

Sunday – August 9, 2020

Welcome

Prelude *Here Am I* arr. Hamlin
Libby Alexander

Hymn #462 *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* (st. 1, 3 & 4)

Morning Prayer

Special Music *Here I Am, Lord*

Proclamation “Whale of a Tale”

Children’s Sermon Evelyn Ribadeneyra

Offertory *Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service* arr. Kim
Libby Alexander

Doxology #95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost
Amen

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #581 *Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service* (st. 1, 3 & 4)

Announcements

Benediction

Postlude *O Zion, Haste* arr. Smith
Libby Alexander, organ

Office Closure

Gina will be out of the office August 12-21. The office will be closed on the Fridays of August 14th and August 21st. Deadline for this week’s newsletter is Tuesday, August 11th at 10 am.

Link for the Week

EXODUS – Tuesdays, 10 am

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/268403044?pwd=NUMvaXFtRFpsWGRqQ24rMnpSVHZ4UT09>

COVID-19 Updates

As per NC Mandate and for the health and safety of our staff and community, we ask that everyone wear a mask while inside the church building. We are also asking everyone that enters our facility to sign in outside the office with their contact information in order to aid with contact tracing if necessary. Know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers and we hope you stay healthy and well. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sunday, August 16th- Backpack Blessing Sunday (children, middle and high school youth, and teachers)

On Sunday, August 16th, gather your backpacks and school bags and bring them with you to our Facebook Live service! We will have a special time dedicated to all our students, families, and teachers as they head into the brand new challenges of this school year. Then, be looking in the mail for a special gift to take with you into the year.

Backpack Food Drive

For the next 3 months we will be collecting **Ready to Eat Meals—Pop top Mac-n-cheese, Soup, or Pastas.** You may drop them off at the office M-Th 9-4 and Fri 9-1. These will be added to weekly bags of food sent home from school with food insecure students for weekend meals.

SUMMER BACKPACK MINISTRY

Feeding Kids Cleveland County provides boxes of shelf food to families 3 times during the summer. Their next delivery date is July 18th. CUMC partners with Feeding Kids to provide perishable food the remaining the weeks to students and their families. With the limitations of some foods during the pandemic it will be difficult to obtain some items such as meat. **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! For the next few weeks we will be collecting meat** – bacon, pan sausage, hamburger meat, chicken, and hot dogs to give to our families. Please bring your donations to the church office or contact Pastor Fawn to have your donations picked up.

Prayer Concerns

- All of those recovering or suffering from medical issues, physical and emotional, including Bill Jack; Anita Ledford; John Reid; Lynda Bradley; Bill Harris; Elton Hendricks; Peggy Almond; Ben and Emily Ousley; Drew Franta; Betty Harris; Tony Hamrick; Bill Story; Larry Barden; Deniece Carson; Keith Ross; Naushaba Samuels; and Ann McDaniel
- We pray for those who experience injustice. Give us hearts of compassion to stand united with all people, treating each other as brothers and sisters, seeing the image of God in all.
- We pray for our world as we battle the Coronavirus. Be with those affected and their communities. Protect our medical personnel and researchers, giving wisdom and strength. Pray for our school children and families, teachers, school staff, and administrators as they prepare for a new school year so different than years past. Shield our elderly and those with health issues making them more susceptible. Be with those who are caring for us - 1st responders: paramedics, firefighters, police, EMTs; grocery store employees; delivery drivers; and so many more
- For caregivers carrying more burdens than we may understand
- Those who grieve. We pray for the family of Robbie Strausser. May God grant peace.
- Our shut-ins and others feeling isolated. May we be arms reaching out, enfolding them into the body of Christ.
- The church universal and the United Methodist Church. May God's Spirit lead and direct, reminding us that the

church is not a walled community but a living body of believers. And Central UMC, staff and leaders as they continue to lead our church.

- We pray for the people of Beirut, Lebanon, as they grieve and recover from the devastating explosion they experienced this past week.
- Our government and world leaders in making decisions regarding the safety of all people. Give them insight and discernment in this time of health and economic crisis
- The ministries of Central United Methodist Church. We pray for the college students and those students we are serving through our College Digs ministry. As they prepare to enter college, may we encourage them on their path.
- Kids Place Preschool is planning to open in September. As we provide a Christian education and love to preschoolers, protect our children, their families, and our staff as we minister.
- And all of the prayer concerns each person holds in their hearts