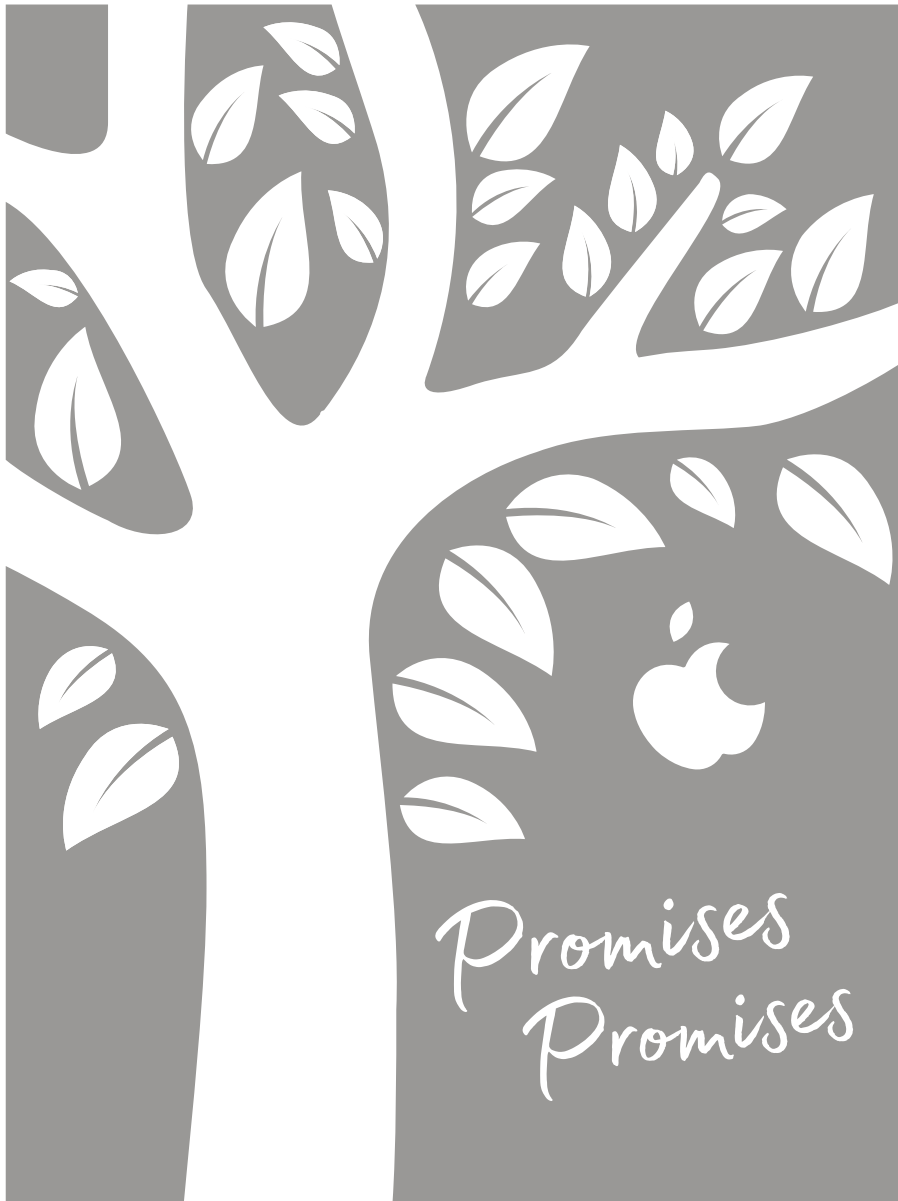


First United Methodist Church Cuyahoga Falls



Welcome to Worship and Live Streaming @9:30am

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am

August 30, 2026

GATHERING

The people of God come together in the Lord's name.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude--Andante--Karl Roeder

Call to Worship--

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God, forever and ever.

Opening Hymn103--***Immortal, Invisible*

Invocation *(please be seated)--*

New every morning is your love, great God of light, and all day long you are working for good in the world. Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors and all your creation, and to devote each day to your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages.

Scripture Reading--Genesis 41:14-16, 23-36

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem--*What God Ordains Is Always Good--*arr. Dan Forrest

Summer Choir

God's Word for Young Disciples--(congregation sings "Jesus Loves Me" as the children come forward)

Baptisms--Valerie Phillips, Grace Kathryn Priebe

Hymn of Response **2051 TFWS--*I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

Sermon--*"Promises, Promises: Prison to Palace"*

Pastor Jon Priebe

RESPONSE

The People respond to the Word

Discipleship Moment

Offertory--*Kyrie*--Girolamo Frescobaldi

Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayers of the People/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.

Communion (Hymnal p. 13)

SENDING FORTH

The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith.

