Please share my prayer request for:	
Prayer for Surgery DATE	
HOSPITAL	
I CHECK IN AT	am./pm.
SURGERY IS AT	am./pm.
Requests will be listed in 3 weeks, unless indicate	_
Please do not pu	blicize
I would like a pa	stor to contact me
Praise God for:	
What is the name of are praying for?	a neighbor you

Pastor: Rev. Angie Colina McNeil
Visitation Pastor: Rev. Ross Fulton. Jr.

Worship Coordinator: Tricia Green
Worship Leader: Lydia Marlow
Accompanist: Donna Rekittke
Song Leader: Kathy Kelley

John Morrison, Karen Anderson,

Sid Marlow & Lydia Marlow

Acolyte: Gaia Young

**Ushers:** 

## Lifting up our family and friends in Prayer:

Put this sheet on your fridge as a reminder of those who need prayer this week.

## **Prayers for Physical Healing and Needs:**

Donna Coughenour Charlie Kirk's Family

Susan Donald

Al Babich

Students & Family

Impacted by Gun Violence

Vickie Pollock

Shauna Hulecki

Sabine

Unity

Mary Kieff

Craig & Debbie

Those in Sorrow

James Porter

Goodall Family

Robert Bond

Jamie Heintz Mike

Shellis Gray & boys Jennifer Roberts
Chuck Gicinto William Wayman

Friends & Family who have Tina

lost loved ones this week
Israel
Bennie
Bennie
Betty Buck
Carol Milinesi
Peace & Empathy

**Praise God For:** 

Health Providers Family, Friends & Pets
Miracles Holy Conversations

## **Praying For Our Neighbors:**

Sue & Larry Adam
Dennis Amanda
Sonia Dick
Craig & Debbie Jannet

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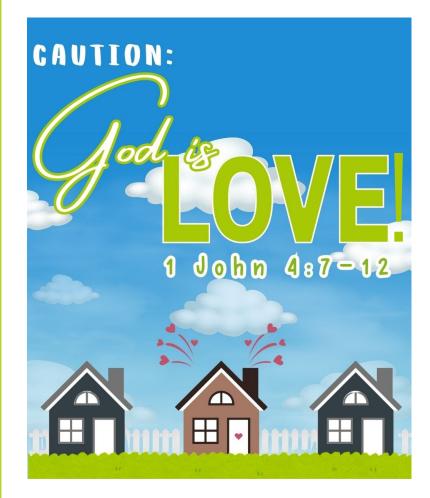
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**September 21, 2025** 

## Welcome, guests!

If you are our guest today, we welcome you in the name of Jesus. We want you to enjoy worship and experience it in a way that is best for you. \*Stand only as you are comfortable and able.

The altar flowers are in honor of Noel Bennett's birthday by Carol Schwartz.

#### **Nuts & Treats**

The United Women in Faith (UMW) are once again selling wonderful items from Farmstead Nuts and Treats. The order forms are on the poster outside the church office: fill out your form, attach your check made out to UMW and add to the wooden box. Final day to order is Sunday, November 9. Proceeds go to mission work through the United Women in Faith and other local mission partners. We appreciate your support!

## The road to 190 years...

In 1862, southern-leaning Rev. W. M Leftwich was the senior minister here and the United States was on the brink of civil war. Several times he was put under military arrest and informed of plots to shoot or hang him. He had many friends, some of whom traveled in the night to warn him of threats by Cleveland and Kansas outlaws. Union officers counseled him to leave, and as he was preparing to do so, the Battle of Independence was fought and Confederate forces took the city. After the surrender, Leftwich spent the rest of the day caring for the wounded and dying. That night, he loaded his family and belongings in a coverless two-horse wagon and headed to St. Louis, via Lexington. A scant two hours passed when the city was re-entered by angry northern forces. The church and parsonage were searched by those set on finding and hanging him, but to no avail. Rev. Leftwich had made his escape.

### **POSTPONED 1st Annual Classic & Custom Car Show**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we are postponing the car show until next year and will return the entry fees to each person who has applied for entry. We look forward to seeing everyone next year for the day of fellowship.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

9/23 Endless Energy Circle 1p

9/24 Bell Choir Starts 7p

10/25 Independence Halloween Parade 10am & Block Party

11/2 190th Anniversary Celebration

We want to know you were here! Please register your attendance, tear it off and put it in the offering plate.

To give an electronic offering via your PayPal account, please scan the QR code.



# Order of Worship - 10:15 am

\*Stand as you are able

#### **GATHERING**

Prelude

Amazing Grace

**Welcome & Announcements** 

\*Gathering Hymn

God the Spirit, Guide & Guardian #648 (v1, 3, 4)

\* Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

#### **PRAISING**

\*Praising Hymn

The Gift of Love #408, (all verses)

#### **PROCLAIMING**

**Scripture Reading** 

1 John 4:7-12 (NRSV)

\*Gloria Patri

**Prayer for the People** 

**Pastor Ross** 

**Lord's Prayer** 

Children's Message

Kathy Kelley & Karen Kelley

Message

Caution: God Is Love!
Pastor Angle

#### **RESPONDING**

Offering

Give Thanks

\*Doxology

\*Responding Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #384 (all verses)

\*Benediction

Postlude

All Praise to God

## **September 21, 2025**

#### **WELCOME TO IFUMC**

We're glad you're here! Please complete this form and place it in the offering plate.

Service:

10:15 a.m.

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Address	
Phone	
I would like to receive church emails	
and the Weekly Connection	
Email:	
1st Time Guest Member	
2nd Time Guest Regular Attendee	
Looking for a church home	
Out of Town Guest	