

FELLOWSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

- ◆ Adult Bible Study: Sundays @ 9:00 AM Kidzone.
- ◆ Men's Fellowship: Mondays @8:00 AM (see Gene Rouse or Skip Young)
- ◆ Small Group Ministry: Wednesday @ 1:00-2:30 PM (see Pastor Jen)
- ◆ Giving Angels Women's Fellowship 1st Tuesday of each month @ 10 AM to NOON

CENTENARY COMMUNITY PRAYER LIST:

Lord, our faith community prays for the following people and situations:

Kim Violette's daughter and grandkids, Kelsey, Brook & Ava, Wendell Bowman; Judy Rouse and family; Pastor Jen; Val Withee; Lori Talbot; Robin Kelley; Peggy York; Ralph & Marge Black; Phyllis Chamberlin; Scott Bosworth; Patsy Miller; Darcy Lyons; Lori Trevains; Taylor; Dr. Shay; Wendell Prosser; Kim Poirier; Larry James & family; Barbara Harvey; Judy Steen; Paul Bregila Toni Jo & John Blaisdell; Linda & Wendy Eaton; Samantha Brown; Billie Sherman; Al & Wanda Quimby; Ken Fitzherbert; Jim & Diane Arsenaault; Diane's brother Lenny Doucette; Diane's son Edie Hiltonen; Babbett; Cindy Travers; Rodney & his mother Clarissa; Carol Taylor; Blaine & Shawna Elliott; Dave Libby. Foster children; Health Care workers; victims and survivors of domestic violence; people struggling with housing and food insecurity; Skowhegan Police, Fire, and EMT departments. Teachers and educator and their support staff. Our D.S. Reverend Arlene Tully. The Bishop, and Reverend Peggy Johnson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: begins this Tuesday in the Kids Zone. from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. It will meet every Tuesday through March 26th.

Clothes Closet, Cup Café and the Thrift Shop will be open Wednesday. Unless weather closes MSAD54.

Have donations for the Thrift Shop? Call Jim Barto 858-0257.

Centenary UMC

103 Dr. Mann Road
Skowhegan, Maine



February 25, 2024

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Second Sunday of Lent

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Lenten travelers, who is this Jesus that we follow?

P: **He is the Messiah.**

L: What kind of Messiah is Jesus?

P: **He is the Messiah who teaches that he will lose his life and who calls us to lose our lives in order to save our lives.**

L: How does it feel to follow a Messiah whose teachings and call are so hard and uncomfortable?

P: **Some feel fear and anger, while others feel uncertain and anxious, and still others feel resolute and ready to follow.**

L: Lenten travelers, we are not alone in our feelings about following Jesus as our Messiah. It is a hard road. The blessing is that we do not travel it alone.

P: **Thanks be to God that we share this journey with Jesus and one another as we lose our lives for the sake of the gospel to save our lives through Jesus, our Messiah. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN Worship & Song 3176 Come Now is the Time to Worship

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of presence and power, be with us on this second step of our Lenten journey to the Cross. Help us to make a commitment of our lives, our spirits, our hearts to ministry in your name. AMEN

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURES:

Old Testament: Genesis 17:1-7. 15-16

Psalms 22:23-31

Epistle: Romans 4:12-25

Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

HYMN OF PREPARATION Worship & Song 3102 You Are My King

MESSAGE : What Is Your Call?

Austin Wickett

HYMN OF RESPONSE: TFWS 2172 We Are Called

RESPOND IN PRAYER AND WITH THANKSGIVING

SONG BEFORE AND AFTER PRAYER: TFWS 2200 O Lord, Hear Our Prayer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

Offering Chorus TFWS 2223 They Will Know We Are Christians

Song of Thanksgiving UMH 95 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

CLOSING HYMN: UMH 593: Here I Am, Lord

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BENEDICTION:

Place your trust in God's guidance.

Go into this world that is in such need of hope and healing with the love of Christ in your hearts.

Though the journey is long, God will sustain you.

Go in peace, and may God's peace always go with you. AMEN.

REGATIONAL REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

UMH 50

AN ORDER FOR THE INSTALLATION OF LEADERS IN THE CHURCH

(Centenary 2024 Leadership please rise)

Dear friends, you have been called by God and chosen by the people of God for leadership in the church.

This ministry is a blessing and a serious responsibility.

It recognizes your special gifts and calls you to work among us and for us.

In love we thank you for accepting your obligation and challenge you to offer your best to the Lord, to this people, and to our ministry in the world.

Live a life in Christ and make him known in your witness and your work.

Today we install the Centenary Leadership for the 2024 year.

Do you this day acknowledge yourself as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ?

I do.

Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world?

I will.

Will you so live that you enable this church to be a people of love and peace?

I will.

Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the task for which you have been chosen?

I will.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these your servants who have been given particular ministries in your church.

Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in your service.

Keep before them the example of our Lord,

who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all.

Let them share his ministry and consecration,

that they may enter into his joy.

Guide them in their work.

Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge

that through them your purposes are accomplished;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Dear friends, rejoice that God provides laborers for the vineyards.
Will you do all you can to assist and encourage them
in the responsibilities to which they have been called,
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