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10:00 am

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Prelude – Jan Mix

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Dave York

Call to Worship - Kathy McKinley

Leader: God of ages past and days to come,

People: journey with us today.

Leader: Be with us all of our days,

People: whether on treacherous paths or beside still waters.

Leader: Guide our steps to find solid ground,

People: that we may know the firm foundation of your presence.

Leader: Open our hearts to the blessings of this land,

People: as we travel with each other along the way.

Opening Hymn - This is My Song UMH 437

Opening Prayer – UMH 429. O God, keep our whole country under your protection. Wipe out sin from this land; lift it up from the depth of sorrow, O Lord, our shining light. Save us from deep grief and misfortune, Lord of all nations. Bless us with your wisdom so that the poor may not be oppressed and the rich may not be oppressors. Make this a nation having the ideals of love, liberty and justice. Amen.

Choral Anthem – Lifesong by Hall and Allen

Children's Time – Nancy Shade

Gospel Reading – Mark 12:28-31

Middle Hymn – Blest Be the Tie That Binds UMH 557

Old Testament Reading – Ecclesiastes 4:1-12

Sermon – What is the Good Life?

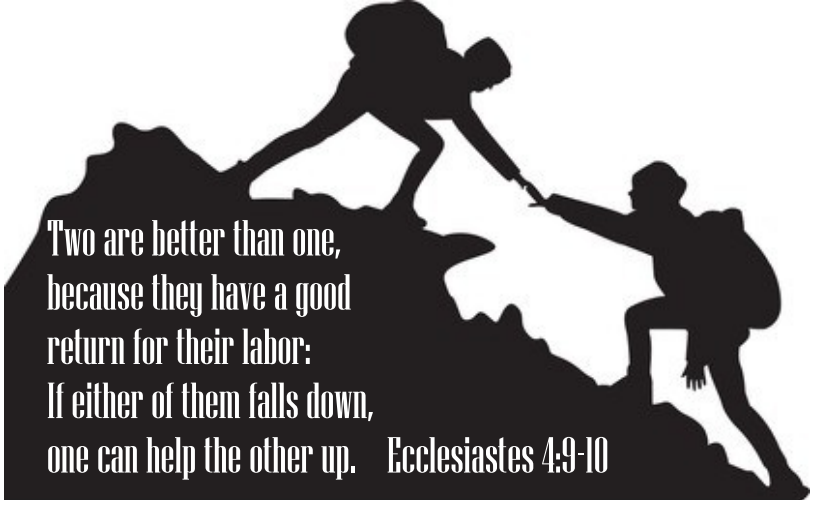
Next Steps, Offering, Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving - Thank You for the gift of our nation and our neighbors. Thank You for the gift of each other, and the gift of You. Thank You for opportunities to heal and serve and bring change for the better. Make us a blessing to each other and to the world. Above all, we give thanks to You for the great promises and mercies given to us and all the world through Jesus Christ. Amen

Communion

Closing Hymn – Where Charity and Love Prevail UMH 549

Benediction



Two are better than one,
because they have a good
return for their labor:
If either of them falls down,
one can help the other up. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10



Doug & Alice Hall, Jennifer Bell, Ruth Wepking, Joan Atwell, Norma McCallister, Esther Polson, Doug Harter, Judy Wolfe, Frank & Gini Geib, Richard Hansen, Jimmie Stallings, Dale Roller



This August we have three opportunities to show our neighbors God's love by helping them get ready to go back to school.

First, we'll partner with Faith Walkers to fill backpacks with school supplies for Woodland Village, a low income apartment

complex. We are also supplying backpacks for TRIOs End of Summer Bash. TRIO offers free assistance to overcome barriers to educational success. Just grab a backpack and use the list inside to fill it with supplies.

Second, we'll partner with Stronghold Food Pantry to gather after school snacks like peanut butter crackers and pop top canned fruit. Just place donations in the totes in the foyer.

Third, we'll provide breakfast for Lansing Elementary School teachers as they prepare their classrooms for students on August 10. Please sign up to donate food in the foyer.



Vacation Bible School is coming! July 20-24, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Kids, age 3 through 6th grade, are invited to Camp Fire VBS. Invite your friends and neighbors now! We need to borrow artificial Christmas trees, and camping gear. We have an online sign up for supplies at FUMCLVKS.ORG/Supplies. We need adult and youth volunteers to be crew leaders and hospitality. Kids and volunteers **please register early** at FUMCLVKS.ORG/VBS or click on the QR code. For info, contact Nancy at nshade@fumclvks.org. Please pray for the leaders and the kids coming to VBS.



We will be praying 24 hours for our schools August 1-2 and we'll have a community prayer service Aug. 2 at 6:30 pm. Sign up to pray today.



Refuge Youth is for 7th - 12th grade students. They meet in the basement of the Education Building at 6 pm on Sunday nights for dinner, Bible study, and fun. For details, ask Kristen at khowell@fumclvks.org.

FIRST UMC

Refuge Youth

LEAVENWORTH

Would you be willing to spend \$5 or \$10 more at the grocery store to help feed families in our community? Stronghold and Trinity are in need of canned fruit, pancake mix, and syrup, but ANY non-perishable item is appreciated.



Tuesday, July 7

1:00 pm Book Club
6:30 pm Ecclesiastes Bible Study

Wednesday, July 8

5:00 pm Grief Share
6:30 pm Choir

Thursday, July 9

12:30 pm Prayer Group



We believe in the power of prayer. If you have a prayer request, or if you would like to be on the online prayer chain, email Sandy Wood at swood@fumclvks.org. Our prayer group meets on Thursdays at 12:30 pm in Wesley Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us in prayer.



DIGITAL OFFERING

Online giving is available at 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.

Busy Bags with activities to entertain children are available. Look for the red wagon!



We love kids! Kids are dismissed in the 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.