



The Tower

First United Methodist Church

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"We are not like Jesus yet, so we will continue to grow in love for God for the sake of others."

AUTUMN REFLECTIONS: WHAT SHOULD I DO?

As the vibrant colors of fall begin to paint the landscape and the air becomes cooler, we are reminded once again of God's beautiful design in the changing seasons. My family and I recently visited Maroon Bells in Aspen, Colorado, and it was a powerful reminder of how God works through the beauty of nature. The majestic mountains and brilliant autumn colors left us in awe of God's handiwork. It's in these moments that we can truly feel the presence of the Creator, reminding us of God's ongoing work in the world and in our lives.

In the spirit of this season, I am excited to share with you the focus of our upcoming sermon series for October, titled *"What Should I Do?"* Over the course of three weeks, we will tackle some of the real, practical struggles we face in our faith journey:

1. **When God does not listen to my prayer** – What do we do when it feels like our prayers go unanswered or unheard? How do we continue to trust and seek God in times of silence?
2. **When I do not know how to deal with grief** – Grief is an unavoidable part of life, but it often leaves us feeling lost. Together, we will explore how faith can guide us through the depths of sorrow and into healing.
3. **When my friends fight over the presidential election** – As we approach another election season, tensions often rise, even within our closest relationships. How can we navigate these difficult conversations with grace, love, and a heart aligned with Christ?

I believe these sermons will speak to many of us in different ways, and I hope they provide both comfort and practical wisdom as we seek to follow God in every aspect of our lives.

Additionally, I invite you to participate in the 2025 sermon survey. This is a wonderful opportunity for us as a church to reflect on what God is calling us toward in the future. I am filled with anticipation for how God will continue to mold and shape us as a community of faith. Let's embrace this journey together, looking forward to the ways in which God will lead and guide our Church into the New Year and beyond.

Thank you for being a part of this incredible faith family. Let us walk through this season with hearts full of expectation and trust in God's ongoing work among us.

Rev. Seungli You

Lead Pastor:
Rev. Seungli You

**Associate in Youth
Ministry, Education
and Technology:**
Bill Podschun

Visitation Pastor:
Pastor Beth Wilke

Office Administrator:
Amber Benavides

Bookkeeper:
Jeri Edwards

**Director of Maintenance
& Property:**
Randy Vanderpool

Children's/Youth Intern:
Hannah Hlavenka

Music Director:
Julie Woodring

Organist:
Chance Alquest

Sunday Worship Times:
9:00 am – Sanctuary, with
FaceBook Live streaming

**(Nursery available for
worship service for infant
through four-year-olds)**

October 9, 2024



Happy Birthday to these special people:

- 11/1 Nora Olney
- 11/2 Madison Nihart
- 11/3 Lauren Clock, Virginia Nichols
- 11/4 Laura Gottlob, Tyler Gould, Mary Ann Watson
- 11/5 Irene Hubbell, Jeanie Purcell
- 11/6 Carolyn Guernsey, Drew Stanton, Janet Ward, James Watson
- 11/7 David Andreas, Jeannie Wyckoff
- 11/8 Ryan Groene, Michelle McGinnis
- 11/9 Katie Boline, Rodger Steffen, Jayden Trollman, Charles Williams
- 11/12 Kyle Lewis, Penny Snyder
- 11/13 Ansley McCaslin
- 11/14 Fred Humpert, Jeanice Shimon
- 11/15 Edna White
- 11/16 Kathy Fell, Aleigha Gale
- 11/17 Leon Moore
- 11/18 Lauren Lewis, Jon Podschun
- 11/19 Laci Craig, Maria Kerr, Stephen Woodburn
- 11/20 Jane Kaufman
- 11/21 Betty Gray, Roger Lungren, Marcie Steffen
- 11/22 Sandie Collier, Kline Madrigal, Dakota Soukup, Julie Woodring
- 11/24 Mike Ledy
- 11/25 Debbie Bridges, Lisa Zuerlein
- 11/26 Mary Tyler
- 11/27 Henley Calvin, Linda Harvey, Laura McPherson, David Podschun
- 11/28 Wanda Satterfield, Paul Shimon
- 11/29 Randy Johnson, Crystal Samms, Isabella Westfall
- 11/30 Lane Duncan, Lacey Whetstone

OCTOBER FOOD BASKET ITEMS NEEDED

Our supplies are very low following a very active summer. We are collecting the following items throughout the month of October. Please place items in the food basket, located outside the Sanctuary.



*Easy Open Chef Boyardee Cans
Healthy Cereals
Easy Open Canned Fruits*

Winfield First Family		
Colleen Andreas	Robin LeGrand	Charlotte Speer
Eric Andreas	Julie Melcher	Ramon James Tapia
Wanda Andreas	Jeanie Purcell	
Lynn Biddle	Kim Reynolds	
Dee Ginn	Bill Rosecrans	
Extended Family and Friends		
Mark Davis	Kerby Kennedy	Phillip Rhodes
Lucas Dorsey	Melinda King	Don Smith
Addi Foster	Dana Marler	Marsha Spangler
Cora Frazee	James Morris	Aaron Toney
Darlene Green	Mona Mozingo	Doug Tucker
Piper Hawkinson	Lynn Phillips	Gayle Walter
Debbie Hill	Sid Pitzer	Dave Woodrow
Grief & Loss		
Kent & Julie Melcher in the loss of Kent's brother-in-law		
World Concerns		
Residents of the Middle East; military, first responders, and their families; those affected by violence in Ukraine.		

