

Schedule of Events and Meetings for this Week

Today, August 9, 2015.....9:00 AM.....Worship
10:00 AM.....Sunday School
 Monday, August 10, 20159:00 AM.....Sermon Shaping
 Wednesday, August 12, 20157:00 PM.....United Methodist Women
 On vacation, this week Gloria Enriquez Pizana

Stewardship of Time and Talents, August 2, 2015

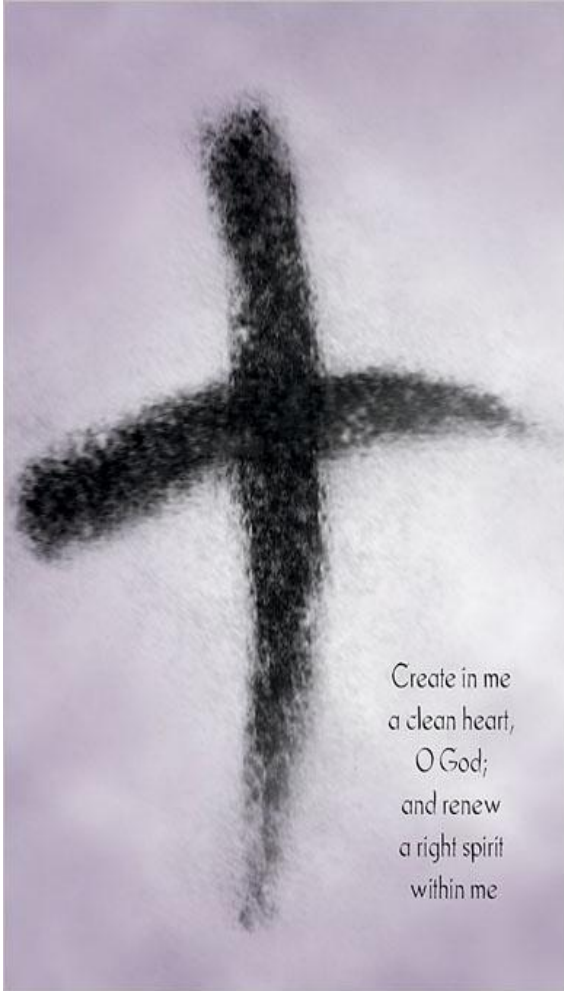
General.....\$2,116.50 Parsonage\$125.00
 Coffee/Outreach\$8.00 Hospitalization.....\$50.00
 Benevolences\$100.00 Attendance 40

Announcements and Reminders

Please continue to bring in your donations of canned goods, fruits, meats, eggs/milk for the upcoming **FOOD PANTRY**, 8/22/2015. THANK YOU!

The United Methodist Women are collecting for this year's **FESTIVAL OF SHARING**, with this year's deadline of 9/9/2015 and 152 kits to complete. Requests needed are (especially the underlined items): (1) pair of metal scissors with rounded tips; (3) 70 count spiral notebooks; (1) 12 inch ruler; (1) hand held pencil sharpener (1) large eraser (6) new pencils with erasers and (1) box of 24 crayons. School Kits to be packed in September. **PLEASE NOTE:** Sales Tax Holiday - Aug 7, 8, and 9 have declared sales tax free days when purchasing school supplies priced at \$20 per item or less. Please take advantage of these discounts.

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**Participants in this morning's
 Worship Service, for Sunday,
 August 9, 2015:**

Pastor: Rev. Bruce McDaniel
 Organist: Linda Allen
 Pianist: Kathy Bame
 Liturgist: Alyce Roller
 North Greeters: Jackie and Elie Krassow
 East Greeters: Deb Zulch and Ruth Troxell
 Ushers: Ray and Marilyn Keys

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Vision Statement:
CHRISTIAN SERVANTS UNITED IN
MISSION TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE
WORLD

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Praises, Prayers and Concerns

