

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, August 11th**

**Sunday Live Worship, 10 am, Sanctuary**

**<https://www.youtube.com/user/PiratesoftheColumbia>**

**(Click the "LIVE" link in the tool bar to see recent worship services, as well)**

**Friday - Sunday, August 16th - August 18th**

**All Church Camp-out, Boardman Marina**

**(See Details below)**

**Friday, August 23rd**

**Tim Anderson's Memorial Service**

**1 pm, Sanctuary/Ida Payne Fellowship Hall**

**Sunday, September 8th (Homecoming Sunday)**

**Sunday School for Children Starts, 9 am,**

**Wesleyan Hall**

**Sunday, September 8th (Homecoming Sunday)**

**Community Carnival, 11:30 am**

**(See details below)**

**Sunday, September 15th**

**Adult Sunday School Starts, 9 am, Susanna**

**Wesley Room**

Were you surprised when the order of worship was changed spontaneously last Sunday? I was! But it seems I have a habit of doing this: skipping ahead to something exciting and backtracking to pick up something I forgot. I have been blessed by the people who simply roll their eyes and then go with the flow.

One could say I'm not paying attention to what I am doing. Or, one could say I am paying attention to what the Spirit is doing through me. Since the second option sounds better, I chose it: I was being guided by the Spirit.

As we passed our offering plates, and as the children waited for us to get back to the skipped time with Young Disciples, I thought about being a child and the joy I had when attending church with Granny. She always had a quarter for me to put in the offering plate. Then I thought about how our children at KFUMC leave worship *before* the offering. They were missing out! On their behalf I felt cheated.

Over the next couple of days, I checked in with Leadership Team members and with staff members, and together we decided to adopt this Spirit-directed change. It turns out the children do have the opportunity to make an offering when they go to Children's Church at 9:00 during the school year. And, they have learned the traditional Doxology so they can sing with the adults when they are in Adult Church. It seems like we should give them the opportunity to use what they learn, to sing their thanksgiving and praise to God. As we read in Psalm 133, *How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!* Worshipping together is a great uniting thing to do.

When the offering plate comes our way, let us let us receive it and pass it on with reverence. Let us place our prayer cards in with confidence that the power of prayer by our church family is real. Let us place our offering in it with joyful generosity for God, who will do much with what we give. If you've already sent your gift by another route, remember the satisfaction of taking care of this important, loving task. And in all ways, let the children see the importance of doing this activity of church together.

God bless you and the children,  
Pastor Shirley

# Worship Series: July 7-August 11

## The Tie That Binds

*Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. — Colossians 3: 14-15*

Relationships form us. One of the most treasured hymns of Christianity in the last century was “Blest Be the Tie That Binds.” As we gather for worship in this series, we will be invited to consider how our relationship with the Holy and with each other form and transform us. And we will affirm the power of God’s presence in our worshiping community to inspire us to “go and do likewise” in relationship to the world.

### August 11th — Anointed

#### **Psalm 133 NRSVUE**

##### **The Blessedness of Unity**

##### **A Song of Ascents.**

<sup>1</sup> *How very good and pleasant it is  
when kindred live together in unity!*

<sup>2</sup> *It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down upon the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down over the collar of his robes.*

<sup>3</sup> *It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion.  
For there the Lord ordained his blessing,  
life forevermore.*

#### **Philippians 2 NRSVUE**

***2** If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, **2** make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. **3** Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. **4** Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. **5** Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,*

## **John 17 NRSVUE**

***17** Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. **18** As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. **19** And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. **20** "I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, **21** that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. **22** The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, **23** I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. **24** Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.*

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## **All Church Camp-Out**

The all-church camp-out will be August 16 - August 18 at Boardman Marina Park. There are a couple spots still available. Please contact the church office if interested.

### **Sanitizers Work Best When Used**

Recently the Facilities Team noticed our standing Hand Sanitizing Dispensers were not working. After investigation and a thorough cleaning, they are now repaired and working properly, however we do need your help to keep them that way! There has been another spike in Covid recently, and there are also other bugs that can harm those with compromised immune systems. Our hands easily pick up germs from every surface we touch.

Please protect yourself and others by using these dispensers each time you pass one. This will also keep them free-flowing and prevent clogs. A little dab will do, and better safe than sorry. Thanks for your help.

### **Quilt Show**

Beautiful history will be on display in our church sanctuary on **September 21st from 10 am to 4 pm.** The colors are fantastic, (even the “elderly quilts”.) You can try to “pick” your favorite, but it will be very difficult! These family treasures show love, craftsmanship, and imagination. Come share the talents of our past.

### **Community Carnival**

September 8th is Homecoming Sunday, and the Children and Youth Programs are throwing a community carnival! Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us **from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm on September 8th.** Food will be provided.

# ALERT!

## Impersonation Attempts

This week, we've seen an increase in sophisticated impersonation and social engineering attempts. Be prepared to defend against these bad actors by staying informed and vigilant.

### Overview

- Attack Methods: Emails, phone calls, and text messages are being used to attempt access to online accounts and sensitive information.
- Deceptive Techniques: Bad actors use Caller ID spoofing and voice generation to create a false sense of safety and familiarity.

### Key Points

- No Personal Info Requests: We will never contact you by phone, email, or text to ask for personal information like your account number, verification codes, or online banking username.

### Security Reminders

- Email Security
  - Verify the sender's email address by hovering over the name.
    - Avoid opening suspicious links or attachments.
  - Be wary of emails creating urgency or using scare tactics.
    - Phone Call Security
      - Do not trust caller ID; it can be spoofed.
  - If asked for sensitive information or if something doesn't seem quite right, hang up and call the trusted number for your banker or branch.
    - Text Message Security
      - Your bank will NEVER ask for personal information via text.
        - Do not click links from unknown senders.
  - Verify the sender before taking any action and delete suspicious messages.

### Build Trust with Us

- Get to know your bank and our team better by visiting the branch. Familiarize yourself with our branch staff and get to know your banker. Building a personal relationship with us can help you better recognize legitimate communications and be more secure.

By recognizing these signs and staying vigilant, you can protect yourself and your family from potential scams and ensure your financial security.

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For safety tips on fraud prevention, visit: <https://cfbhfg.com/security-and-fraud-prevention/>

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