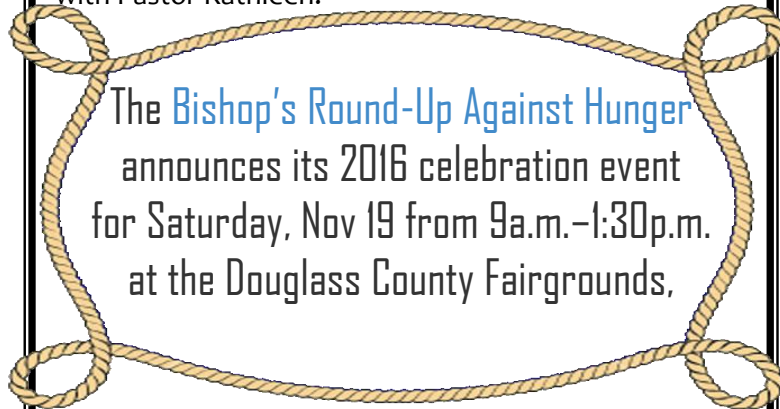
All middle school through high school youth and their families are invited to a barbeque at the pastor's home 1111 S. Willow) on Sunday, August 21, at 5:00 p.m. Meat and beverages will be provided. Bring a side dish to share. Please call the church office by Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, with the number of your family members who will be attending.

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**August 21<sup>st</sup> Back Pack Blessing Sunday!**  
**Kids, please bring your back pack with your to church next Sunday so we can pray over your school year!**



**Fifth Quarter** targeting Middle School youth will begin at Ottawa First in September. It will be held from 9:30-11:00 in the gym and Middle School room. If you would like to help with this important ministry by either being present after games to help chaperone or by donating food and/or money, please call the church office or talk with Pastor Kathleen.



The **Bishop's Round-Up Against Hunger** announces its 2016 celebration event for Saturday, Nov 19 from 9a.m.-1:30p.m. at the Douglass County Fairgrounds.

**OTTAWA FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**



**OUR MISSION**  
"BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS  
THROUGH EXAMPLE  
SO OTHERS MAY SEE JESUS CHRIST."

