

## Weekly Prayer List

### In Our Prayers:

- **Gwynne Miller**, who tested positive for Covid last Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **John Haddix II** (John and Judy Haddix's son), who has many concerns with his job while seeking other employment in Fairbanks, AK.
- **Jane Kadlowce**, who is at ProMedica in Twinsburg, for Rehab.
- **Regina Picoult**, who is on a 10 month study trip in Europe.
- **Diane** (Marilyn Knapp Walko's friend), who is in the hospital.
- **The Family of Roy Metzel**, who passed away on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **Dan** (Norma Wernowsky's grandson), who passed away unexpectedly last week on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Prayers are greatly appreciated for her and her family. Thank you.
- **David Fox**, who will be having surgery on his neck Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.
- **Russell and Joann Wolfe**, who are at home on hospice care.

### Praise:

- **Chuck and Mary Jacoway**, who celebrated their 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.
- **Altar Flowers**, "Given to the glory of God."

### Giving Thanks to God:

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#### Announcements:

- Check the website and your weekly updates email for other important announcements!
- Last week's offering was: \$6,705.75
- Last week's attendance was: 20 Online 83 In Person

## THIS WEEK AT UMCM

### Sunday, September 18

10:00am – Worship & Children's Sunday School  
4:00pm – Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts - Ceremony  
6:00pm – Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts

### Monday, September 19

7:30am – Men's Breakfast  
8:15am – Bootcamp Exercise Group  
10:30 am – Women's Bible Study  
6:00pm – Jazzercise

### Tuesday, September 20

6:00pm – Jazzercise  
6:30pm – Women's Bible Study  
7:30pm – Serenity Group

### Wednesday, September 21

8:15am – Bootcamp Exercise Group  
11:30am – Faithful Friends  
6:00pm – Jazzercise  
8:00pm – Open Arms Support Group

### Thursday, September 22

6:30pm – Kitchen Talk Support Group  
6:30pm – UCB Meeting with DS Lewis @Peninsula  
7:00pm – Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, September 23

8:15am – Bootcamp Exercise Group  
7:00pm – Come and Get it Support Group

### Saturday, September 24

8:30am – Jazzercise

### Sunday, September 25

10:00am – Worship & Children's Sunday School  
4:00pm – Christian Wheels  
6:00pm – Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts

# The United Methodist Church of Macedonia

September 18, 2022

*15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*



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**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Lorrin Radzik

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**Choir & Music Director:** Emilio Jarufe

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Thank you for joining us today! To assist you during worship this morning, we offer wireless listening devices, as well as large print bibles and hymnals. Please know that we always love to have the children join us in service, wiggles, noises, and all! Optional nursery care for young children is available in the nursery located next to the Sanctuary. A "Baby and Me" room, which enables you to experience the worship service with your child, is located next to the nursery. All are invited to fill out a prayer card and/or visitor card found in the pew racks. Completed prayer and visitor cards can be passed to the front row to our Minister of Congregational Care.

### Opening Ourselves to Worship

\* indicates that all are invited to stand.

Gathering Music & Prelude *In Humble Adoration*  
by W.A. Mozart

Welcome & Greeting

\*Call to Worship (People's response in **bold**)

Leader: Praise the Lord, O servants of the Lord!

**People: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.**

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**People: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore. Let us praise the Lord!**

\*Call to Confession

Leader: Trusting in the promise of grace, let us confess our sin:

\*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, you know our sin. We have squandered the gifts you have given us. We have failed to forgive our debtors as you have forgiven us. We have been unfaithful and dishonest in small things and great things alike. We are shrewd in seeking wealth and foolish in following your way. Forgive our sins, O Lord, for your name's sake. Make us faithful stewards of the grace you have given and generous in forgiving others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Jesus said, "there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance." My friends, experience God's forgiveness and joy, gifts that lead to new life! **People: Thanks be to God! Amen**

\*Hymn *Jesus Calls Us* No. 398

### Hearing God's Word

Children's Message & Mission Moment: Christian Education

Epistle Lesson – 2 Corinthians 9:1-15

Choral Anthem *Amazing Grace* arr. MacMaster

Gospel Lesson – Luke 16:1-13

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us..."

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Lorrin Radzik

\*Hymn *Living for Jesus* No. 2149

### Transforming Our Lives & the World

Sharing of Joys and Concerns Rev. Charlie Tobias

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from**

**evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Prayer Response *"Hear Our Prayer, Oh Lord"*  
by George Whelpton

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory *All Who Love and Serve the City* No. 433

\*Doxology No. 95

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Faithful God, we give you thanks that in Jesus Christ you have entrusted us with the richness of your glory and the treasure of your grace. Receive these offerings. Make us faithful stewards of your good gifts, that we may show your love to this generation and welcome us into your eternal home, where we will worship and serve you forever; through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

\*Hymn *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord* No. 438

\*Blessing, Sending & Postlude *With Trumpets & Horns*  
By G.F. Handel

#### **Question for Reflection:**

What does it mean to give cheerfully and not under compulsion or with regret? How do you give in this cheerful way? What is God calling you to do to take the next faithful step in your giving and your ministry?

Today's Liturgy was adapted from *"Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year C, Volume 2," Proper 20.*