

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome & Announcements Linda Carson
Greeting One Another
Prelude Darrell McCune
"Heaven's Roll Call"

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Please stand if you are able)

L: Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord – ways that are just and merciful.
C: **Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished and fed.**
L: Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.
C: **Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice.**
(Adapted from Nancy C. Townley)

***Opening Songs** Darrell McCune

"Open the Eyes of My Heart" Song Book #3008
"Lord, Listen to Your Children" TFWS #2207

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy and gracious God, we confess that we are not always like trees planted by water. Sometimes we are weak and indecisive. When the first strong winds begin to blow, we lean and break. We plot revenge instead of asking you to show us a more peaceful way. By our silence we let wickedness and ugliness fester and grow.

Forgive us, Lord, when we covet and lie; when we get caught up in things that displease you. Heal us, direct our paths and be for us the peace we so desperately crave. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

A Time for Children Rev. Whitmore

Word Through Music Men of Note

"Now is the Time"

***The Epistle Lesson** James 3:13-4:3,7-8a

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

The Morning Message Rev. Whitmore

"Blinded by Ambition"

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings Darrell McCune

"Give Me Jesus"

***Doxology**
Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer Rev. Whitmore

***Hymn of Dedication** TFWS #2171

"Make Me a Channel of your Peace"

***Benediction and Response**
"Shalom to You" UMH #666

Postlude Darrell McCune

"How Can I Keep From Singing"

Head Usher for third quarter: Chuck Stevens

Ushers: Boy Scouts

Greeters: Friendship Circle

James 3:13-4:3 Common English Bible (CEB)

13 Are any of you wise and understanding? Show that your actions are good with a humble lifestyle that comes from wisdom. 14 However, if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, then stop bragging and living in ways that deny the truth. 15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above. Instead, it is from the earth, natural and demonic. 16 Wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there is disorder and everything that is evil. 17 What of the wisdom from above? First, it is pure, and then peaceful, gentle, obedient, filled with mercy and good actions, fair, and genuine. 18 Those who make peace sow the seeds of justice by their peaceful acts.

4 What is the source of conflict among you? What is the source of your disputes? Don't they come from your cravings that are at war in your own lives? 2 You long for something you don't have, so you commit murder. You are jealous for something you can't get, so you struggle and fight. You don't have because you don't ask. 3 You ask and don't have because you ask with evil intentions, to waste it on your own cravings.

7 Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will run away from you. 8 Come near to God, and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners. Purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Birthdays

9/25 Emily Ford

9/27 Ruth Jansen

This Week at Ottawa First

Sunday, September 23rd

8:45am - 9:15am Open Gym for Youth - Gym
3:00pm - 4:00pm Jr Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:00pm - 8:00pm NA - MacDuffie Room

Monday, September 24th

5:30pm - 6:15pm Chair Yoga - Lg Dining Room
7:00pm - 8:00pm Hands of Glory Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:00pm - 8:00pm Men's Bible Study - Youth Room

Tuesday, September 25th

9:00am - 10:00am Donuts & Devotions - First Cup
7:00pm - 8:00pm NA - MacDuffie Room

Wednesday, September 26th

5:30pm - 7:30pm AWANA - Gym, Lg Dining Room, Sanctuary
5:30pm - 6:00pm Cherub Choir Rehearsal - Parlor
6:00pm - 7:30pm SPRC Meeting - Library
6:30pm - 8:00pm Grief Share - Parlor
7:30pm - 8:30pm Scout Troop #77 - North Rm. off Gym
8:30pm - 9:30pm Men of Note Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Thursday, September 27th

4:15pm - 5:15pm Body Gospel Exercise - Oxford Room
7:00pm - 8:00pm NA - MacDuffie Room

Friday, September 28th

7:00 - 9:00pm Game Night - Lg. Dining room

Saturday, September 29th

The deadline for articles in the newsletter will be the third Monday of each month.

If you are interested in becoming a member of this congregation, please see Pastor Kathleen.

Awana began Wednesday, September 5 at 5:30. We are hosting this year's sessions. There will be classes for pre-schoolers through adults. If you would like more info, please contact the office.

There will not be the study on "What is the Bible?" as there was not enough interest.

Last week's Attendance: 114
Last week's Offering: \$2357.00
Month to Date: \$ 12,072.76
Amount needed per month: \$20,000.00

Prayers and Concerns

Archie & Cecilia McGehee; Hal Holland; Carolyn Newmaster; Bev Brands; Marie Wilburn; Mary Lois

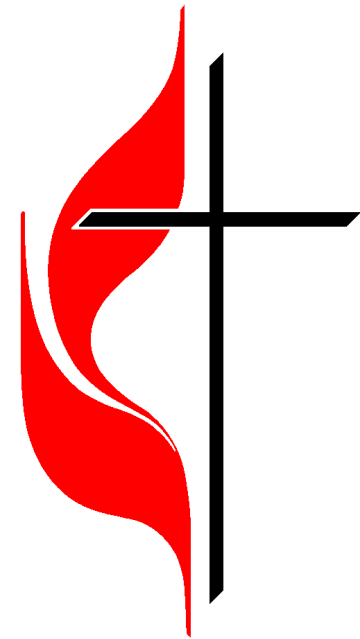
Please pray for all our Servicemen & women

To add a name to the Prayer Chain list please contact:
Cheryl Allen: 248-9548 Email: gochiefs62@sbcglobal.net or
Judy Lanning: 242-7643 Email: djamlanning@sbcglobal.net
Please contact the office with any changes. Names will be removed after 3 weeks unless the office is notified otherwise.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 23, 2018
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OUR VISION
"MEETING PEOPLE, MEETING NEEDS,
MEETING CHRIST"



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