

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY****WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS****PRELUDE**

“I Will Trust in the Lord”

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather to worship God,  
**Who creates us and loves us;**  
Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;  
**Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;**  
Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,  
**To seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality;**  
Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,  
**and whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.**  
We gather to worship God.  
**To God be all glory, honor, and praise!**

**OPENING PRAYER****\*OPENING HYMN**

“This Is My Song”

Nancy Flowers

UMH # 437

FINLANDIA

**\*CREED**

“Affirmation from Romans 8”

UMH # 887

**\*GLORIA****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Donna Cooke

Pastor Ben

Guy Kelpin

**ANTHEM**

“Draw the Circle Wide”

*SFUMC Vocal Choir*

M. Miller

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****PSALTER**

Psalm 40:1-11

Sandy McNeely

**OFFERTORY**

“Compassion Hymn”

Jon Crain

**\*THANKSGIVING**

“Praise God”

UMH # 95

**FOR THE OFFERING**

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 15:32-38

Sandy McNeely

**SERMON**

“The American Dream”

Pastor Ben

**\*CLOSING HYMN** “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

UMH # 133

SHOW ALTER

**\*BENEDICTION**

Pastor Ben

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Lift Every Voice”

Donna Cooke

UMH # 70

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# SHERWOOD FOREST

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Loving and serving all people in the name of Jesus Christ*

### VOCAL CHOIR REHEARSAL SUNDAY SING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### MUSIC MINISTRY:

Wednesdays, 4-5 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: Matthew 4:12-23

Thursdays 3 pm

### LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING

Today at 1 pm

### Y.A.R.N. MINISTRY MEETING

Wednesday at 1 pm

### INFORMATION FOR NEWSLETTER DUE

Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

### UNITED METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST

Next Sunday at 8 am

### MLK EVENTS

There will be a service opportunity with SPARK here at the church tomorrow from 12-2 pm. Then MLK worship will happen tomorrow at Mt. Tabor at 4 pm.

### BUILDING SECURITY FOR JANUARY:

Don Mumy

### BUILDING SECURITY FOR FEBRUARY:

Daryl Dixon

### LEADERSHIP THIS SUNDAY:

Ushers: David Disher, Daryl Dixon, Elaine Snapp, Susan Disher, Beth Dixon, Hal McNeely

Liturgist: Sandy McNeely; L.L.: Nancy Flowers; C.T.: 3; GIFT Ministry: Katie Moore and Susan Disher

### LEADERSHIP NEXT SUNDAY:

Ushers: Rick Mende, Connie Hall, Mike Price, Ed Kennedy, Debbie Canter

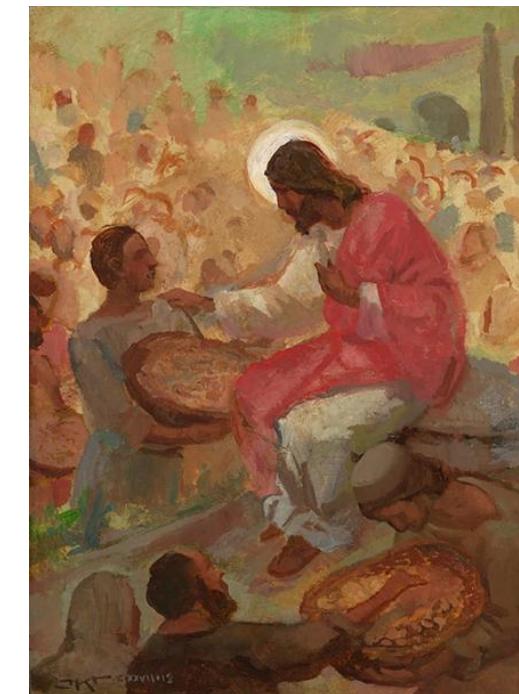
Liturgist: Rick Mende; L.L.: Mike Smith; C.T.: 4; GIFT Ministry: Lynn Blumenthal and Nancy Flowers

### CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements for 2025 are ready for pickup. See Ed Kennedy to get yours today! Please review your statement as soon as possible to verify accuracy. For any discrepancy, reach out to Darlene Davis at 336-765-6590, ext. 4.

### WELCOME VISITORS!

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



**Rev. Ben Sloan**  
Pastor

**Donna Cooke**  
Director, Worship Arts

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Musician & AV Specialist

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