

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY		Donna Cooke	PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Pastor Ben	THE LORD’S PRAYER		
PRELUDE	“God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale”	Guy Kelpin ROEDER	ANTHEM	“Lone, Wild Bird” <i>SFUMC Vocal Choir</i>	PROSPECT
CALL TO WORSHIP			CHILDREN’S MESSAGE		
Begin a song to my God with tambourines; <i>sing to my Lord with cymbals.</i>			PSALTER	Psalms 81:1, 10-16	Becky DuBois
Raise to him a new psalm; <i>exalt him and call upon his name.</i>			OFFERTORY	“Canticle of the Turning”	Jon Crain
I will sing to my God a new song: <i>O Lord, you are great and glorious,</i>			*THANKSGIVING FOR THE OFFERING	“Praise God”	UMH # 95 OLD 100 TH
wonderful in strength, invincible. <i>Let all your creatures serve you,</i>			SCRIPTURE	Judith 9:7-14	Becky DuBois
for you spoke, and they were made. <i>We praise you this day!</i>			SERMON	“Apocryphal: the Trickster”	Pastor Ben
OPENING PRAYER		Betty Bewley	*CLOSING HYMN	“Come Thou Fount”	UMH # 400 NETTLETON
*OPENING HYMN	“His Eye is on the Sparrow”	FWS # 2146 SPARROW	*BENEDICTION		Pastor Ben
*CREED	“A Modern Affirmation”	UMH # 885	*POSTLUDE	“God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale”	Donna Cooke ROEDER
*GLORIA		UMH # 70 MEINEKE			

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOCAL CHOIR REHEARSAL SUNDAY SING

MUSIC MINISTRY:
Wednesdays, 5-6 pm
Sundays, 9:45 am

H. Davis Choir Room

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Sundays at 9:15 am)

FAITH FORMATION:
The New Beginnings
The Seekers

Parlor
The Seekers Class

BIBLE STUDY

Homestead Hills
Studying: Luke 12:22-56

Thursdays 3 pm

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

Let us know if you are interested in becoming a member of SFUMC!

PLAYGROUND CLEANUP WORKDAY

Saturday, September 20th starting at 9 am. There will be sign ups outside kitchen soon.

WELCOME ISAIAH SMITH!

We welcome Isaiah Smith, a first-year Masters of Divinity student at WFU. His office hours will be Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm. Join in giving him a warm welcome!

BUILDING SECURITY FOR AUGUST:

Daryl Dixon

BUILDING SECURITY FOR SEPTEMBER:

Betty Bewley

LEADERSHIP THIS SUNDAY:

Ushers: Peg Price, Jon Crain, Don Mumy, Mona Crain, Anne Mumy
Liturgist: Becky DuBois; L.L.: Betty Bewley; C.T.: 5; GIFT Ministry: Brenda Raker and Connie Hall

LEADERSHIP NEXT SUNDAY:

Ushers: Ruben Smith, James Newman, Nancy Flowers, Murray Sink, Gale Sink
Liturgist: Jody Welch; L.L.: Curwood Howell; C.T.: 1; GIFT Ministry: Lynn Blumenthal and Nancy Flowers

HOSPITALITY TEAM

Tuesday, September 2nd at 1:30p in the Parlor

CHILDREN'S CRAFT TIME

Sunday, September 7th at 9:15 am

CHICKEN BBQ MEETING

Sunday, Sept. 7th after worship to decide on distribution of the proceeds and begin handing out tickets to sell.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Monday, September 8th at 11 am

WELCOME VISITORS!

Please fill out this digital visitor card so we can stay connected with you.



SHERWOOD FOREST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Loving and serving all people in the name of Jesus Christ

Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time

10:30 am, August 31st 2025



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