

Habits of Hospitality: Sharing Our Authentic Selves

We welcome you to worship. You are invited in these beginning moments to request prayers by placing your written prayers in the basket by the door.

Today in our worship we celebrate Kalamazoo Service Project. For years the youth of FUMC have traveled south to work with Appalachian Service Project. This summer, due to the ongoing pandemic we opted to stay home and create a local week of service, spiritual formation, and relationship building. While there was a tremendous amount of work accomplished our week was not limited to the work. We carved out space to worship with one another, we dove deep into discussions about identity, inclusion, and belonging. We prayed together and played. KSP was truly a week of rest and renewal and re-formation of a body of young people who longed to be together after, or rather, while still in the midst of pandemic. In gratitude to the many adults who volunteered to guide our work, who prepared and served our meals, and in gratitude to the many adults who came together to paint all week long in the church. It was a delightful testimony to intergenerational work. It is our hope that next summer our young people will return to ASP, and, if the pandemic continues to prevent that hope, we'll just create another KSP! With that in mind, today our special offering will go towards Youth Missions. Thank you, FUMC, in advance for your generous offerings today that will create future opportunities for youth missions, and even more, opportunities for our young people to be transformed by the grace of Jesus Christ. Pastor Matt

PRELUDE *My Tomorrow* by Andrea Dow Olivia Cramer-Erbes

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLES

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER Halle & Mariella Korendyke, Chris Johnson

***OPENING HYMN #2238** (FWS-black hymnal) *In the Midst of New Dimensions*

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

You are invited to greet those around you with a sign of God's peace, saying, "The peace of Christ be with you." Throughout the seasons, please pass the peace in a manner that preserves your health and comfort, as well as that of your neighbor.

***RESPONSE TO THE PEACE #2164** (FWS-black hymnal) *Sanctuary*

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Julia Librizzi

Following the blessing, children 4 years and older are welcome to join us the telling of a Godly Play story and some response time on the 2nd floor. Children who attend Godly Play will be brought back down to their families in worship during the last hymn.

SHARING OUR STORIES OF KSP

Drew Eaton, Molly Gross, Tammy Eaton, Katy McGinnis

SCRIPTURE READING - Thessalonians 2:1-8

Trevor Anderson

KSP VIDEO PRESENTATION

THE MESSAGE *Living in the Spirit* Rev. Matt Weiler

TIME OF REFLECTION

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY *How He Loves Us* by David Crowder

Musicians: Matt Weiler, Kameron Long, Olivia Cramer-Erbes, Layla Eaton

OUR SHARED LIFE

***CLOSING SONG** *Hold Us Together*

***BLESSING**

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Matt Weiler, Rev. Julie Kline, KSP Team members

Director of Music: Jacqueline Stilger **Organist:** Bernie Foulk

Lead AV Tech: Casey Curran

The flowers on the altar today are in honor of Daniel Christian.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Academy Class. Join us for an adult Sunday school class led by Carol Hodges at 11:15 a.m. in the Parlor or online on Zoom. This class is based on the book by Debby Irving, *Waking Up White*.

Family Foundations will meet in the parking lot for some fun and fellowship for the whole family from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. near the garage in the church parking lot. Please bring lawn chairs from home!

Flu Shot Clinic Today! September 26 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Representatives from Ascension Borgess will be in the food pantry lobby offering vaccinations for Flu and Pneumonia. Flu and pneumonia vaccines are FREE with most insurances. All Medicare Part B plans and most commercial insurances are accepted. They are not able to accept any

Medicaid or Medicaid HMO insurances.

About Manna. Manna is a ministry for Young Adults that meets each Wednesday evening at varying locations at 6:30 p.m. Contact Pastor Matt or Mandakini, mbrophy@umc-kzo.org for more info.

Tuesday Morning Spiritual Growth Opportunity. Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the fellowship room. Our book study will be of Adam Hamilton's Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today. The books cost \$15; Please contact Miriam Downey at (269) 267-2909, Nancy Hyde at (269) 370-1406 or Jan Baker at (269) 342-4092 for a copy of the book.

