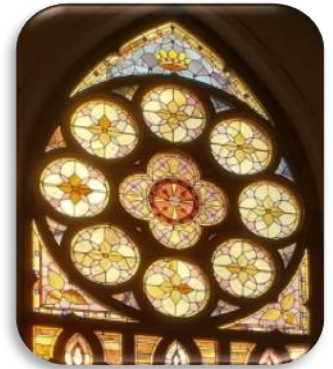


The Link: Connected in Christ

October 2022



Our Mission:
“Bring People
to Christ”

Church Service Times

**Saturday Chapel
Worship 5:00 PM,
in-person worship**

**Sunday Sanctuary
Worship 9:30 AM,
in-person worship.**

**Sunday Children’s
Church 10 AM**

**Live Worship
Streamed Online
Sunday 9:30 AM
Facebook, YouTube
and KNIA**

**Radio Worship
Worship with us via
the radio at 1320 AM,
95.3 FM or 94.3 FM at
9:30 AM. on Sundays.**



Strength for the Day

Ahhh....ctober! Cooler temps, fresh, crisp air, and the foliage, the fall foliage! The colors of the trees are so vibrant in October, and the meteorologists are telling us that because of the dry summer, there will be a beautifully vibrant and early festival of arboreal colors adorning the Iowa countryside. I hope you’ll be able to take a Sunday drive around Marion county and feast your orbs!

I also hope you’re enjoying our fall congregational-wide sermon series “Take the Flag”.

Each week we’ve been examining a different flag for its meaning and significance to not only Nascar, Indy, and Sprint Car drivers, but to you and me and our race of faith. So far we’ve talked about the green, yellow, and blue flags. On Sunday October 2 we’ll discuss the red flag. And then the black, white, and checkered.

Here’s a quick review/preview of each flag’s meaning:

The **green flag**, (start) which means go, or start! How do we start our race of faith?

The **yellow flag** (caution) How do we heed God's cautions to us when our life decisions put us in danger?

The **blue flag** (yield) We all run our own race of faith. But it's important that we also respect others, sometimes even "moving over" for their sake.

The **red flag** (delay or stoppage) When life throws us unexpected and unwanted interruptions, how does God help us get the most out of these "stops".

The **black flag** (disqualification) What happens when our own violations or sinful rebellious behavior take us out of the race of faith --- and how does God help us to get back into the race?

The **white flag** (not surrender! But final lap!) As we head to the finish line of our life of faith, how do we position ourselves and steer according to God's will?

The **Checkered flag** (victory!) If we persevere and finish our race of faith, navigating the hazards and managing the pit stops --- then victory is ours. The question for us on this final day will be "How does God want us to "experience" the victory?"

I'm currently studying the red flag for this Sunday's celebration. The red flag signals drivers to stop their race and go their pit area, usually because of rain or some other situation or condition beyond anyone's control. Pit crews are forbidden to work on the cars or do anything to the car to get an advantage during the time in the pit area. But the drivers are permitted to eat and drink something and to talk to their crew chief about new race strategies. ***Many drivers say that how they respond to these red flag interruptions waiting in the pit area can actually determine the outcome of the race.***

In addition to the red flag times of waiting in the pit area, regular pit stops are still a necessary part of auto racing. Drivers know that they cannot possibly run an entire race on a single tank of gas and single set of tires.

Friends, in the same way, you and I can't possibly be expected to run our own race of faith without moments when we intentionally pull off the track ---- mid race!

To help provide a mid-race (mid-week) pit stop where we can all refuel, take on some spiritual nourishment, and spend some time talking and listening to God (our crew chief!) consider joining one of the small groups meeting to further discuss the weekly message of Take the Flag. Or volunteer to help with our mid-week children ministries, or gather with other Christians to use your heart, hands, and voices in praising God by making a joyful noise with music. And remember that on the third Wednesday of each month, from 6:25-6:55 p.m., Pastor Brent and Pastor Jamie will hold a prayer service in the chapel. Finally, please remember to make use of the daily devotional material provided to all by our church, The Upper Room!

Friends, I hope and pray that you will plan to experience the added power to your race of faith that can be gained from regularly stopping to engage in the spiritual routines of Sabbath rest, worship, scripture, and prayer.

