

Traditional Service

October 21, 2018
11:10 AM

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFO ABOUT:

- Sunday School
- Wednesday Night Activities
- Children's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Music Ministry
- What UM Christians believe
- Committing My Life To Christ
- Being Baptized
- Becoming A Member
- Joining a Connexion Group

**NAMETAG
ORDER FORM:**

Please PRINT your name exactly
how you would like it to be
written on your nametag:

- Clip Tag (Free) Magnetic (\$5)

(please place this card in the offering plate)

Comments or Questions

Any comments or questions about FUMCSS?

You can share them here:

CALENDAR

SUNDAY 21	9:00 am	Celebration Service
	10:00 am	Communion in the Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	11:10 am	Traditional Service
	5:00 pm	Connexion Group (Stephens)
	6:00 pm	Connexion Group (Reisbeck)
	6:00 pm	Connexion Group (Taylors)
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MONDAY 22	6:30 pm	Connexion Group (Atkins)
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TUESDAY 23	6:00 pm	Administrative Council Meeting
	7:00 pm	Called Church Conference
	7:30 pm	Ad Council Meeting Resumes
	7:00 pm	Connexion Group (Eisenberg)
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WEDNESDAY 24	10:00 am	Connexion Group (Comfort-Lowerre)
	12:00 pm	Prayer Time in the Chapel
	5:30 pm	Timothy Team (Grades K-6th)
	6:00 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Men's Group (Fellowship Hall)
	6:45 pm	Basement Student Services
	6:45 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
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SATURDAY 27	5:00 pm	Dinner Church - <i>Last One!</i>
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Fourth Sunday Food Drive		
	9:00 am	Celebration Service
	10:00 am	Communion in the Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	11:10 am	Traditional Service
	3:00 pm	Nursing Home Ministry
	5:00 pm	Connexion Groups meet

GREETERS:				
Date	Sanctuary West 8:45 AM	Sanctuary East 8:45 AM	Sanctuary West 10:50 AM	Sanctuary East 10:50 AM
October 21	Ann Lowerre	Billie Jean Buckler	Mallory Coffey	Daulton Coffey
October 28	Ann Lowerre	Billie Jean Buckler	Mallory Coffey	Daulton Coffey
November 4	Cheryl Comfort	Lynn Oliver	Katie Rennard	Peggy Dorsey

SERMON

Enough Series: Cultivating Contentment

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" (Hebrews 13:5-6)

[Jesus] said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." (Luke 12:15)

Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them; I kept my heart from no pleasure. . . . Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had spent in doing it, and again, all was vanity and a chasing after wind. (Ecclesiastes 2:10-11)

RHS: Struggling with Discontent

Perhaps you've heard of restless legs syndrome (RLS), a condition in which one has twitches and contractions in the legs. There is something that works in a similar way, but in the heart—or soul. It's called R_____H_____S_____ (RHS).

Its primary symptom is d_____.

Four Keys to Cultivating Contentment

- Four words to repeat: l_____c_____b___w_____.
- One question to ask: How long will this make me h_____?
- Develop a g_____ heart.
- Where does your soul find true s_____?

Five Steps for Simplifying Our Lives

- Set a goal of reducing your c_____, and live below your means.
- Before making a purchase, ask yourself: _____? Why do I want this?
- Use something up before _____ something new.
- Plan low-cost _____ that enriches.
- Ask yourself: Are there major changes that would allow me to s_____ my life?

The Power of Self-Control

Simplifying your life requires the practice of s_____c_____.

Self-control often comes down to making a choice between instant gratification and delayed gratification for some greater cause. The choice can be examined using three questions:

- What are the long-term consequences of this action?
- Is there a higher good or a better outcome if I use this resource of time, money, or energy in another way?
- Will this action honor God?

Conclusion: Which tent will you live in?

Ultimately at the end of the day you have to decide which "tent" you will live in. Will you live in "discon-tent" or "con-tent-ment"?

Enough

Cultivating Contentment



WELCOME

Message from the Pastor

Do you have a tough time separating “wants” from “needs”? Do you sometimes feel consumed by the desire to have more? Do you ever look at your surroundings and feel overwhelmed by the sheer volume of things? When is enough, enough?

Hebrews 13:5-6 tells us to “keep [our] lives free from the love of money, and be content with what [we] have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?”

Over the past couple of weeks we’ve been discovering joy in simplicity and generosity but because we often suffer that pernicious disease “RHS” cultivating contentment in what we already have can be a challenge.

Welcome! Today in worship, we will release these burdens, address our human tendencies head-on, and learn how to change our ways. We’re glad you’re here!

