

**-Reynolds United Methodist Church
July 23, 2023**

Gathering

Greeting & Words of Welcome & Centering

Announcements (See below)

The All Church Memory Verse of the Month: 1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 1 Peter 2:9

Opening Praise “Give Me Jesus” ~ Moriah Peters

Call to Worship (Call & Response)

Leader: God has searched us and knows us. He knows when we sit down and when we rise up.

People: God searches out our paths and is acquainted with all our ways.

Leader: Before a word is on our tongue, God already knows it.

People: God’s hand is always available to lead us.

Leader: We cannot escape from God’s presence or flee from God’s Spirit.

People: Darkness is as light to God who illuminates our path.

Union Prayer

Search us, O God, and know our hearts. Test us and know our thoughts. We have gathered to get to know you, and to be known by you. We want to live as your faithful children. Assure us that you hear our prayers and can fill our thoughts and dreams with your everlasting sense of hope. Give us a sense of awe and wonder as we sense your presence, and in these moments lead us in your everlasting ways. AMEN

Praise Song “We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder”

Proclamation and Response

Scripture Lesson Genesis 28:10-22 (page 43 in pew Bible)

Children’s Moment

Message “Jacob’s Ladder and Jacob’s Bargain”

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The Great Thanksgiving

Testimony to Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory “Draw Me Close” ~ Michael W. Smith

The Doxology

UMH 95

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Thank you, O God, for the heritage of faith we have received from your faithful servants who have gone before us. We are grateful that your Spirit continues with us, giving us a sense of joy and peace. May our offering share the good news that your love is offered to all people. Help us to grow in righteousness so that we may reflect that love in our daily life. Bless us and our offering as we place them now in your hand. AMEN

Sending Forth

Sending Song

“Cornerstone” ~ Aaron Shust

Benediction

CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 26 – Bible Study 9:00 am

Saturday, August 12 – Pfeiffer Farms Outdoor Market 8:30 am-3:30 pm Volunteers needed

Monday, August 21 – Ministry Council 7:00 pm – Note the change in the date

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mission of the Month (M.O.M.) for July is Showers of Blessing, Inc. Showers of Blessing is a 501(c)(3) corporation based in Mendota that exists to provide hot showers, via a mobile shower trailer, to the homeless and displaced residents in the region. The ministry coordinates with existing missions working with homeless persons to host events. The trailer has two showers, one standard and one ADA accessible. Guests are provided with a washcloth and towel; soap and shampoo are provided via dispensers allowing purchase in bulk. The ministry also distributes donated toiletries, and offers each guest new undergarments and socks as donations allow. Their current need is financial, to cover the costs of the trailer, insurance, supplies, fuel, and maintenance. The organization has no other overhead or paid staff, and is entirely supported by volunteers and donations.

Please make checks payable to "Reynolds Church" with “M.O.M.” in the memo line and drop your donation any Sunday or mail to Penny Bennett.
Thank you. Missions Team

Reynolds is also collecting back to school supplies this month. There is a collection box in the foyer under the bulletin board.

Submit items for the Newsletter to the Church office by July 24, 2023

Serving This Sunday, July 23

Organist: Bev Kearns

Ushers for this week: Volunteers needed

Greeters: TBD

Liturgist: Volunteer needed

Youth Moment: Pastor Glen Stewart

Children's Church Teacher: Summer break, Children stay in church

Children's Church Shepherd: Summer break, Children stay in church

Communion Steward for July: Kathy Becker

Church Hostess for July: Contact Kathy Becker

Coffee Fellowship Time: Penny & Denny Bennett

Mowing: Service Opportunity Available

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Coffee Fellowship Time: Karen & Denny Yocum

Mowing: Service Opportunity Available

Offering for:

Church Fund: \$902.00



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