

# UNION CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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July 13, 2008

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

Betty Phinney

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

9:55 AM

**GREETINGS & GATHERINGS:** “Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow Your righteous laws. I have suffered much; preserve my life, O Lord, according to Your Word. Accept, O Lord, the willing praise of my mouth, and teach me Your laws.” **Psalm 119:105,108 (NIV)**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** “To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in You I trust, O my God. Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. No one whose hope is in You will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse. Show me Your ways, O Lord, teach me Your paths; guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long. Remember, O Lord, Your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to Your love remember me, for You are good, O Lord. Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He instructs sinners in his ways. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way. All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of His covenant. For the sake of Your name, O Lord, forgive my iniquity, though it is great. Who, then, is the man that fears the Lord? He will instruct him in the way chosen for him. He will spend his days in prosperity, and his descendants will inherit the land. The LORD confides in those who fear Him; He makes His covenant known to them. My eyes are ever on the Lord, for only He will release my feet from the snare. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart have multiplied; free me from my anguish. Look upon my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins. See how my enemies have increased and how fiercely they hate me! Guard my life and rescue me; let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in You. May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope is in You. Redeem Israel, O God, from all their troubles!”

**Psalm 25 NIV**

**\*HYMNS OF PRAISE:**

Great Is thy Faithfulness  
In Christ Alone

#140  
Insert

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

#881

\*GLORIA PATRI:

#70

**UNISON PRAYER:** "O Lord our God, the author and giver of all good things: We thank Thee for all Thy mercies and for Thy loving care over all Thy creatures. We bless Thee for the gift of life, for Thy protection round about us, for Thy guiding hand upon us, and for the tokens of Thy love within us. We thank Thee for friendship and duty, for good hopes and precious memories, for the joys that cheer us, and the trials that teach us to trust in Thee. Most of all we thank Thee for the saving knowledge of Thy Son our Savior; for the living presence of Thy Spirit, the comforter; for Thy Church, the body of Christ; for the ministry of Word and all the means of grace. In all these things, O heavenly Father, make us wise unto a right use of Thy benefits, that we may render an acceptable thanksgiving unto Thee all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord who has taught us to pray:"

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**SHARING IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP:** "That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about Him, so that He got into a boat and sat there; and the whole crowd stood on the beach. And He told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they had not much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched; and since they had no root they withered away. Other seeds fell upon thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear."

**Matthew 13:1-9 RSV**

**Welcoming Our Visiting Friends**

**Sharing of Our Testimonies, Joys and Blessings**

**Sharing our Prayer Concerns**

### THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

### CHURCH CALENDAR

*WEEK of July 13, 2008*

**TODAY:** 9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Worship Service  
8:30 AM Wesley United Methodist Church Service  
**FRI:** 7:00 PM TV Ministry – Cable Channel 4

**PRAISE THE LORD FOR:** "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him."

**Lamentation 3:22-24 RSV**

**CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:** Barbara Allen, Chuck Loeffler (upcoming surgery), Darren McPherson (recovery from surgery), Carrie Sears, Nancy Soletto (Rich McPherson's aunt), Harvey Henson (cancer), Liam Ewing, Connie Perry (Glenn Godoy's sister), Denny Lee (Dave Lee's brother), Al Smith (recovering at home), Arlene Phillips (Betty DuBois' cousin), Alan VanWormer (Donna Shultz's brother), Michelle Rucker (cancer), Bill Jubin, Harry Phillips (prostate cancer), Guil Woodward, Paulette (colon cancer), Vanessa Randesi, Karen Raponi, Bud Lee, Gary McFadden (cancer), George Cameron, Pamela Jean (Jack and Alice Black's niece), Jack Black, Orin White, Jeffery Sibley, Diane Ryans, Ralph Kocik, Dorothy Sedlacek, Ruth Ross, Alana Otis, Don Eckler, Andy & Ann, Paul Carpenter, Alex Madison, Kim Soundararaj, Gabriel (Kim's son), and Jack Hoppes. Special Needs--Valerie Luzzi.