WHO WE ARE

Our Vision

We believe that God has put us here at this time to faithfully seek Him and make Him known through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

Our Values*

Prayer, Love, Worship
Bible-Based Preaching & Teaching
Children & Youth Ministry
Discovering God’s vision for our church

What We Believe

Many people believe they are Christian because they were born into a religious home or they go to church, tried their best, or are a moral person. However, the Bible teaches that these things do not make you a Christian. You become a Christian simply by:

1. Acknowledging that you, like all people have sinned and fallen short of God’s standards. The Bible calls sin a desire to live independently of God. (Romans 3:23)
2. Personally believing that Jesus Christ died for your sins on the cross and rose again. (Romans 6:23)
3. Repenting (turning away from your sins), confessing, and accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. (Romans 10:9)

You may express your desire and belief in prayer, asking Jesus to come into your life, and receiving grace as God’s gift to you. The Bible is clear that we all enter into a relationship with God through His mercy and grace.

***Bold = Focus of Today’s Message**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 21, 2018 | Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Pastoral Welcome & Announcements

Inviting God’s Presence and Action: Oh Lord, You are our shepherd and we should not be in want, but so often we struggle to be content and do want; forgetting that you have graciously provided us with every spiritual blessing in Christ and everything we need for life and godliness.

Thank you for often not giving us what we want, because our desires would draw our hearts from being satisfied in You. Help us to be content in You with what You have given us and to not be focused on what our flesh wants or the world tells us we should have.

According to Your Word and steadfast love, fill us with the joy and satisfaction of contentment in Christ. In his name we pray, AMEN.

Prelude “Prelude No. 4” — arr. & perf. by Job Smoot

Call to Worship Liturgist — Miranda Stephens

Leader: Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great.
Congregation: God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.

Leader: Let us worship God today, for God is good.
Congregation: God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.

Leader: Let us worship God today because we are God’s people.
Congregation: Let us worship God.

***Hymn of Praise** “I Sing the Almighty Power of God” #152 - all verses

***Affirmation of Faith** *Apostle’s Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Welcome and Greet *Please greet one another as we pass the Peace of Christ*

Anthem “Rondo on a Theme by Telemann” - arr. by Cynthia Dobrinski — Handbell Choir

Children’s Time Melody Taylor

Joys & Concerns

Personal & Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Prayer **The Lord’s Prayer**

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who have trespassed against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Mission Moment

Giving of God’s Tithes, Our Offerings and Our “Extra Dollars” †

Offertory “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” — arr. & perf. by Job Smoot

***Doxology**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.

***October Memory Verse** **Luke 12:15**
“And Jesus said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’”

***Hymn of Preparation** “How Shall They Hear the Word of God” #649 - all verses

***Scripture Reading** Hebrews 13:5-6; Luke 12:15; Ecclesiastes 2:10-11
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon **Enough: Cultivating Contentment** Rev. Clark Atkins

***Hymn of Commitment** “Rise Up, O Men of God” #576 - vs. 1, 3, & 4

***Benediction:** The Lord bless you, and keep you; The Lord make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace. *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

***Benediction Response** **“Go Now In Peace” - #665**
Go now in peace
Go now in peace
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere you may go.
(Sing 2 times)

Postlude “Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus” — arr. & perf. by Job Smoot

* *Please stand if able*

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018:

	Sept	Yr to Date	
Income (Gifts)	34,784	275,516	
Expenses	31,293	279,953	
Net Gain/<Loss>	3,491	-4,437	
Conference Tithe still due		3,903	
Adjusted Net Gain/Loss YTD		-8,340	
General Checking Balance 8/31/18		24,126	
Monthly income amount needed to meet budget		32,304	
Good stewardship suggests we reserve approximately one month’s operating expenses, and pay 100% of our Conference Tithes and District Apportionments.			
	YTD Due	YTD Pd	YTD % Pd
2018 Conference Tithe	28,610	24,708	86%
District Apportionments	2,753	2,753	100%

NURSERY

Childcare for infant, toddler, and preschool aged children is provided during both services. There is also a nursing mothers room located just off the Fellowship Hall. While the nursery is available for our youngest members, parents with school-aged students are encouraged to bring their children to the worship services. Kids activity packs are available on the table in the Narthex.

†EXTRA DOLLARS

There is a brochure with the story of the “Extra Dollar” in the Information Rack in the Welcome Center.

CONNECT CARD

Traditional - 10/21/2018

We are so glad that you are here and hope you feel at home as you join us in worship. Whether you are a guest, or a member, please fill out and return this card so we can know you were here!

Please Check Appropriate Box:

- First Time Guest*
- Repeat Guest
- Member
- My address has changed

Name: _____

Names of children ages 0-18 in attendance today: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

- Check here if you would like to be added to our weekly email list.

Email: _____

Joys, Concerns, God Sightings: _____

- Check box if you do not wish to have your prayer requests published.

**If you are a first time guest today, we have a gift for you! Please go to the welcome table outside the chapel where your completed “Connect Card” may be traded for a gift certificate to Barnett’s Dairyette.*