

Traditional Service

October 28, 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

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 Group (McCarvers)
- 5:00 pm Connexion Group (Stephens)
- 6:00 pm Connexion Group (Reisbeck)
- 6:00 pm Connexion Group (Taylors)

**SUNDAY
28**

**MONDAY
29**

- 6:30 pm Connexion Group (Atkins)

**WEDNESDAY
31**

- 10:00 am Connexion Group (Comfort-Lowerre)
- 12:00 pm Prayer Time in the Chapel
- 3:00 pm Main Street Trick-or-Treating
- 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 Halloween Hangout
- 6:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**SUNDAY
4**

- 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 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 28	Lynn Oliver	Billie Jean Buckler	Mallory Coffey	Daulton Coffey
November 4	Cheryl Comfort	Lynn Oliver	Katie Rennard	Peggy Dorsey
November 11	Cheryl Comfort	Lynn Oliver	Katie Rennard	Peggy Dorsey
November 18	Cheryl Comfort	Lynn Oliver	Ann Lowerre	Peggy Dorsey

SERMON

Enough Series: Defined by Generosity

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life. (1 Timothy 6:17-19)

Some give freely, yet grow all the richer; others withhold what is due, and only suffer want. A generous person will be enriched, and one who gives water will get water. (Proverbs 11:24-25)

Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. (Proverbs 22:9)

A Theological Foundation for a Generous Life

Created to be generous, tempted to hoard

There are two voices that work against our God-given impulse toward generosity and that tempt us to keep or hoard what we have.

- The voice of f_____
- The voice of s_____g_____

Defeating the voices

When we give our lives to Christ, invite him to be Lord, and allow the Holy Spirit to begin changing us from the inside out, we find that our fears begin to dissipate and our aim in life shifts from seeking personal pleasure to pleasing God and caring for others. Although we still may wrestle with the voices from time to time, we are able to silence them more readily and effectively the more we grow in Christ.

G_____ is a fruit of spiritual growth.

Biblical reasons to give to God and others

- "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).
- "Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 16:25).
- "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it" (Psalm 24:1).

What Our Giving Means to God

Two passages from the Gospels give us a sense of what Jesus has to say on the subject of giving and stewardship.

- Luke 6:38
- Matthew 25:14-30

What Our Giving Means to Us

Through it our hearts are c_____.

In it we find the b_____ of God.

Enough

Defined By Generosity



WELCOME

Message from the Pastor

What defines your life? Is it wealth? belongings? faith? Many of us live with a scarcity mentality, worried that we must gather and hoard as much as possible, saving for some imagined "rainy day." Others go to the opposite extreme, focusing on self-gratification. But the Bible promises both God's blessings and joy for those who choose to live another way.

You'll find in this bulletin a *Service Opportunities Sheet*, and a 2019 *Keeping Covenant Card*. You will also receive copies of these in the mail.

Note that the *Keeping Covenant Card* asks you to make five commitments in the coming year. This is a personal and private covenant between you and God and in two weeks you will have the opportunity to place this *Covenant Card* in a sealed envelope in our Joash Chest. This envelope will be mailed back to you, unopened, next fall. Our hope is that this is an opportunity for you to spend time in prayer and reflection, considering how you will support the church and it's ministries with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness in the coming year. Please be watching for the mailing; then fill out the card and bring it with you to worship on Sunday, November 11th.


Rev. Clark

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 28, 2018 | Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Pastoral Welcome & Announcements

Inviting God's Presence and Action: O God, Creator and Sustainer of all life, you instruct us to give generously and cheerfully. And so we come today, offering the funds, time, and gifts you have given us cheerfully and without hesitation or pressure, trusting that in our upside-down life of the gospel, our wealth is measured not by what we have but what we give away. Help us learn to give joyfully as an act of our faith trusting you great God, to bless your church, your people, and your creation through our giving. In Christ's holy name we pray, AMEN.

Prelude "Prelude no. 5" — arr. & perf. by Job Smoot

Call to Worship Liturgist — Karl Mounger

Leader: Every generous act of giving is a tribute to God's love for us.

Congregation: Lord, let us be people of generous and abundant gifts for others.

Leader: Be ready to listen and slow to react in anger.

Congregation: Lord, prepare us to be peaceful people.

Leader: Keep your hearts and spirits ready to serve the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, open our hearts to hear and respond to your words of life in ministries of hope and peace. AMEN.

***Hymn of Praise** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" #158 - 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 "You Are My Vision" - Rend Collective // "Come Thou Fount" — Circuit Riders

Children's Time Manny Anchondo

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

Arkansas Tech Wesley Foundation

Giving of God's Tithes, Our Offerings and Our "Extra Dollars"✠

Offertory "Multiplied" - NeedtoBreathe — Circuit Riders

***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.'"

***Scripture Reading** 1 Timothy 6:17-19; Proverbs 11:24-25 & 22:9
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon **Enough: Defined by Generosity** Rev. Clark Atkins

***Hymn of Commitment** "Freely, Freely" #389 - all verses

***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 "Blessed Assurance" — arr. & perf. by Job Smoot

** Please stand if able*

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

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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.*