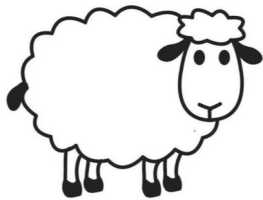


The Circular

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

Flocking to the 'Burg

We're "Flocking" to Honey Haven Farm following church on September 29. Please join us!



1327 Co Rd 1475
Hope to see you!!

Companions Sharing Group

This small group, lead by Jody Watson, begins again this fall by meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 11:30am—1:00pm in fellowship hall. Come enjoy a light lunch, share needs and concerns, have some conversations and discussions, and worship with prayer, scripture, and songs. Topics are geared toward seniors and their companions, but the group is open to all.



New Office Hours

Beginning tomorrow, the church office will have new hours. It will be open Monday—Friday 9:00am—1:00pm

Loud Sunday Offering

Share your loose change today (checks are acceptable, too) for this special fifth Sunday offering to benefit Keith Pepsny and his work as a Navigator at the University of Washington.



Girlfriends' Gathering

Reclaim Your Happy
Saturday, October 12
10:00am
All Women Invited

Our next Girlfriends' Gathering features Ashland author Beth Duewel. Beth is an author, speaker, and blogger at Fix-Her-Upper.com. She is a freelance writer for magazines and compilation books and has long been a contributor to P31 magazine.

Please bring a friend and/or relative to this fun and meaningful fall gathering.



Children's Church

Beginning today, Bethany Blasdel will lead a children's church experience during Sunday worship for children 3rd—6th grade. The kids will have a variety of activities, spiritual exercises, Bible study, crafts, service projects, etc. during this time.

On the first Sunday of each month, the children will stay in the sanctuary. For all other Sundays, the children will meet in the narthex during the offering and Bethany will lead them to the space they will be using that morning.



Movie Night

A young Christian family escapes a war zone and survives for years in a Sudanese refugee camp, but can they cope with the values and customs of Middle America? Reese Witherspoon stars in this challenging film when Movie Night returns Friday, September 20 at the home of Bill and Connie Dravenstott. A potluck supper begins at 6:30pm; film starts at 7:00pm.



FPC Next Couple of Weeks

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 9:00am E&O Ministry 10:00am Coffee 10:30am Worship 5:30pm Small Group @ Eckenroths'	16 6:30pm PMS @ Saccomen's home	17 9:00am Worship Planning 11:30am Companions Sharing Group 8:00pm AA	18 Healing Care Event 10:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30pm Praise Band	19 Healing Care Event	20 Healing Care Event 6:30pm Movie Night @ Dravenstotts' Home	21 Healing Care Event 5:00pm Potluck 6:00pm Chinese Church

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**Transforming Lives
in Jesus' Name**

Unless a grain of *wheat* falls
into the earth and dies, it remains
just a single grain; but if it dies, it



bears much fruit.

John 12:24, NRSV

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GOD GATHERS US

Preparation for Worship

Still our minds, O Lord, from all that would distract us as we gather to worship you through joining in singing your praises and hearing your voice through scripture and the spoken word.

Prelude

Sing a New Song

arr. Wagner

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: God in Christ is at the center and the boundaries,
inviting us to follow.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: God the Creator is within and without,
recreating and redeeming.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: God the Holy Spirit calls us and lead us,
hovering over us with peace.

All: Thanks be to God. Let us worship with joy!

***Opening Song**

Open the Eyes of My Heart

***Opening Prayer**

***Song of Praise**

Lord I Need You

Prayer of Confession

Moment of Silent Confession

All: Eternal God, you are our creator,
by whom all life is both fashioned and sustained.
Yet we confess, O Lord, we do not always live
as if what we acknowledge of you is true,
for we have allowed the tempting sounds
and the dazzling sights of our world
to replace our vision of your greatness, your holiness,
and your goodness. In the place of worship,
we have often substituted cynicism.
In the place of adoration,
we have often substituted sentimentality.
In the place of confession,
we have often substituted complaining.
Forgive us, O Lord, for trying to make you
into our image.
Forgive us for assuming you are little more
than a product of our own imagination.
May your Living Word be written large on our hearts,
stamped indelibly on our spirits,
and fleshed out in the living of our lives.
This we pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

One: Friends, believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Gloria Patri #579**

Presentation of Our Sacrifices and Offerings

(Place information cards in the offering plate.)

Offertory

He Hideth My Soul

arr. DeCou

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading John 12:20-26 NT p. 106

Sermon "Will We Bear the Fruit?" Pastor Mike Parker

WE RESPOND

A Time of Prayer, Reflection, and Ministry with the Lord's Prayer

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the
glory forever. Amen.**

GOD SENDS US

***Closing Hymn #538** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

***Closing Prayer**

***Blessing**

***The Peace**

May the peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you!**
(Greet one another in Christian love.)

***Postlude**

***Please Stand, as able**