



Faith Journey: **Aches & Pains**

Sunday, August 2, 2026
Worship - 8:30 a.m.



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The 10th Sunday after Pentecost

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TFWS - The Faith We Sing
UMH: United Methodist Hymnal

✠ Please stand as you are able

CENTERING WORDS ¹

Jacob is left completely alone in the dark, forcing him to face his deepest fears and inner struggles without his usual tactics.

Suddenly, God shows up... Jacob is no longer alone!

PRELUDE

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE

UMH #349 - "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

CALL TO WORSHIP ²

We gather in this place seeking an encounter with our God,
who meets us in the quiet and the dark of our long nights.

**Like Jacob at the river, we bring our fears,
our questions, and our deep-held doubts.**

God does not turn away from our struggle,
but meets us face to face.

**We will not let go until we receive His blessing
and know His transforming love.**

The sun rises on a new day of grace.
Come, let us worship God together

✠ PRAISE

UMH #127 - "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"



Prayers for health concerns:

Elliot Noble
Marty Franko

For those who are
remembering loved ones...

The family of Betty Staffon

Giving thanks & praying for:

Care Center Residents...

Our nation and leaders...

Our school teachers,
administrators, students...

Service women & men and
their families...

Local health care
professionals, group home, &
care center workers...

Those fighting addictions
and mental illness...

Law enforcement &
emergency service workers...

Area congregations...

If you have a loved one you
would like to have added to
the Prayer Corner list, please
contact the Church Office at



This Week

SUN	August 2
8:30 am	Worship
9:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
FRI	August 7
10:00 am	Pastor Daren Office Hours (until 5:00 p.m.)
SUN	August 9
8:30 am	Worship
9:30 am	Coffee Fellowship

Ministry Servants...

Thank You for our ministry servants
who are helping out in worship
today:

Reader Tyler Kispert
Counters Tyler Kispert and Doris W.

Scheduled for next Sunday, August 9:

Reader
Counters

Worship Attendance	Last Sunday
LIVE STREAM VIEWS	39
IN PERSON	13
TOTAL	52

Summer Book Study...

You're invited to participate in a 2026 Summer Book Study led by Bishop Lanette. In this area-wide study, United Methodists are invited to read "Building Beloved Community: The Courage to Love in the Face of Tyranny" by The United Methodist Council of Bishops. This book offers a roadmap for these turbulent times where we see polarization dividing communities and people of faith. All are welcome! Mark your calendar and encourage others to join you.

Discussions will be held via Zoom on the fourth Saturday morning in July, August and September, from 9-10:30 a.m. You may have missed the first session, but you can still join in! See Pastor Daren for more details.

Live Streaming...

You can catch our live stream broadcast on your smartphone, iPad, Smart TV or computer at this app channel:

Dodge Center UMC FaceBook page
Dodge Center UMC YouTube Channel

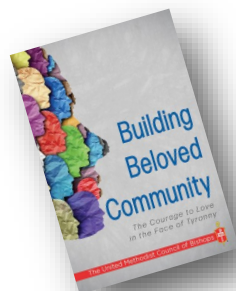
Please note that all of our services can be viewed at the above location even after the service is over. For questions, please contact Lisa O'Neil or Pastor Daren

Our Facebook Page

We have an active Facebook page that seeks to promote the ministry of our church. Announcements, events, and sharing stories takes place on our Facebook page. We also make special announcements via our page to keep you up to date on schedule changes. Go to Facebook and search for Dodge Center United Methodist Church.

Women With A Purpose...

Our August meeting will be held on August 8th, a week earlier than our regularly scheduled date. All are welcome for a time of fellowship and a short devotion. Coffee and snacks will be served. Come and enjoy!



✠ OPENING PRAYER ³

Merciful God, thank you for meeting us in the dark and messy places of our lives. Like Jacob at the river Jabbok, we bring our fears, our broken pasts, and our deep struggles to you. When we want to give up, give us the faith to hold on. Bless us, transform us, and change our hearts today. Amen.

PRAISE

UMH #496 - "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Hear God's Word

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION ⁴

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

(Page 30 - Pew Bible)

Genesis 32:22-31

MESSAGE

"Faith Journey: Aches and Pains"

We Respond to God's Word

COMMUNION HYMN

UMH #618 - "Let Us Break Bread Together"

HOLY COMMUNION

All who intend to lead a Christian life, together with their children, are invited to receive the bread and cup.

Everyone is welcome to the table of the Lord.

We Go Forth to Serve God

✠ PRAISE

UMH #451 - "Be Thou My Vision"

✠ THE BENEDICTION - ✠ POSTLUDE

¹ The Centering Words are based on or inspired by Genesis 32.

² The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by Genesis 32.

³ The Opening Prayer is based on or inspired by Genesis 32.

⁴ The Prayer for Illumination is a traditional prayer used in United Methodist worship.

All are based on [or taken from] "The Abingdon Worship Annual 2026", edited by Mary J. Scifres and B.J. Beu or other resources from the internet.

GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

Jacob Wrestles at Peniel

Genesis 32:22-31- NRSV

²² The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."

²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed."

²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him.

³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved."

³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL [YOUR] HEART...

PROVERBS 3:5

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Behind Today's WORSHIP Music

349 "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Both the text and the tune were written in 1918 by Helen H. Lemmel, daughter of a British Wesleyan Methodist pastor, who later migrated to the United States. A friend gave her a booklet by missionary Lilius Trotter, which contained the phrase: "Turn your eyes upon Him... and the things of earth will grow strangely dim". Lemmel, who later became blind, described the music coming to her suddenly while walking, as if instructed to stop and listen to the melody. The text is simple and forthright, directing us to center our eyes and spirit on Jesus. Her tune reinforces the reverent, sincere attitude of the text.

127 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Written during the great Welsh Revival of the eighteenth century, this hymn draws its images totally from the Bible as it compares the pilgrimage through life to the wandering of the Israelites through the wilderness: "Bread of Heaven" (manna), "crystal fountain" (water from the rock), "fire and cloudy pillar" (God's guide to the Israelites), "Jordan" (death), and "Canaan's side" (the heavenly reward). John Hughes's strong Welsh tune CWM RHONDDA enhances the strength and majesty of the text.

496 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

This text by William Walford stresses personal devotion and closeness to God. It is believed to be written as a poem around 1842-1845 by Walford, a blind lay preacher in Coleshill, England. It was later set to music by William Bradbury in 1861. It speaks of the importance of setting time aside for prayer; the joys prayer brings and the burdens it lifts. The hymn quickly became popular for its message of finding comfort and relief in prayer, particularly against "the tempter's snare".

618 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

This song is an African American spiritual which originated in the Gullah/Geechee culture of the coastal American South, possibly dating back to the 18th century and serving as a signal for secret worship meetings during slavery. The text was first published in the 1925 Journal of American Folklore and in the collection Saint Helena Island Spirituals. The lyrics symbolize humble surrender and joyful fellowship with Christ, with references to kneeling, breaking bread, and the imagery of the "Sun of Righteousness". Today, it is commonly used as a hymn during Communion.

451 "Be Thou My Vision"

This eighth-century Irish hymn is a prayer for the vision of God throughout life. The text is a personal prayer as we acknowledge God to be "my light... my treasure... Ruler of all." The lovely Irish melody SLANE with its ABCD form (all four lines are different) enhances the text. Slane is a hill ten miles from Tara in Count Meath, Ireland, associated with St. Patrick's struggle against Druid priests.

*These descriptions are found in the book
"The Hymns of the United Methodist Hymnal" by Diana Sanchez
and other sources from the internet.*