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Prelude – Jan Mix

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Dave York

Call to Worship (Psalm 19) - Kathy McKinley

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

People: The skies proclaim the work of God's hands.

Leader: Day and night return endlessly, showing God's steadfast love.

People: The sun shines upon the earth, reflecting God's light.

Leader: The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul.

People: The decrees of God bring wisdom, making wise the pure of heart.

Leader: Come! Let us worship the living God.

Opening Hymn – Wonderful Words of Life UMH 600

Prayer of Illumination – Faithful God, there are times we feel lost and alone in this world. We long for your word to center us. Speak to us now a word of hope that, reassured of your constant presence, we may go into the world bearing your peace. Amen.

Choir Anthem – Welcome By Mark Miller

Gospel Reading – Luke 2:25-38

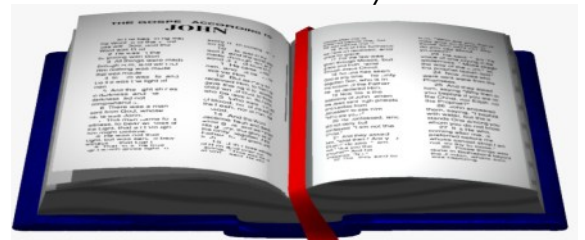
Wisdom is as good as an inheritance,
an advantage to those who see the sun.
Ecclesiastes 7:11

Middle Hymn – Lord, I Lift Your Name on High TFWS 2088

Old Testament Reading – Ecclesiastes 7:8-14

Sermon – You Won't Always Be Here

Affirmation of Faith – Apostles Creed



Next Steps, Offering, Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving – Almighty God, creator of all, we give you thanks for all you have entrusted to us. As good stewards, we bring you our gifts and ask that you use them to help your children around the world. We also offer our lives, praying that you will use us to bear good fruit in our time and place. Amen.

Communion

Closing Hymn – I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath UMH 60

Benediction



Doug & Alice Hall, Jennifer Bell, Ruth Wepking, Joan Atwell, Greg Bakian, Esther Polson, Doug Harter, Judy Wolfe, Frank & Gini Geib, Richard Hansen, Jimmie Stallings

Outdoor Block Party & Fundraiser
 Saturday, October 10, 2026
 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
 Rain or shine!
 First United Methodist Church
 422 Chestnut Street
 GAMES, FUN & MUSIC

Pre-order BBQ by Oct. 5
 Pick up at the Block Party!
 BBQ Meal Platters & Gathering Bundles

PATHWAYS TO HOME
 BBQ



We're selling smoked meat to raise money for missions. And we'll have a community BBQ Meal Oct. 10 to support Pathways to Home, formerly known as Leavenworth Attainable Housing. To order meat ahead, use the QR code. For info contact Ed at egarven@fumclvks.org.



To show our public school teachers that we appreciate their hard work we will be bringing lunch to the teachers at Anthony Elementary School Oct. 21. If you would like to help, please sign up to bring soup, sandwiches or desserts in the foyer.

Friends, Food & Gratitude



Potluck
 BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH!

Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in October

We will host four potlucks in October to say thank you to our ministry partners and to give you an opportunity to meet them. We'll start Oct. 7 at 5:30 pm with Chris Leach from Pathways to Home, formerly Leavenworth Attainable Homes. Make plans to join us.

TRUNK OR TREAT
 OCTOBER 31, 5-7 PM
 4TH & CHESTNUT



We're already planning our Trunk or Treat event on October 31. We'll be partnering with the Presbyterian church again. We need people to decorate their cars to hand out candy to neighborhood kids. We also need candy. If you can help, contact Nancy at nshade@fumclvks.org.



We would like to have a cake walk at the Pathways to Home Block Party. If you would be willing to bake a cake, please notify swood@fumclvks.org.



Fusion 56 is our special group for 5th and 6th grade students. They meet next week in the basement of the Ed building from 12 pm to 1:30 pm. They'll have lunch, learning and fun. Friends are welcome. For info, contact Nancy at nshade@fumclvks.org.

Refuge Youth will leave for a special trip after the second service today. They will return around 6 pm. Any student from seventh through twelfth grade is welcome. For info, contact Kristen at khowell@fumclvks.org.

Refuge Youth

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, pasta, spaghetti sauce & cereal, but ANY non-perishable item is appreciated.



WEEKLY Sneak Peek

Tuesday, October 6

10:00 am Women's Bible Study
 1:00 pm Book Club
 6:30 pm Pastor Dave's Bible Study

Wednesday, October 7

1:00 pm Heart and Soul
 3:45 pm Wonderful Wednesday
 5:30 pm Gratitude Potluck
 6:30 pm Choir

Thursday, October 8

12:30 pm Prayer Group
 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

Friday, October 9

5:30 pm Wingtips

Saturday, October 10

4:00 pm Pathway to Home Block Party



OCTOBER 25

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 AM WORSHIP

11:00 AM MEETING & LUNCH

October 25 we will only have one service at 10 am. We'll have our annual business meeting and a catered lunch at 11 am. Decisions are made by those who show up. Please plan to join us.



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 ssshade@fumclvks.org.

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



We love kids! Kids are dismissed during the 11 am 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.