Closing Hymn **606--*Come Let Us Use the Grace Divine*

Benediction **666--*Shalom to You*

*Shalom to You now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.*

Postlude--*Final*--Luis Urteaga

The flowers on the altar this morning are dedicated to the glory of God and given
in loving memory of our children, Keith Alan, Robert Mark, and Terilyn, by Glenn Atwood

The rose on the altar this morning
is in honor of the birth of Violet Marie Mackey, born August 21 to Sabrina & Brandon Mackey.
Proud grandparents are Don and Christine Tausch.

Music--One License A-731491

***indicates please stand as you are able*

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Prayer Requests/Pastoral Care

The fastest way to contact us is to call the church office. After hours voicemails come through to the church staff.

HYMN LYRICS

OPENING HYMN

#103 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

#2051 I Was There to Hear Your...

1. I was there to hear your boding cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell.

2. When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk 'till rising sun.

3. In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in,
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your boding cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

CLOSING HYMN

#606 Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine

1. Come, let us use the grace divine,
and all with one accord,
in a perpetual covenant join ourselves
to Christ the Lord;
Give up ourselves, thru Jesus' power,
his name to glorify;
and promise, in this sacred hour, for
God to live and die.

2. The covenant we this moment
make be ever kept in mind;
we will no more our God forsake, or
cast these words behind.
We never will throw off the fear of
God who hears our vow;
and if thou art well pleased to hear,
come down and meet us now.

3. Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
let all our hearts receive,
present with thy celestial host the
peaceful answer give;
to each covenant the blood apply
which takes our sins away,
and register our names on high and
keep us to that day!

BENEDICTION

#666 Shalom to You

Shalom to You now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

CHURCH NOTES 8-30-26

Join us for an anniversary celebration today in Wesley Hall honoring Janet & Fred Dodson in celebration of their 70th Wedding Anniversary.

Rally Day & Church Square Picnic: September 13 we'll return to two services at 8:30am and 10:45am, with Sunday School for all ages in-between. Bishop Hee- Soo Jung will preach at both services. The Church Square Picnic will follow the 10:45am service. Please sign up to bring a side dish or beverage to share. We'll collect a love offering to support future Church Square Events. See the Welcome Center or the weekly email, or the graphic on page 9 of this bulletin to sign up to bring an item or stay to help clean up.

Annual Bud Mills Memorial Golf Outing: Join us September 19 @ Fox Den Golf Course. You'll find registration brochures and sponsor letters at the Welcome Center. All proceeds from this event benefit Epworth Choir.

2nd Grade Bible Presentation: September 27 we'll present Bibles to our 2nd grade students at the 10:45am worship. If you would like to have a child receive a Bible and have not been notified, please contact Donna Curfman ASAP to add them to the list. dcurfmanfallsumc@gmail.com, 330-923-5241 x213

Acme Community Cash Back: Save those Acme receipts for Work Camp '27. Acme receipts that are dated August 1-February 15, 2027 AND have Community Cash Back printed at the bottom are eligible. Receipts need to remain intact for credit. You may drop them off at the Welcome Center or the church office. Thank you for supporting Work Camp.

Men's Time Out: All men of the church and community are invited to join us Saturday, September 5 for some food, a time for discussion, and lots of fellowship! MTO runs from 8:30-9:30am in Asbury Hall the first Saturday of each month.

A Note from UMW: We will NOT have a Book Sale this year. Please DO NOT drop off books at the church. If you have books you'd like to donate, here are some suggestions. You should contact them first to see when you can drop them off.

Local Used Book Stores: The Mythical Bookworm in Munroe Falls (330-808-1789), Shelf Life in downtown Cuyahoga Falls (234-414-4145), Local Libraries: Cuyahoga Falls Library (330-928-2117), Stow Public Library (330-688-3295), Akron Public Library (330-643-9000). Thank you for all the donations and purchases of books over the past 14 years. You helped us distribute gifts to many different mission projects.

FODDER

He Did Not Remember Joseph

When God seems silent, we sometimes wonder if God has forgotten us

Gen. 40:8 – In Pharaoh’s prison, Joseph becomes most fully himself.

Prison to Palace

Gen. 41:16 – When the door finally opens, who Joseph has become is revealed

While we wait for God to change our circumstances, how is God changing us?

Questions for Reflection: What prayers are you waiting for God to answer right now? What makes the waiting difficult? How might God be changing us while we wait?

Discussion Questions: Have you ever looked back on a period of waiting and realized that God was doing something in you even before the situation changed?

Memory Verse: **Genesis 41:16** – “It is not I; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer.”

Readings for this Week: Genesis 42-43, Romans 5:1-11



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Join Us In Prayer

Join us for our annual

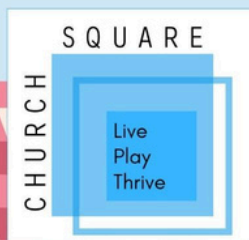
CHURCH SQUARE PICNIC

Sunday, September 13 @Noon

Sign up to bring a side dish or beverage to share!



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