A Look at Our Loyalty	
	Offering
September 1	\$4,207
September 8	\$7,435
September 15	\$3,762
September 22	\$1,126
September 29	\$5,652
Needed Weekly	\$11,988
Needed as of 9/30	\$467,562
Received as of 9/30	\$364,509

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your recent donation. It is only through generous donations like yours that the Lydia Patterson Institute can continue with our mission. We appreciate your generosity.

NEED HELP!

We are needing to update addresses for the following people; Tina Almanza, Sandra Bogle, Debbie Burton, Philip Burton, Sandie Collier, Jeryl Fullen, Shandra Hatfield, Nancy Heinz, Noah Hunt, Nyasha Maforo, Greg McPherson, Lee Musson, and Charles Williams. If you can help us update these addresses, please contact the Church office. Thank you!



TUESDAY'S TABLE NEEDS BAGS!

We consistently need any size Braum's bags with handles. Please drop them off in the kitchen anytime.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING AT FUMC

Kids Club meets on **Wednesdays** in Fellowship Hall. This FREE program is open to all K-5th graders and meets at the Church from 3:45-5:15. Kids Club includes Bible Story rotations, crafts, games, a lesson, and snacks. Shuttle services from Whittier to the Church are available for registered students. For more information, contact Hannah Hlavenka or the Church office.

Sunday school for elementary children meets on **Sunday mornings, following Worship at 10:00 am**. Brenda Hicks will lead this group in Room 206.

OCTOBER LIBRARY NEWS

October is Church Library Month! To celebrate, we will be placing books that we have weeded and removed from the collection in the narthex for the entire month. They will also be free to take. Also – stop in and view the changes we are making! We have new, donated books to add to the collection and will be adding them throughout the fall and winter. There is a special section and table just for kids and a new area to display our Bible collection. We have a wonderful Church library at First United Methodist.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Saturday, November 16th

Our annual Church Conference will take place on **Saturday, November 16th at 9:00 am** at Chapel Hill United Methodist Church. We will be meeting with other churches in our Network once again this year. Every member of the church is a voting member of Church Conference and is welcome and invited to attend.



BLUEGRASS CRAWL – SEPTEMBER 17TH



MS/HS YOUTH

High School youth interested in the December 31-January 4 ski retreat to Winter Park, CO should get a \$100 deposit to Bill by **October 13th**.

We will meet during Supper Club on **Sunday, October 13th** to make plans for our Junior/Senior international mission trip. Please talk to Bill if you are interested in going.

Middle School Youth meets weekly on **Wednesdays**. We gather for supper and fellowship from 6:00-7:15 pm, at the Church.

High School Youth meets weekly on **Wednesdays**. We gather at 7:15 pm, at the Church.

High School Supper Club continues to meet weekly on **Sundays at 6:00 pm**, at the Podschun's house. We prepare supper together and have opportunities to grow in our faith.

We are exploring a Youth Sunday School class following Worship, from 10:00-10:45 in the youth room. Please talk to Bill if you are interested!

COLLEGE BRUNCH TIME

We are beginning a college brunch time from 10:00-11:00 on Sunday mornings. We will gather to reflect on the Worship theme and spend time in fellowship together. Talk to Bill or Matt if you are interested in joining this group.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE!

Rev. Bob Baer will be leading the Kum-N-E-Wa class October 27-December 29. The first five weeks will include, "Major Messages from the Minor Prophets." During Advent, we will be using a book by Bishop Dick Wilke titled, The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly. Visitors are welcome to join us in the Robinson Room following Worship.

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CONGREGATIONAL INPUT FOR BUDGET

Sunday, October 13th



Winfield FUMC will be having our annual time for Congregational Input on the budget on **Sunday, October 13th at 10:00 am** in Fellowship Hall. This is a time for staff and leadership of our church to hear from you. Please join us in sharing your insights.

FUMC ALL CHURCH FALL PARTY

Sunday, October 20th

Mark your calendars for a Fall Party at The Barns at Timber Creek on **Sunday, October 20th**, beginning at 5:30 pm. Please bring a covered dish to share. Hotdogs, buns, and drinks will be provided.



SAVE THE DATE – CHRISTMAS AT THE BARN



Mark your calendars for the Christmas Concert at the Barns at Timber Creek on **Sunday, December 15th**. More details to come.

UNITED METHODIST MEN SPAGHETTI FEED

Monday, November 11th

United Methodist Men's annual Spaghetti Feed is **Monday, November 11th from 5:00-7:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under age 12. Proceeds from the meal support Church Camperships. Please come and bring a friend!