**THOSE SERVING IN IRAQ:** Raymond Persons (Edith Perkins' son, serving in Afghanistan), Bill Davis (Emily Seymour's niece's husband), Alan Votakpa, Frank Simser, Kyle Chanitz, Scott McPherson (back in US), Christopher Simser Jr.(back in US), Adam Tatusko and Nicholas Tokos. **Please pray for the upcoming Elections and continue to pray for our Nation.**

**PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:** Doug/Karen (Frisch) Lehman (Africa), Jim/Shawn Ramsay (Georgia/Mission Society), Peter/Esther Pereira (India), Dave/Jean Coles (Indonesia), Neal/Mari Hicks (Japan), Guido/Kim (Warren) Orellana (Ecuador), Dr. Jeff/Marilyn Lester (Medics International), Dr.Terry/Renee Wortz, Elizabeth Salisbury(USA), Gary/Rebecca Mink (Africa), Leroy/Peg Jones (USA), Larry/Marian Byrnes (Indiana/OMS), Christopher/Rashaell Jones (Ecuador).

**PRAYER VERSE:** “Hear then the parable of the sower. When any one hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in his heart; this is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is he who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the delight in riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is he who hears the word and understands it; he indeed bears fruit, and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.” **Matthew 13:18-23 RSV**

**PRAYER CHORUS:** Knowing You Insert

**OFFERTORY VERSE:** “But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.” **Luke 12:31 KJV**

**OFFERTORY CHORUS:** Better Is One Day Insert

**Presentations of Tithes and Offerings**

**\*DOXOLOGY:** #95

**HYMN OF PREPARATION:** My Jesus, I Love Thee #172

**SCRIPTURE:** Romans 8:1-11 Pew Bible #1096

**MESSAGE:** “Born vs. Made” Alice Naik

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION:** Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart #500

**\*ALLELUIA \*BENEDICTION \*POSTLUDE**

**The Altar is open for prayer. You are welcome to come to the Altar, praying for someone or praying for self with commitment to Christ for the first time or for rededication of your life to Him. Someone will join you at the Altar to pray with you.**

### **In Christ Alone**

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm thru the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of  
peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings  
cease.

My comforter, my all in all;  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.  
In Christ alone who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones he came to save.  
'Til on the cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.  
There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then, bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave he rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
In Christ Alone (Page 2 of 2)  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of  
Christ.  
No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand.  
'Til He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

### **Knowing You**

All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
All this world reveres and wars to own.  
All I once thought gain I have counted  
loss,  
Spent and worthless now compared to  
this.

(Chorus)

Now my heart's desire is to know You  
more,  
To be found in You, and known as  
Yours.  
To possess by faith what I could not  
earn,  
All surpassing gift of righteousness.

(Chorus)

Oh, to know the pow'r of Your risen life  
And to know You in Your sufferings.  
To become like You in Your death, my  
Lord,  
So with You to live and never die.

Chorus:

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,  
There is no greater thing.  
You're my all, You're the best,  
You're my joy, my righteousness,  
And I love You, Lord. (Next verse)  
Ending: Love You, Lord

## VBS FOOD DONATIONS

For VBS this Summer we are looking for snack donations for the children. There will be boxes in the Narthex and also in the fellowship hall marked VBS donations. Any questions call Linda Allen at 687-0896.

These are the kinds of things that are needed:

- Brownies
- White cake mix
- Chocolate cake mix
- Canola Oil
- Mini Oreo Cookies
- Teddy Grahams
- Individual wrapped Life Savers
- Cans of Vanilla Frosting
- Cans of Chocolate Frosting
- Ritz Crackers-Bite Size
- Bugles
- Pretzel Sticks
- Animal Crackers
- Apple Juice
- Real Lemon Juice
- Sugar

## Better Is One Day

How lovely is Your dwelling place  
O Lord Almighty,  
For my soul longs and even faints for  
You.  
For here my heart is satisfied  
Within Your presence.  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your  
wings.

