

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

**TODAY, September 16**

- 9:30 AM - New Members Class (Upstairs Chapel)
- 9:30 AM - Adult Sunday School (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 AM - Sunday School (Upstairs Classrooms)
- 10:30 AM - Donut Social (Main Vestibule)
- 2:30 PM - Choir at West Haven

**TUESDAY, September 18**

- 6:00 PM - PPSR Meeting (Pastor's Office)
- 6:30 PM - Women's Prayer Group (Upstairs Chapel)

**WEDNESDAY, September 19**

- **NO** Choir Practice

**THURSDAY, September 20**

- 10:30 AM - Bible Study (Upstairs Chapel)
- 6:30 PM - Bible Study (Upstairs Chapel)
- 7:00 PM - Al-Anon Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**SATURDAY, September 22**

- 9:00 AM - Rise Against Hunger Event (Vandergrift FUMC)

**SUNDAY, September 23 ~ 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

- 8:30 AM - Early Service
- 9:30 AM - New Members Class (Upstairs Chapel)
- 9:30 AM - Adult Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:30 AM - Sunday School (Upstairs Classrooms)
- 11:00 AM - Worship Service
- 2:30 PM - Choir at West Haven

**RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS**

**September 9, 2018**

8:30 AM Early Service..... 30	Current Exp..... \$ 2,326.00
10:00 AM Worship Service..... 72	Connectional Appt. .... 419.00
	\$ 2,745.00
Weekly Avg..... 103	Sunday School Avg ..... 34
Bldg. & Repair ..... 736.00	Renovation..... 55.00
Outreach ..... 22.00	

2018 Connectional Apportionment Asking - \$21,688
Amount received as of 9/9/2018 - \$ 7,930.94 (36.6%)
Amount still due Conference - \$13,757.06

Renovation Fund Phase II Loan - \$60,000
Amount still due Credit Union 7/31/2018 - \$38,029.39

The **BULLETINS** are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of KayLee and Brandon Morrill's first wedding anniversary today (September 16, 2018) by the happy couple!



When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples.  
This brings great glory to my Father.  
**John 15:8**

*September 16, 2018*  
*8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.*

# First United Methodist Church

*"Growing, Loving & Serving in Christ's Name"*

**Rev. Beverly A. Spore, Pastor**      **Lori A. Klingensmith, Choir Director**  
**Marilyn R. Oldfield, Pianist**      **Gail E. Varine, Organist**  
**8:30 a.m.**      **11:00 a.m.**  
**Dennis Smail, Reader**      **Dee Coleman, Reader**  
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*As the music begins, be silent, be thoughtful, and be reverent, for this is the House of the Lord. Before the service, speak to the Lord. During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.*

- **PRAYER REQUEST CARDS** are in the pew racks and will be collected during the opening hymn.
- The **NURSERY** is available upstairs in the Educational Building for parents who feel the need to take their children there.
- **ACTIVITY BAGS** are available in the Overflow Area for those children who wish to remain in the service.
- **EVERYONE** – Please sign the attendance pads at the end of each pew and pass to your neighbor. If the LAST person at the end of the row would PLEASE pass it back to where it originally started, it will be greatly appreciated.
- **VISITORS** – We hope you will join us again!

❖ Congregation please stand, if able ~ ❖ Denotes for 8:30am service

## September Sermon Series:

### Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations

#### ❖ Welcome and Announcements

#### ❖ Happy Birthday!

- ❖❖ **Call to Worship**      Colossians 1:10  
The way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.  
**Let us Worship the Lord!**

- ❖❖ **Opening Prayer (in unison)**      John 15:8  
Holy God, the bearing of much fruit proves us to be true disciples of Jesus and glorifies your Name. Strengthen and equip us by your Holy Spirit to labor tirelessly for your kingdom, so that we may continue to bear fruit while we grow in discipleship, and may your Name be glorified throughout our land, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

- ❖❖ **Opening Praise**      "To God Be the Glory"      # 98

#### Greet One Another

**Children's Message**      Rev. Beverly A. Spore

**Special Music**      Suzanne Swarts & Dick Schaeffer  
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" - # 140 (Congregation to sing along)

❖ **Old Testament Reading**      Isaiah 55:10-11

"The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth.

They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry.

It is the same with my word.

I send it out, and it always produces fruit.

It will accomplish all I want it to,

and it will prosper everywhere I send it. (NLT)

❖ **Morning Prayer**

❖ **Scripture Reading**      Joshua 1:1-10

❖ **Message**      "Intentional Faith Development"  
Rev. Beverly A. Spore

**Hymn of Response**      "This Is My Father's World"      # 144

#### Affirmation of Faith

We believe in one God, who is Creator, Maker of all we see and all we don't see ;

Who is Ruler of the universe:

Source of all creation!

We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ, God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human. He is one with the Creator; the Word made flesh, or Messiah: Savior of all creation!

We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit, Breath of God moving among us.

Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ; our Comforter and our Guide:

Mentor of all creation!

#### Offering

❖ **Doxology**

❖ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

❖ **The Lord's Prayer**

❖❖ **Closing Hymn**      "Lord of the Dance"      # 261

❖❖ **Benediction**

❖❖ **Community Blessing**      "His Name Is Wonderful"      # 174

**Postlude**