

REACH OUT IN CHRIST
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 16, 2023 10:00am

Prelude "The Day Of Resurrection" Smart
Welcome
We welcome our new members Terry & Shellby Russel
and their children Blayson and Suzie. page 48
Hymn "Thine Be the Glory" #308

Call to Worship

All: Wonderful God, we confess that we have not listened for your Word as we should. We confess that we have placed obstacles in the way of our neighbors. We are guilty of being proud and arrogant. Forgive us for our foolish and hateful ways. Forgive us for taking your amazing gift of grace for granted. Redirect us, by your Spirit, that we may be your faithful people once again.

Children's Message Pastor Dave
Blessing of quilts embellished by our craft group. Quilts will be donated to veterans at Operation Stand Down**.

Offertory "Were You There?" Spiritual
Catherine Phillips, Vocalist

Doxology
A Time of Prayer Pastor Dave
(Also share your concerns through FB Live comments.)
Response: "Hear our prayer, O God"

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.

Anthem "Joyful Joyful Sing Praise" Althouse
Choir

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (CEB)

So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived!

All of these new things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and who gave us the ministry of reconciliation. In other words, God was reconciling the world to himself through Christ, by not counting people's sins against them. He has trusted us with this message of reconciliation.

So we are ambassadors who represent Christ. God is negotiating with you through us. We beg you as Christ's representatives, "Be reconciled to God!" God caused the one who didn't know sin to be sin for our sake so that through him we could become the righteousness of God.

Sermon "Hope of a New Beginning" Pastor Dave

Hymn "Hymn of Promise" #707

Benediction

Alleluia

Postlude "Toccata" Dubois

The flowers on the altar are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Lester Yarnell by Bob, Fr. Kevin and Llenray Yarnell.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER—Sandra Buck, Charlie Monroe, Brenda and Mike Smeby, Lettie Witt, Sergei Barth, Rod and Michelle Bailey, Marv Hiuser, Rita Harned, Rev. John Griswold, Ginny Monroe, Charlotte Perolio, Linda Johnston, Volrie Olin, Starla Knox, Tom Miller, Karen McGinley, Joseph Ries, Mary Ann Yates (Erna McCormick's sister).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****OPERATION STAND DOWN**—One Community Now organizes this intervention program to help veterans. Volunteer or participate 4/21-22, 10am-5pm, The Concourse Rotary Pavillion, 11919 Alric Pottberg Rd., Shady Hills, FL 34610.

***REBEKAH CIRCLE**—No meeting at church. Instead lunch at Sioux City on 4/20 at 1pm.

***PICTURES NEEDED FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY**—For a church directory update, we kindly ask all members, attenders, and regular visitors, to please send a recent picture to frontoffice@fumcnpr.com. A selfie taken with a cell phone works ☺ You can also drop off a photograph at the church office where it can be copied.

***SPONSOR NEEDED**—A couple of NA/AA groups from our community are interested in meeting at FUMC. To accommodate them, we need sponsors from our congregation to open/close our facility. You do not need to attend the meeting. There is currently a request for Wednesdays at noon, Fridays at 7pm, and Saturdays at noon. If you are interested in helping these groups who are striving to change the lives of people for the better, please contact the office.

***BIBLE STUDY**—Please join us on Wednesdays at 10am.

***CRAFT GROUP**—Meets Mondays 12:30-3pm. Come join us!

April is KINDNESS Month



We know a Spirit Filled Church will produce fruit. In Galatians 5 we are told “The Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”



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