Godspeed! Pastor Jamie

2022 Charge Conference

The 2022 Annual Charge Conference will be held Sunday, October 9 @ 3:30-5:30 p.m. at Knoxville First United Methodist Church.

Lasagna, Garlic Bread and Dessert This Wednesday!

Join us for a free meal provided by the Cooking for a Cause group, Wednesday, September 28, 2022 @ 4:30 to 6:00 in West Fellowship Hall.

This month's meal will include lasagna, garlic bread, dessert, and drinks. Come out and enjoy this delicious meal and spend time amongst friends.



UWF Guest Speaker Invitation



United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith is having a guest on Oct. 8 at Noon. Our guest speaker will be the president of UWF. If you are in a circle, please let your circle chair know by Sept. 30 that you are coming. You are welcome to bring a guest as well. If you don't belong to a circle and would like to join us, please let Kitty Shepherd (842-6234) know you are coming.

Updates Wanted for the Funeral Meal Ministry List (Helpers/Food Provider)

It is time for United Women in Faith to update our list of people who will help with funeral dinners or provide food for the dinner. If you have helped in the past and will still help or send food, you don't need to do anything. If you have helped in the past and as of now you don't feel like you can help or send food, please let Kitty Shepherd know so we can remove your name. Also, if you have never helped or provided food and feel that this is something you can do, please let Kitty Shepherd know. Kitty's number is 842-6234



Monthly Food Donation for Blessing Boxes

Matthew 22:39 Love your neighbor as yourself



Our blessing boxes allow us to show God's love to our neighbors and they are well used!

We would like to ask

you to bring in food items on the first Saturday/Sunday of each month. Please place your items under the communion table as you arrive.

October – gloves, hats, shoes, washcloths, cocoa packets, instant potatoes, trail mix

Fall Harvest/Ham Ball Dinner Saturday, October 15th, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm

(Carry outs will be available)



One way of giving our thanks to God, for all He has done for us!

You are invited to join the F.U.N. Committee as we share our blessings with our community

through our annual FUMC Harvest Dinner outreach fellowship ministry. We thank God for the lives we share and our bounteous harvest and many Blessings. The Harvest Ham Ball Dinner will be Saturday, October 15th, serving from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in West Fellowship Hall. The meal will consist of ham balls, cheesy potatoes, green beans, salads, rolls and our delicious homemade pies from the ovens of our church members! Carry outs will be available. A free will offering will be accepted with the profits to be split between Montgomery Street Preschool and the FUN committee, (to purchase Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets for community members in need). Everyone is invited - so volunteer, bring your relatives, friends, and neighbors to the dinner for all the good food and fellowship!

Last year we served between 225 and 250 meals to our friends and neighbors – that’s a lot of pies! We will be asking our congregation to donate pies and salads. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex -to donate food and/or volunteer to help during the different time slots. We need help from our adults and youth Friday prep day and all day, Sat., Oct. 15th, serving our Harvest Dinner. Questions:

contact the office or Merna Furney or members of the FUN committee.

Reminder – Chancel Choir & Handbell Practice

Chancel Choir practices every 3rd and 4th Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room

followed by Handbell practice at 8:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.



Children, Youth, and Family Ministry Happenings

Our fall programs are off to a great start.



Pathfinders, our group for 3rd-5th graders will be beginning on October 5th. Our Youth will be going to Wesley Woods for a half day retreat on October 29th. We will have a Family Halloween Celebration on October 22nd. It is not too late to start coming to any of our programs. We always welcome new faces! If you have any questions, please contact me at lpetersen@kfumc.com.

Children’s Church

Children’s Church is from 10-10:30 on Sundays during service. Our curriculum is designed for kids ages 2 – 2nd grade, but we welcome older elementary kids and even youth. Our youth are invited to come and help the adults in leading Children’s Church.

Pathfinders

We are starting a new group for our 3rd-5th graders that will meet for 6 weeks beginning October 5th through November 9th. They will meet at the church on Wednesdays from 4-5pm. The church van is available to pick up students from Northstar Elementary and transport them to the church on those Wednesdays. We have also scheduled a family camping trip for them on October 14th-15th. During our lessons we will focus on a short bible lesson, team building, fellowship, and self-discovery.

Youth Group

Our Youth Group will meet on October 9th and October 23rd from 5-7pm at the Church.

The Youth Group will be going to Wesley Woods on October 29th from 12-5pm for a fun afternoon retreat. Contact Lauren by October 12th if you wish to attend.

