

Prayer Requests This Week

We continue to pray for God's loving care and peace for the family and friends of Dorothy Holtan. Peace and healing for the family of Tucker Search. Pray in remembrance of Jim Irwin and for continued comfort and support for Barbara. Pray for healing for Ryan Olson, who has re-injured his knee. Continue to pray for healing and comfort for Rosemary, Tom's Olson's mother, who is suffering from cancer, and for Betty, Rick Howland's mother-in-law, also suffering from cancer, and for Maralee Thomas as she will resume chemo treatments this week. May God's loving presence be with all who must travel this journey.

Prayers for those in nursing homes or home bound are for: Mary Clayton, Margaret Koch, Helen Splittek, and Delores Martin.

Church to pray for this week: Sherman Avenue United Methodist, and their clergy, Suni Caylor and the 92 members. Sherman Avenue United Methodist is located at 3705 N Sherman Avenue, Madison, WI 53704.

Here in Stoughton please pray for Western Koshkonong Lutheran.

Please pray that during this Season of Pentecost that Christ's love will be shared and that peace will prevail in our hearts, in our lives, and in our world.

“Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like flowing streams.”

Psalm 76

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Stoughton United Methodist Church



Encourage
one another
and build up
each other....

1 Thessalonians 5:11, NRSV

Sunday November 13, 2011

Mission Statement

Rooted in Christ, we grow in God's love, bear fruit, and share the harvest with the world.

Vision Statement

Our community of faith will know and model God's unconditional love, grace and compassion as revealed in Christ.

Core Values

Love, compassion, acceptance, hope, integrity, & transformation.

10:00 AM

Stoughton United Methodist Church
Sunday November 13, 2011 10AM

* please stand

Gathering

Welcome

***Passing of the Peace**

***Call to Worship:** FWS 2153 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

*** Opening prayer:**

As your children of light and life, O God, we come to you this day, in worship and praise, in awareness and hope. Shine upon us with the radiant light of your wisdom and guidance. Keep alive in us the constant awareness that you are present in our lives and in our salvation. Keep alive in us the enduring hope that your strength and power will overcome the sorrow and sin of the world. Strengthen our faith and resolve to stay awake, alert, and serious about our call to be children of light.

***Opening Hymn:** UMH 508 "Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom"

***Confession:**

Merciful God, you know the fears and failures that prevent us from living as children of light. When we hide from your call in our lives, forgive us and strengthen us to move forward in courage and faith. When we fall asleep and ignore your teaching, forgive us and awaken our spirits to walk in the light of awareness and truth. Encourage us, gracious God, to be children of hope and love, even as we encourage one another in this same hope and love. In hope and trust, we Pray Amen

***Pardon:** Sister and brothers, you are all children of light! Clothed in faith and love, you are God's own children, covered with the hope of salvation in Christ Jesus. Take heart! Wake up! We are all forgiven and reconciled to God!

***Affirmation of Faith**

UMH 883

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

Children's Moment

Mission Moment

Choir: "A Round of Thanks" (set by Moore)

Joys and Concerns

- Celebrations
- Concerns

Scripture: Judges 4:1-7, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30

***Hymn of Preparation:** FWS 2150 "Lord, Be Glorified"

Sermon The Time is Now

Invitation and Prayer

Meditation

Offering

***Doxology:** UMH 94 "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

***Closing Hymn:**

UMH 581 "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

Postlude

Leading worship today are Rev Lamarr Gibson
and choir director/pianist Irene Verdegan