Chancel Singers. Choral rehearsals are live and in person outside at the church. If you love to sing and would like to join us, we welcome you. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 7:15-8:30. Please contact Jackie Stilger at jstilger@umc-kzo.org for more information

Kalamazoo Service Project wishes to thank all those who helped during the week of service with food preparation. No mission could be completed without fueling our bodies. Thank you to Carol Oakley, Nancy Hilliard, Sharon Bunker, Roberta Taber, Mary Lee Dimond, Vickie Winfield, Ellen Portis, Tim Mullikin, Ray Sweany, and Steve Dunyak.

The KSP Team: Carson Anderson, Karina Korendyke, Ben Whittaker, Grace Johnson, Olivia Cramer-Erbes, Mariella Korendyke, Layla Eaton, Amelia Isacksen, Bixler Weiler, Drew Eaton, Kameran Long, Molly Gross, Halle Korendyke, Andrew Peavler, Trevor Anderson, Annie Waldron, Rachel Maxey, Avery Strand, Chris Johnson, Elise Warnicke, Emma Hampton, Kristin Zimmerman, Sue Ellen Isacksen, Katy McGinnis, Tammy Eaton, Matt Weiler, Jay Gross, Kristin Korendyke, Kathryn Sappington, Andrew Lehman, Donna Dunyak, Julie Kline, Dennis Pence, Nancy Douglas, David & Judy Kingsley, Don & Carol Oakley, Robin Entenman, and Austen Rial.

Healthy Habits of Hospitality. As we begin fall gatherings, we continue to love our neighbor and prioritize the health of our congregation and community. With caution and love for all we remember these habits of hospitality:

- Wear masks while in the church building.
- Please wear your name tags, or use a paper name tag found at the entrance.
- Introduce yourself freely. Masks make it harder for us to recognize one another.
- Greeting one another can be a little awkward. Some may be comfortable with a handshake, hug, fist or elbow bump. It's hard to know! Ask the person what they are comfortable with and err on the side of caution.
- Help others to find their way around the building by leading the way or walking alongside.

Thank you for helping us to create a safe space to worship and be in community. Know that we will be faithful to our online ministries and will offer hospitality to all who join us online as well.

Prepare for The Big Deal Weekend.

The Reconciling Ministry Team is organizing The Big Deal Weekend, March 18-20, 2022, "Intersection: exploring identity in Christ through faith and anti-racism." More information will be shared in the weeks ahead. Our organizers are still looking for Big Deal Weekend volunteers. Please contact lead Mandakini Brophy (mbrophy@umc-kzo.org) or Kathryn Sappington with any questions. (Kathryn.anne2015@gmail.com)

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, September 26

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Flu-Shot Clinic - Food Pantry Lobby
11:15 a.m. Academy Class - Parlor
11:15 a.m. Study of Haggai - 304
11:30 a.m. Family Foundations - Outside at Church
2:00 p.m. Memorial Service - Sanctuary
3:00 p.m. Heritage Community Worship - The Bistro
4:00 p.m. Bronson Place Worship - The Fountains Auditorium
6:00 p.m. Youth Tribe - Pastor Matt's House
6:30 p.m. Friendship Village Worship - KIVA

Monday, September 27

Tuesday, September 28

9:30 a.m. Worship Planning - Zoom
10:00 a.m. Book Study - Fellowship Room
12:30 p.m. All Staff Meeting Zoom
1:30 p.m. Walking Group - KCHS Track
4:15 p.m. First Beats - Fellowship Room
6:30 p.m. Church Council - Parlor/Zoom

Wednesday, September 29

9:00 a.m. Dawn Patrol - Zoom
10:30 a.m. HON Team - Zoom
12:00 p.m. Cuppa Inspiration - Facebook Live
1:00 p.m. Food Pantry - Curbside Only
6:30 p.m. Manna - Location TBD

Thursday, September 30

9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room
1:30 p.m. Walking Group - KCHS Track
4:00 p.m. Coffeehouse Worship Planning - Zoom
6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir - Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Chancel Singers - Outside at church

Friday, October 1

No events scheduled

Saturday, October 2

No events scheduled