

Sunday, September 13, 2026
ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME, GOD SIGHTINGS, AND JOYS

Please fill out the insert in today's bulletin to register your attendance
and place it in the offering plate when it is passed.

OPENING PRAYER

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP** (congregation response in **bold**)

God has provided enough to satisfy us, but the world is full of temptation.

The love of money is the root of so much evil and causes so much pain.

Let us pursue God over material things.

Let us fight the good fight of faith, and so take hold of eternal life.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

May the Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

GATHERING HYMN

I Need Thee Every Hour (vs 1-4)

UMH 397

FAMILY TIME (children of all ages are invited to come forward)

SPECIAL MUSIC

On My Knees

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

1Timothy 6:6-12 (The Message)

⁶⁻⁸ A devout life does bring wealth, but it's the rich simplicity of being yourself before God. Since we entered the world penniless and will leave it penniless, if we have bread on the table and shoes on our feet, that's enough.

⁹⁻¹⁰ But if it's only money these leaders are after, they'll self-destruct in no time. Lust for money brings trouble and nothing but trouble. Going down that path, some lose their footing in the faith completely and live to regret it bitterly ever after.

¹¹⁻¹² But you, Timothy, man of God: Run for your life from all this. Pursue a righteous life—a life of wonder, faith, love, steadiness, courtesy. Run hard and fast in the faith. Seize the eternal life, the life you were called to, the life you so fervently embraced in the presence of so many witnesses.

The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God

***GLORIA PATRI**

UMH 70

SERMON

Pastor Libby Themis

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***THE DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, help us to live in a community that finds contentment not in things but in our relationship with you. We offer you thanksgiving for all that you have given us. Lead us to be good stewards of our resources of time, talent, and treasure so that we might be a blessing to others. Today we will strive to focus on growing in righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness, as we remember all that you have provided. We ask this in your son's name. Amen

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Come, Emmanuel (vs1)

WS 3130

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***SENDING HYMN**

You Are My All in All

WS 3040

***THE BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**



PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayer concerns will be listed in the bulletin for 4 weeks unless the church office is notified otherwise.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Myckie Spencer, Steve Crump prayers of healing, Eunice Gay, Pat Cormack (prayers of healing, foot surgery), Jamie Linenberger's great nephew Atticus, 2 yrs old, has been diagnosed with high risk neuroblastoma - prayers for healing, Dorothy Veach, A prayer for those experiencing problems in life, Marilyn Smalley (Prayers for health & healing after a fall), Race Proffitt (BIL Will & Molly Burton (continued recovery from brain surgery), Sue Murry, Dorothy Lehman, Eli (Tandy B's cousin's son, has osteogenesis Imperfecta, has had some setbacks from surgery), Keith Emig (prayers of healing), Bruce Pauley (husband of Kathy, needs prayers for his sight to be returned in his eye), Gisela Pauley (mother of Kathy, prayers of healing), Pam Jackson (prayers of strength & comfort), Richard Blanchard (Father of Leslie H., prayers for peace, comfort, & healing), Steven & Mary Cairns (prayers for decisions with Steven's health), Leonard Schmitz (friend of Kent & Diane W., treatment for Acute Myeloid Leukemia), Scot Budden (Pastor Libby's brother)

COMMUNITY PRAYER CONCERNS:

Bob Dishman, Rachel Prichard, Kathy Ducker, Barbara Webster-Haynes, Nathan Robbins, Deb Daniel, Jamye Comp, Kim Decker, Jacque Havice, Macie Heller.

THOSE WORSHIPING FROM HOME: Norris Marshall, Karen & Steve Crump, Dorothy Veach, Dorothy Snider, Linda Chase, Charles Spidell, Hope Higgins, Jim Leyerzapf, Evelyn Carter, Barb and Carl Funston, Al Jones, Glen & Joan Dawson, Don & Mary Rickley, Phyllis Welton, Pam Jackson, Myckie Spencer, Dorothy Lehman.

THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:

If you have someone to add to this list, please include their name to the back of the attendance sheet.

Cory Donley, Colby Miller, Kayla Lee, Derek Lipson, Daelan McKnight, Patrick Senart

THOSE IN AUTHORITY: The World Leaders, The President, the Governor, the Mayor, County Commissioners, the County Attorney, and other elected officials and the judiciary (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S RADIO BROADCAST

There is no radio broadcast today.

MUSIC MINISTRIES & WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS SIGN-UP

There is still time to sign up for Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, Liturgists, & Slides-Sound-Streaming Tech for the coming year. Visit with Clark if you would like more information.

POWER & LIGHT AND YOUTH GROUP

Both groups for the school year started on Wednesday September 9. Power & Light is designed for 1-5 graders, 3:30 p.m. Youth Group is for 6-12 graders, 6:00 p.m. Both groups meet in Peatling Hall following the Abilene School calendar. If you know a youth who would like to participate, please see Wendy for more information.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

September continues our collection of items for the 2026 Operation Christmas Child Boxes! This month we are still collecting school supplies: pencils and sharpeners, pencil cases, erasers, pens, crayons, markers, glue sticks, scissors, rulers, index cards and small paper notepads, calculators, small adhesive tape, small coloring books. No liquids please.

COMMUNITY MEAL

September 28 will be the next time we host. 321 dinners were served on August 10. The Community Meal is served the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, at 5:00 p.m., Sterl Hall, 619 N. Rogers. Please contact Jacque Saffell, 785-342-6223 or Toni Schwarting, 785-479-6353 with questions or to volunteer.

BREAD MINISTRY

To all who are able to support the Bread Ministry for first time visitors, please bring loaves of homemade bread to the church on Sunday. All types & sizes of bread are appreciated, quick bread, yeast bread, artisan bread. Please wrap in saran wrap &/or baggies. Your willingness to help donations are greatly appreciated.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 9:00 a.m. Brunch - Wright Hall
- 9:30 a.m. In-Person Worship Service, Brunch, & Conversation - Wright Hall
- 9:20 a.m. **NO** Small Groups & Sunday School Class **This week only**
- 10:30 a.m. **NO** In-Person Worship Service / KABI 1560 AM or 95.9 FM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON

Happy Birthday Chuck Brussow!

- 10:00 a.m. Card Ministry
- 5:30 p.m. Worship Design - 200
- 5:30 p.m. Core Group
- 6:30 p.m. Women's AA/NA Meeting - B9

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON

- 10:00 a.m. Exercise Group - Narthex

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON

Happy Birthday Linda Kolacny!

- 3:30 p.m. Power & Light
- 5:15 p.m. Bell Choir- Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group Starts
- 6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 OFFICE CLOSED

Happy Birthday Bill Burwell!

Happy Birthday Sue Murry!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Happy Birthday Delores Rodda!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 8:15 a.m. In Person Worship Service
- 9:20 a.m. Sunday School Class
- 10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship Service / KABI 1560 AM or 95.9 FM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Please note that **bold type** indicates congregational participation. An asterisk (*) indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able. "UMH" stands for *The United Methodist Hymnal* (blue book); "FWS" stands for *The Faith We Sing* (black book); and "WS" stands for *Worship and Song* (green book).

OUR MISSION AND VISION

Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Vision: A church of Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors.

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Piano: Anna Gugler

Liturgists: Bette Engelhaupt

Slides/Sound/Livestream:

Gospeltality Greeters 9:30: Ann and Kevin Bailey

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