

Our mission is to serve God by serving others! Hope is our business!

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Serving Today: Terri DePatis, worship director & pianist; Choir, special music; Cheri Olesen, liturgist; Pastor Randy Reese, benediction; Marsha Winner & Mary Bradford, ushers-greeters; Tracie Sampson, children’s ministries; Eric Heubner, tech.; Jake Sampson, custodian; Laura Heubner, fin. sec.; Jan Koch, adm. asst.; Pastor Rick, message



10:30 a.m., May 3, 2026



Opening	“Agnus Dei”	Choir & Congregation
Greeting		Pastor
Special	“Keeps Your Lamps Trimmed & Burning”	Choir
Prayer		Pastor Rick
Scripture	Acts 7:51-60	Cheri
Message	“Contend for the Faith” Pt. 2	Pastor Rick
Holy Communion & Offering		
Please bring your offerings to the front as you receive Holy Communion. Let’s sing “One Bread, One Body” #620		
Doxology	“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”	Screen, #95
Benediction		Pastor Randy
Postlude		Terri



CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH! As we said last week, it is so easy to take faith for granted! Indeed, faith is something we often say that we have, but what happens when faith requires sacrifice. Not just our time or our money, but our position, or even our lives. Let us remember that many, many Christians have been martyred, and not just in antiquity, but even today! Open Doors, an organization that dates back to 1955, estimates that 388 million Christians currently — about one in every seven people of our faith — face persecution and even martyrdom. The worst culprits should come as no surprise: North Korea, Somalia, Yemen, the Sudan, Eritrea, Syria, Nigeria, among many, many others. Please pray for them and remember the obstacles they willingly face on behalf of our LORD and Savior.



Pastor Rick & Cindy



TEDDY BEAR TOSS! The teddy bear toss, which followed both services last Sunday was a big success! We collected more than 300 teddy bears for Operation Christmas Child! What an awesome — and fun — idea! Thanks, Terri DePatis! We encourage you, meanwhile, to continue to give! The idea is to gather stuffed toys that will fit into a shoebox for children around the world. We packed about 5,500 shoeboxes last fall — so we’ll need more! Questions? Call Terri at 691-8472.



RICE PACKING! We packed 1,000 rice bags last Sunday evening to feed the hungry through Midwest Missions, a United Methodist outreach in Pawnee. That’s enough to feed 6,000 people! Thanks to all who helped coordinate, who raised funds to underwrite the cost of the program, and those who were here to actually fill the bags. In the past, our rice bags have gone to Central America and Ukraine.



“Only by giving are you able to receive more than you already have.”
- Jim Rohn

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DATE: _____

NAME: _____

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I am a:

- ◇ First time visitor
- ◇ Regular attendee
- ◇ Member

Please pray for me, a friend or family member:

I'd like more info about:

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Sunday worship: 8, 10:30. Sunday Study: 9:30. (fall schedule)	
Pastor: Rick Pierce, 618-363-8369; Worship Dir.: Terri DePatis Adm. Asst.: Jan Koch; Fin. Sec.: Laura Heubner; Treas.: Randy Atwater; Nursery Dir.: Antoinette Bidlingmaier; Custodian: Jake Sampson; Adm. Bd. Chr: Teresa Atterberry; Trustees Chr: Norm Claussen; Youth: Cody & Eric Heubner; YOSM: Joe & Susie Pokorny; Operation Christmas Child: Helene Atkinson; Mercy House: Dana Blair; Bluejay Fuel: Mary Bradford; Sew & Sew's: Marsha Winner; UMW: Ginny Ramage; Children's Ministries: Tracie Sampson; Cong. Care: Karen Barrett; Web & Tech: Eric Heubner & Jake; New Church Chr: Kate Becker.	
<u>SMALL GROUPS</u>	
* Men's breakfast group Corner Café, 8 Wed. Call Paul at 801-5254.	
* Women's Bible Fellowship meets here at 8:15 a.m. Fridays. They're studying 2 nd Samuel. Call Helene at 899-5210.	
* Saturday morning men's group meets at 7 here & on Zoom. They're studying Genesis. Call Joe at 899-2744.	
Received from April 26-May 2	\$2,680
Total gifts received this year thru May 2	\$80,036
Needed through May 2	\$88,366
Needed weekly: \$5,198	
Attendance April 26: 75 · YouTube: 27	
Total Future Building Funds Raised (as of March 1)	\$1,601,310.94
Investment Gains/Loss Since Investing	+ \$564,535.63
Total Future Building Fund Expenses (includes land purchase, architect's fee & consultants' fees)	- \$214,481.19
Future Building Funds Now Available	\$1,951,365.38

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10:30 a.m. Service

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5th Sunday of Easter



"Contending for the faith" · Part 2

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