

~~God helps those who help themselves.~~

GOD HELPS

Psalm 121 Matthew 25: 31-40 Ephesians 2: 4-10

MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 16, 2023 | 7th Sunday after Pentecost | 10:00 AM

Theme: Half Truths

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer,

My God, my rock in whom I take refuge.

The LORD is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, so I shall be saved from my enemies. I love you, O LORD, my strength.

*PRAYER OF CENTERING

Renewing God, we are discovering once more that you dwell with us. We meet you in our deepest thoughts, in the eyes of a friend, in the embrace of loved ones. You act in us as we wipe away one another's tears. You make yourself known in quiet talks and enthusiastic revelry. We are your people; let us know you more fully in this hour, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" UMH 110++

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 25:31-40 NT p. 29

*PSALTER READING Psalm 121 UMH 844

SERMON "God Helps"

SPECIAL MUSIC Elijah Keay

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

*PASSING THE PEACE

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94++

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, we bring from our abundance these tokens of gratitude to you for granting us life and all that we need to sustain it. Thank you for the privilege of sharing with those who are hungry, thirsty, naked, sick, imprisoned, or friendless. We reinvest our lives, with our resources, in your transformative work through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Amazing Grace" UMH 378++

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE DURING WORSHIP SERVICE

(NURSERY LOCATED AT END OF HALL IN EDUCATION WING)

CRAFTY LADIES: Every Thursday at 9:30 AM

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE and MEETING ZOOM LINK: bit.ly/MUMCZoom

FINANCE: Tuesday, July 18th 5:45 PM (Online)

VISION TEAM: Tuesday, July 18th 6:30 PM (Hybrid)

CHURCH COUNCIL: No Meeting in July

Sat. July 22nd Church Wide Flea Market

Please Sign Up to Volunteer, Donate, or become a Vendor through Church Office or during Fellowship.

We also need **Baked Goods** for the Sale. Cookies, Cupcakes, Cakes, Pies, Muffins, Breads, Gluten-Free items. Bake your best!

DROP OFF @FELLOWSHIP KITCHEN

FRIDAY, 7.21 3-5PM SATURDAY, 7.22 8-10AM



HOME/SCHOOL LEARNING KITS 2023

Over the summer, the Outreach Team will be creating Home/School Learning Kits for youngsters at the Ecumenical Food Pantry and Pike County Children and Youth.

We will be accepting donations of school supplies beginning July 9. Meanwhile, be on the lookout for the following: Glue Sticks, pocket folders, one subject spiral notebooks, crayons (16 or 24 count), ballpoint pens, wide ruled loose leaf paper, construction paper, colored markers. In addition, the August Communion Offering will go to support this project. Let's help give our younger neighbors the tools they need to be ready to learn on Day #1!

GREETERS | Jane Frey **LITURGIST** | Gregg Rhodes
FELLOWSHIP | **** FLOWERS** | ******

*Please contact Church Office to sign up for Helping with Fellowship and providing Flowers for the Altar—Thank you!

Key to abbreviations: OT: Old Testament; NT: New Testament

UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal TFWS: The Faith We Sing

++ Indicates Someone's Favorite Hymn

PRAYER LIST: Family of Seety Wassef, Joan Pauley , Ali Fitzgerald, Roger Fitzgerald, Jodi Hancock, Gloria Schneider, Minnie Weinstock, Marge Carofano, Family of Chet Rideout, Karen Boehning, Arlene & Emil Moglia, Ernie Balch, Pam Trovato, Kathleen Jewel, Michael Gilmore, Kevin Walter, Debbie Conklin, Carl Hendrick, Joan Lucciola, Lori Sheppard, Richard Holt, Lorraine Gregory, Gretel Metzger, Nancy McKeen, Family of Ernie Kotschessa, Steve Urban, Raymond Vetter, Brian Sheppard, Rose Belcastro, Jeanette Hendrick, Patrick Hall, Barbara Urban, Alan & Karen Zuis, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Joan Wortman, Robert Keuhne Sr., Alyre Hayworth, Thomas Harris, Henry Salidino, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Christine Pasquarosa, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Linda Klee, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Diane Siconolfi.

WE WELCOME ALL!

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