Children's & Family Events

Family Halloween Celebration: October 22nd 4-6pm

Join us for a costume contest, pumpkin decorating, games, and more! This event is for the whole family. RSVP to Lauren by October 19th!

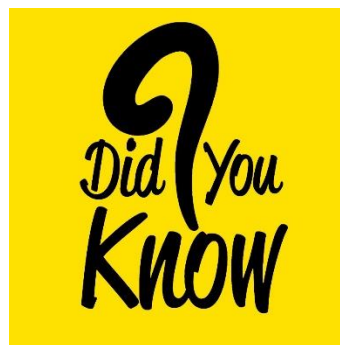
Christmas Day Camp/ Parents Day Out: December 10th 9am-4pm

Parents, enjoy a day out while the kids enjoy a day learning about the Christmas Story through an assortment of fun activities. This event is for ages 4 – 5th grade.

Acolytes

We are looking for kids in 3rd – 12th grade to help light the candles during Sunday church service. If you are

interested in acolyting please contact Lauren to get added to the schedule.



Did you know that Montgomery Street Preschool (MSPS) has been a valued ministry of our church for 50 plus years? Starting in the early 1970's as Mom's Morning Out,

the preschool evolved and moved into the church building in the early 80's when the name was changed to Montgomery Street Preschool. It became state licensed in 1993 and moved to its second-floor location in 2003. Montgomery Street Preschool (MSPS) is the only faith-based preschool remaining in Knoxville and is the only 2-year-old preschool program in Marion County. MSPS prides itself on small class sizes with two teachers in each room. Classes are available for 2-, 3-, and 4/5-year-olds. Developing the whole child through hands on learning and experiences is what makes MSPS special. Tuition for MSPS pays our teacher salaries. Donations to MSPS, both monetary and items, are always accepted and your church giving can be directed to MSPS. We hope that MSPS will be part of our church for another 50 years or more!

Evidence Provided

“Jesus took Peter and the two brothers, James and John, and led them up a high mountain. As the men watched, Jesus’ appearance changed so that his face shone like the sun, and his clothing became dazzling white. Suddenly, Moses and Elijah



appeared and began talking with Jesus. Peter blurted out, ‘Lord, this is wonderful! If you want, let’s build three shrines, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’”

But even as he said it, a bright cloud came over them, and a voice from the cloud said, ‘This is my beloved Son, and I am fully pleased with him. Listen to him.’ The disciples were terrified and fell face down on the ground.

Jesus came over and touched them. ‘Get up,’ he said, ‘Don’t be afraid.’ And when they looked, they saw only Jesus. As they descended the mountain, Jesus commanded them, ‘Don’t tell anyone what you have seen until I, the Son of Man, have been raised from the dead.’ His disciples asked, ‘Why do the teachers of religious law insist that Elijah must return before the Messiah comes?’

Jesus replied, ‘Elijah is indeed coming first to set everything in order. But I tell you, he has already come, but he wasn’t recognized, and he was badly mistreated. And soon the Son of Man will also suffer at their hands.’ Then the disciples realized he had been speaking of John the Baptist.” --Matthew 17:1-13

When I was a child, I often heard the comment, “Prove it.” Several children go through a phase when they tend to exaggerate, using their imagination to see some things as larger than life. As adults, some may think to themselves, or even speak out loud the same phrase, prove it, when it comes to discussing Jesus. The question becomes, what kind of proof will you accept? It’s pretty difficult to accept any type of proof if you have already made up your mind. We live in a world today of “instant replay” when we need to verify something in the world of sports.

In Matthew’s scripture, Jesus had already told the disciples about his death and resurrection. In this mountain top experience, three of his disciples see proof to his claims, and you can imagine how greatly their views changed after seeing Jesus talking with two people who had been dead for generations.

You never know what experience someone will need to accept Jesus. It won’t be a transfiguration experience. That has already taken place and is recorded in our Bible. But in 2022, we have over two thousand years of Christian experiences to verify that Jesus is our Savior, the Son of God, who came into our world to teach us, and then to die upon a cross for our sins. There is more than enough evidence to “prove” Jesus’ life and purposeful mission. Now, it up for each individual to consider the evidence. It takes an open mind, as the evidence is provided.

See you in church on Sunday. --*Pastor Brent Hanna*

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