

This Week's Announcements

**The Care Ministry person of the week is
Rev. Arnie Rhodes**

Please call the church office for his address
to support him with prayers and cards.

The Nominating committee has begun its work on filling positions on church committees and leadership positions. If you are interested or feel called to any of these ministries at First Church, please let Pastor Jodie know. We have vacancies on the Trustees committee, Fellowship committee, Mission and Outreach committee, Education committee, and Worship committee.

Stephen Ministers

Do you have a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during their time of need? Stephen Ministers provide one-to-one Christ-centered care to people in our congregation and our community experiencing life difficulties.

Join us this fall for a Stephen Minister class, which will equip you with essential caring and relating skills.

You will learn how to listen to, care for, and walk with those going through difficult times in life. Training will be led by Clarion First Stephen leaders during a 50 hour course.

To learn more about this Christ-centered ministry, contact any Stephen Leader or pick up a class application in the church office. Please return completed applications to Kimberly Girts by September 30.

Blessings,
Clarion First Stephen Leaders
Cindy Beck, Sandra Foster, Kimberly Girts, Suzan Hahnfeldt,
Barb Krupnik
stephenministries@fumc-clarion.org

The bus trip to **Sight and Sound *Miracle of Christmas*** will take place on **Tuesday, November 14**. The deadline to register has been extended until September 30. For details, please see the website or call the church office.

Women's Breakfast

The United Women in Faith will be having our next meeting at Perkins on **Monday, September 25** at 8:30am.

We start with some short readings on fellowship, after which we will have a wonderful meal and great conversation. Come and enjoy the fun! **EVERYONE is welcome!**

The Youth Group are selling **parking tickets for ALF Craft Day** (10/06/23) and **ALF Parade Day** (10/07/23). The cost is \$10 each. Please consider purchasing a ticket to support our Youth Group. This event is our biggest fundraiser of the year. At times, we may have a table set up in Wesley Chapel after each church service. If we are not there, tickets will be available in the church office.

We have all watched the horrific scenes from the **wildfires in Hawaii**. Lives have been lost, homes have been destroyed. **UMCOR** (The United Methodist Committee on Relief) is coordinating with the California-Pacific Annual Conference to process an initial grant for emergency supplies such as shelf-stable food, water, hygiene items, and tools to help survivors recover belongings. Please join UMCOR in prayer and by making a gift to this disaster.

WAYS TO GIVE

- ♦ Online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/901670>. (You can designate your gift specifically for Hawaii.)
- ♦ By toll-free telephone call: 1-888-252-6174
- ♦ By check made out to FUMC Clarion with "Advance #901670-Hawaii" written on the memo line
- ♦ Scan the QR code below



**Scan the QR code to the left to make
an online donation to the church.**

To contact the Pastor

If you would like to talk or meet with Pastor Jodie Smith, you can contact her via

Church Office 814-226-6660 (ext. 11)

Parsonage 814-226-6662

You may also email her at pastor@fumc-clarion.org
or you can find more information on our church website at www.fumc-clarion.org

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Rev. Jodie Smith, Pastor

**A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Sunday, September 24, 2023**



8:30am Traditional Worship Service

**Indicates a time to stand, if able.*

THE PRELUDE

"Hymn to Joy" Beethoven

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The first shall be last.

People: We come to worship as we are.

Leader: The last shall be first.

People: We come with confidence.

Leader: The first shall be last.

People: We come with questions.

Leader: The last shall be first.

People: We come burdened by failure.

Leader: The first shall be last.

People: We come celebrating success.

Leader: The last shall be first.

People: We come fearful of the future.

Leader: The first shall be last

**People: and the last shall be first
and a little child shall lead them.**

***THE HYMN**

"When Morning Gilds the Skies" No. 185

***OPENING PRAYER**

**Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

MESSAGE IN MUSIC
“A Servant in Your Heavenly House”
Chancel Choir

SHARING OUR JOYS and CONCERNS BEFORE GOD

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name!
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into
temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom,
and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE
“Let It Breathe on Me” No. 503

INVITATION TO SHARE HIS TITHES and OUR GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

“I Love You, Lord”
Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

*THE HYMN
“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” No. 103

A NEW TESTAMENT READING
Matthew 20:1-16 (NIV)

THE MESSAGE
“Why Wait?” Rev. Jodie Smith

*THE HYMN
“Jesus Is All the World to Me” No. 469

*THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE and GOING FORTH TO SERVE

11:00am Contemporary Worship Service
*Indicates a time to stand, if able.

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
AND PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

*OPENING MUSIC
“A New Hallelujah”
“Let Our Praise to You Be As Incense”

THE CHILDREN’S PRAYER and DISMISSAL

SHARING OUR JOYS and CONCERNS BEFORE GOD

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE
“Breathe”

INVITATION TO SHARE HIS TITHES and OUR GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

“Oh My Soul”
Zachary Covington

*DOXOLOGY
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A NEW TESTAMENT READING
Matthew 20:1-16 (NIV)

THE MESSAGE
“Why Wait?” Rev. Jodie Smith

*SERMON RESPONSE
“Shine On Us”

*ANNOUNCEMENTS and THE BENEDICTION

*CLOSING MUSIC
“Indescribable”

THE POSTLUDE and GOING FORTH TO SERVE

This Week’s Schedule

Monday September 25, 2023

8:30am Women's Fellowship Group (Perkins Restaurant)
9:30am Disciple Bible Study - Fast Track (Room 102)
1:30pm Disciple Bible Study - Fast Track (Room 102)
5:30pm Adult Bell Choir Practice (Balcony)
6:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 51 (Various Rooms)

Tuesday September 26, 2023

6:30pm Church Council Meeting (Room 102)

Wednesday September 27, 2023

7:00am Youth Group "See You at the Pole" (Your High School)
8:00am Journey for Men (Room 102)
12:30pm Worship Service (Wesley Chapel)
1:15pm Recovery 'n Motion (Dining Room)
6:30pm Disciple Bible Study - Fast Track (Room 102)

Thursday September 28, 2023

10:00am Second Harvest Delivery
11:00am Senior Food Box Pickup
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)
6:30pm Cub Scouts Pack 51 (Sanctuary)
6:45pm NA Setup (Room 102)
8:00pm NA Group (Room 102)

Friday September 29, 2023

9:00am Sit 'n Stitch (Room 102)

Saturday September 30, 2023

SIGHT AND SOUND REGISTRATION DEADLINE
9:00am Old Time Fiddlers Competition
7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Room 004)

Sunday October 1, 2023

8:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary, YouTube)
9:45am Grades 6-12 Cook & Eat Together - Surprise Meal
9:45am Sunday School for All Ages
11:00am Contemporary Service (Sanctuary, YouTube)
11:15am Chimes Practice
12:00pm 1st Sunday at 1st Church (College Students Home-Cooked Meal)
6:00pm Community Choir Rehearsal (Wesley Chapel)

All dates are subject to change.
Please check the website for current schedule.