Better is one day in Your courts,  
Better is one day in Your house,  
Better is one day in Your courts,  
Than thousands elsewhere.

Better is one day in Your courts,  
Better is one day in Your house,  
Better is one day in Your courts,  
Than thousands elsewhere.  
Than thousands elsewhere.

One thing I ask and I would seek,  
To see Your beauty,  
To find You in the place Your glory  
dwells.  
One thing I ask and I would seek,  
To see Your beauty,  
To find You in the place Your glory  
dwells.

Better is one day in Your courts,  
Better is one day in Your house,  
Better is one day in Your courts,  
Than thousands elsewhere.

Better is one day in Your courts,  
Better is one day in Your house,  
Better is one day in Your courts,

Than thousands elsewhere.

My heart and flesh cry out  
For You the living God,  
Your Spirit's water to my soul.  
I've tasted and I've seen,  
Come once again to me.  
I will draw near to You,  
I will draw near to You.

Better is one day in Your courts,  
Better is one day in Your house,  
Better is one day in Your courts,  
Than thousands elsewhere.

Better is one day in Your courts,  
Better is one day in Your house,  
Better is one day in Your courts,  
Than thousands elsewhere.

Better is one day, better is one day,  
Better is one day than thousands  
elsewhere.  
Better is one day, better is one day,  
Better is one day than thousands  
elsewhere.

Better is one day in Your courts,  
Better is one day in Your house,  
Better is one day in Your courts,  
Than thousands elsewhere.

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Better is one day in Your courts,  
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<b>THOSE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY:</b>		<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>WORSHIP LEADER:</b>	Rhonda Emmons	
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Byron & Rosa Rucker	
<b>NURSERY:</b>	Betsy Shumaker	
<b>USHER:</b>	Adam Rosenbarker	
<b>AUDIO:</b>	Bob Deuel	
<b>JR. CHURCH:</b>	Bill & Abby Woodward	



**ADVENTURE THEME PARK  
Vacation Bible School**

***It's that time of year again! Time to start thinking about Vacation Bible School!!***  
 This year VBS will be an adventure theme park. Roller coasters, Ferris wheels, popcorn, snow cones.....it's all about choices. The choices we make at a theme park will determine the kind of day we'll have. The big and little choices we make everyday will determine what kind of lives we'll have... It will be held in the evenings from Monday, July 25 through Friday, August 2. It isn't hard to remember when we were young. But we often forget that the trials and tribulations that we went through as youth were real and felt just as important to us then as any other stress today. Vacation Bible school is a special time set aside to encourage youngsters in the Lord. Children need to know that there is someone looking out for them. Not all of them have supportive parents, relatives, or friends. And VBS might be the only time some of these kids experience the love of Christ through our actions. I once heard on the family life network that 90% of all Christians never lead another person to Christ. Opportunity is knocking on our doors! We should take advantage of the chance to get involved in something bigger than ourselves. I hope you will all become a part of VBS, whether it's a helper, a decorator, or even a member of the prayer team. So hop on and hold tight, it's going to be an exciting ride!

**RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS & STEWARDSHIP FOR July 6, 2008**

<b>ATTENDANCE:</b> (108)	<b>TOTAL OFFERING:</b> \$4089.54
<b>GENERAL:</b> \$2559.35	<b>DESIGNATED:</b> \$1530.19

**“YOUNG AT HEART” PICNIC**—A sign-up sheet for the **“Young at Heart”** Annual Picnic, to be held on Wednesday, July 16, 2008 at Highland Park, is on the bulletin board in the narthex...Please sign up so we can have an idea of the number of plates, etc., that we will need. **THANKS!**

**CHICKEN BBQ-CRAFT FAIR-BAKE SALE-GARAGE SALE**—August 9, 2008, Time: TBD--Proceeds to the Building Fund. We are looking for Energetic Committee Members to coordinate activities, sell advance tickets and just plain help when and where needed. We would like to make this a fun-day for everyone while adding to the Building Fund! Our first meeting will be Monday, May 12th at 7:00. Thanks to all! For more information, contact Robin Bartholomew at 349-9221.