Don Allen	Ron Amos	Richard Angel
Family of Harold Arp	Lois Jean Apgar	Family of Jim Avery
Troy Bame	Darlene Bassett	Family of Betty Bateson
Family of Robert Benschoter	David Boltz	John Castner
Darryl & Linda DeWalt	Josh Earl	Jennifer Essinger
Jeff Deutschman	Mike & Courtney Foore	Michael Fox
Mary German	Mike Gill	Lynn Gillian
Karen Glassford	Betty Hampshire	Joanne Hatchor
Lloyd Hill and Family	Connie Kile	Marcia Moore
Teresa McGuire	Arthur Moreland	Sandy Mulke
Tonna Naus	Rev. Seth Oiler	Diane Palmer
Evelyn Perez	Joe Perez	Jeremy Salaz
Dianna Sonoras	Family of Drew Tyson	Earl Wiseman
Coke & Smoke Perez	Karen Zepeki	Deb Zulch



Christ United Methodist Church

August 9, 2015

11th Sunday after Pentecost

*(this symbol is an invitation to stand if you are able)

Gathering and Preparation

Take time to Welcome: Passing the Peace

Prelude....music to help us prepare for worship

The Way of Blessing

*A call to pay attention to God's love

Alyce Roller

Watch what God does. Mostly God loves us.

We would learn a life of such love so we might do as God does.

Watch how Christ loves us, not with caution, but with extravagance.

We would practice such lavish love, not noticing what it costs us.

Watch how the Spirit loves us, moving in us, breathing love into us.

We would live such love for others, keeping company with God.

*Prayer about our Relationship with God

Alyce Roller

We gather in this place, with each other, in these moments, Gentle God, because we hope our self-righteous anger might become passionate justice for others.

We gather in this place, with each other, in these moments, Compassionate Christ, because we hope our complacency with half-lies might become a hunger for your truth.

We gather in this place, with each other, in these moments, Gifting Spirit, because we hope our fumbling, faltering words might be transfigured into good news to others.

We gather in this place, with each other, in these moments, God, Christ, and Spirit, praying together: Our Father who dwells in the heavens and on the earth, You are Holy. May heaven be a greater present reality here on earth, And may we choose to join you in making that happen. Provide us today with the things that you think we need, And may we not take for granted that which you have already provided for us. Forgive us for when we don't live as you intend, And may we be ready to forgive others when they don't live as we intend. Guide us in your wisdom away from the things that would distort us, And restore the parts in us that are already distorted. You are goodness, beauty and truth, May your love rule always.

*A Song of Praise, Hymn #405

"Seek Ye First" (2 times through)

The Way of Letting Go

Offering the Prayers we bring

Hymn #471

"Move Me" (2 times through)

We are all invited to Pray in Silence

Prayer for One Voice

The Way of Creativity

A Conversation with the Children

Reading of the Sacred Text

Luke 11:2-4 and Matthew 6:7-15

Alyce Roller

A Conversation about the Sacred Text

"Your Kingdom come"

Rev. McDaniel

The Way of Compassion and Justice Making

Offering ourselves through our presence, gifts, service and witness

*Doxology, Hymn #94

"Praise God, from whom all Blessing Flow"

* Offering Prayer

May we imitate your generosity, Gracious God, as we offer these gifts to you. May we model your justice, as we seek to bring hope to the broken all around us. May we share the gift of your love with all who are alone and hurting, and simply looking for grace in their lives. This we pray with our entire being.

Sharing Ways to get connected

Blessing

*A song to send us on our way, Hymn #670

"Go Forth for God"

*A charge to live and love more fully

Go, with the God of gentleness, into the world.

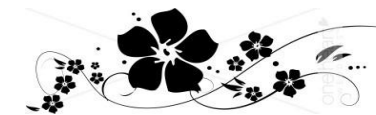
We will go to offer passionate justice for all

Go with the Bread of life into the world.

We will share compassion with the needy in our communities.

Go with the Spirit of holiness into the world.

We will speak the good news, even with our fumbling words.



Postlude (Pause to gather thoughts, feelings and possible actions that may result from this time of worship.)