

August 31, 2025  
10:00 am

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**Prelude** - Rhonda York

**Welcome** - Pastor Dave

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Called by Christ,

**People: we gather as one.**

Leader: Blessed by God's wisdom,

**People: we gather to learn.**

Leader: Amazed by God's love,

**People: we gather to worship.**

**Opening Hymn** – What a Friend We Have in Jesus/In the Garden UMH 526 & 314

**Prayer of Illumination** – Holy God, your wisdom and ways defy our worldly logic. You have shown all of our knowledge and learning to be foolish in comparison. O Lord, we are so foolish. Become our wisdom and become our strength as you enlighten our path with your powerful insight. Amen.

**Congregational Hymn** – At Calvary/ Love Lifted Me

**Gospel Reading** – Luke 9:18-26 - Kathryn West

**Middle Hymn** – The Old Rugged Cross UMH 504

**New Testament Reading** – 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

**Sermon** – Following the Crucified Jesus

**Prayer Time and Lord's Prayer**

**Next Steps, Offering and Doxology**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** – God, we seek to do everything in the name of Jesus. We desire to live in compassion, kindness, humility, and generosity. As we offer ourselves to you, we believe that we are moving closer to the Kingdom coming on earth as it is in Heaven. Help us live with your peace ruling our hearts. Amen.

**Closing Hymn** – Mansion Over the Hilltop/I'll Fly Away

**Benediction**



Doug & Alice Hall, Mary Stephenson, Jennifer Bell, Linda Steele, Richard Hansen (Rick's Dad), June Baker, Ruth Wepking, Norma McCallister, Esther Polson, Doug Harter

We have adopted Anthony Elementary as a way to love our neighbors. They will have a Family Fun Night for students and parents on Sept. 18 from 4:30-7 pm. They need ten volunteers to serve food. If you can help, contact Ed at [egarven@fumclvks.org](mailto:egarven@fumclvks.org).



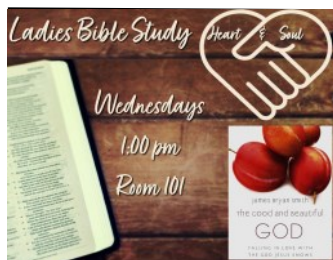
Fifth and sixth grade students are invited to Fusion 56. Their next meeting is after second service Sept. 14. For more info, email Nancy at [nshade@fumclvks.org](mailto:nshade@fumclvks.org).

Seventh through twelfth grade students are invited to youth group next Sunday night at 6 pm. They'll eat dinner then learn about Jesus and have some fun. For info, email [khowell@fumclvks.org](mailto:khowell@fumclvks.org).



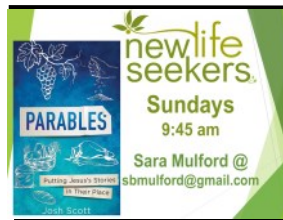
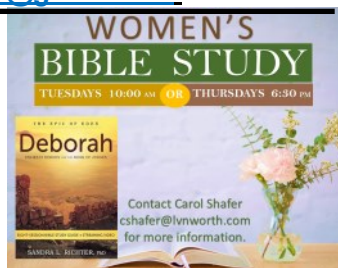
Wonderful Wednesday is for kids 3 years to sixth grade and meets from 3:45-5:30 pm. Please register kids and adult volunteers at [fumclvks.org/ww](http://fumclvks.org/ww). For info, contact Nancy Shade at [nshade@fumclvks.org](mailto:nshade@fumclvks.org).

Pastor Dave will be leading a Bible study this fall by Melissa Spoelstra titled, *Elijah; Spiritual Stamina in Every Season*. They will meet in Wesley Hall on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm.



Heart and Soul, a Bible study for women, will start on Sept. 3. They meet in room 101 of the Ed building on Wed. at 1 pm. They will be studying *The Good and Beautiful God* by James Bryant Smith. For info contact Margaret at [margaret.burland@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.burland@gmail.com).

The Women's Bible Study will start Sept. 9 OR 11. This Bible study meets on Tues. at 10 am OR Thurs. at 6:30 pm in room 101 of the Ed building. They'll be studying *Deborah* by Sandra Richter. For more info, contact Carol at [carolsshafer59@gmail.com](mailto:carolsshafer59@gmail.com).



The New Life Seekers Sunday School class meets in room 202 of the Ed building at 9:45 am on Sundays. They are starting a new Bible study in Sept. called *Parables; Putting Jesus' Stories In Their Place*. Contact Sara at [sbmulford@gmail.com](mailto:sbmulford@gmail.com) for info.

Would you be willing to spend \$5 or \$10 more at the grocery store to help feed families in our community? Our challenge is to pick up one or two items for either Stronghold or Trinity food pantries. We have shopping lists, but ANY non-perishable item is appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.



**Monday, September 1**  
**Happy Labor Day - Church Office closed**

**Tuesday, September 2**  
9:00 am Prayer Group  
1:00 pm Book Club

**Wednesday, September 3**  
1:00 pm Heart and Soul begins  
3:45 pm Wonderful Wednesday  
5:00 pm Young Adults  
5:30 pm Music Potluck

**Saturday, September 6**  
9:00 Samaritan's Buffet



**DIGITAL OFFERING**  
Online giving is available at [fumclvks.org/give](http://fumclvks.org/give) or use the QR code above to go directly to the website. You can use a check or credit card. For help, contact Steven at [sshade@fumclvks.org](mailto:sshade@fumclvks.org).



**We love kids!** Kids are dismissed in the second service for Kids 1st Worship after the Children's Moment. We have a nursery for kids three and under in the basement. We have "busy bags" to borrow with activities for them in the red wagon in the foyer.