

This Week's Announcements

The Care Ministry person of the week is **Deanna Shpakoff** (Noreen Shirey's mother)
Please call the church office for her address to support her with prayers and cards.

The flowers on the altar are given by **the Matson family**
in honor and memory of Jonna's mother, **Ronna L. Krinock**, a wonderful mother, MeMe and friend to all who knew her.

Let's Prepare for the Back-to-School Transition

Do you remember counting down the weeks left of summer before the early mornings and staying up late with homework? The majority of students dread going back to school because it's hard to switch their minds from "fun in the sun" to "back in the classroom." Whether your student is starting at a new school or is just moving into a new classroom, this training is sure to make their (and your) transition back to school less stressful.

Learn how to:

- ◆ Help your student transition back into the school year.
- ◆ Access available resources to make the transition smooth.
- ◆ Use activities to help with stress and anxiety during this time.

Wednesday, August 21
7:00pm - 8:00pm
at Clarion, PA YMCA

Throughout summer, the church office would like to give the congregation the opportunity to pick the **congregational hymns** for the 8:30am worship service.

If you have a favorite hymn, or if you would like us to sing a hymn in memory/in honor of someone, please call the church office and let us know.

SAVE THE DATE

The church's annual rally day picnic will be held on **Sunday, August 25** at the Eagle's Pavilion.

Summertime E-Giving Stewardship

Make summertime giving a breeze by setting up recurring electronic gifts! Many of you support the congregation with your time, talent, and financial contributions throughout the year. But since many of our members travel or spend time visiting family and friends during the summer, it can be hard to keep up with weekly gifts. That's why we encourage you to set up regular, recurring electronic donations.

It takes just moments to set up. Visit fumc-clarion.org/donate to find our online giving page or speak with Dave Hauser or Darren Mackenzie in the church office (814-226-6660).

Thank you for your continued support of our mission!

Please take a moment to sign in on a red fellowship pad, located at the end of your pew.



Give with Venmo

It's safe and secure.



Find us under Charities as [@FumcClarion](https://www.instagram.com/FumcClarion) or scan the QR code.

Indicate the amount of your donation.

In "for," please tell us how you want us to use your gift.



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

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.

Sunday, July 28, 2024



8:30am Traditional Worship Service

*Indicates a time to stand, if able.

THE PRELUDE

"My Prayer Rises to Heaven" Kim

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you."

**People: Lord, as we search now, let us find you.
As we knock, open the door to us. Let us know you, that we may praise you;
and love you, that we may serve you.**

*THE HYMN

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" No. 496

*OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Let us never give up praying for justice, or the oppressed in this world will one day ask us "Why?" Let us never give up praying for fairness, or the hungry of this world will one day ask us "Why?" Let us never give up praying for healing, or the sick in this world will one day ask us "Why?" Let us never give up praying, for to give up is to deny our faith in a God who answers prayer. Amen.

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

Dana Solida

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

“Near to the Heart of God” No. 472

SHARING GOD’S TITHES and OUR GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

Dana Solida

***DOXOLOGY**

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***THE HYMN**

“He Touched Me” No. 367

A NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 18:1-8 (NRSV)

THE MESSAGE

**“Persist in Prayer”
Rev. Jodie Smith**

***THE HYMN**

“It Is Well with My Soul” No. 377

***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**

“Great Are You Lord” & “It Is Well with My Soul”

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Olivia McCormick

SHARING OUR JOYS and CONCERNS BEFORE GOD

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

“Spirit Fall On Us”

SHARING GOD’S TITHES and OUR GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

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***DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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***SERMON RESPONSE**

“I Give You My Heart”

***ANNOUNCEMENTS and THE BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING MUSIC**

“Raise a Hallelujah”

THE POSTLUDE and GOING FORTH TO SERVE

This Week's Schedule

Monday July 29, 2024

9:30am Bible Study

“Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith” (Dining Room)

6:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 51 (Various Rooms)

Wednesday July 31, 2024

8:00am Journey for Men (Room 102)

8:00am Soup Kitchen (Pittsburgh)

6:30pm Bible Study

“Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith” (Room 102)

6:30pm The Messengers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday August 1, 2024

6:15pm NA Setup (Room 102)

6:30pm NA Group Meeting (Room 102)

6:30pm Cub Scouts Pack 51 (Sanctuary)

Friday August 2, 2024

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

Sunday August 4, 2024

8:30am Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary, YouTube)

9:45am Adult Sunday School

11:00am Contemporary Worship Service (Sanctuary, YouTube)

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