UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 25 (14th Sunday of Pentecost)
Traditional | 9 AM | Sanctuary
Sunday School | 10 AM | Education Wing
Modern | 11 AM | Casual Worship Center
Church Council Meeting | 12 PM | FH

AUGUST 26
GriefShare | 6 PM | Room 141
Prayer Shawl Ministry | 6 PM | FH

SEPT 1 (15th Sunday of Pentecost)
Holy Communion
Traditional | 9 AM | Sanctuary
Sunday School | 10 AM | Education Wing
Modern | 11 AM | Casual Worship Center

SEPTEMBER 2
Office is closed for Labor Day

SEPTEMBER 4
Wednesday Family Night | 5:30 PM | FH

SEPTEMBER 6
Tables of Grace | 6 PM | TBA

SEPT 8 (16th Sunday of Pentecost)
Youth Salsa Sale
Traditional | 9 AM | Sanctuary
Sunday School | 10 AM | Education Wing
Modern | 11 AM | Casual Worship Center

SEPTEMBER 9
GriefShare | 6 PM | Room 141
Prayer Shawl Ministry | 6 PM | FH

CONNECT AND SERVE

COMMUNITY HANDS FOOD PANTRY
(225) 665-0855
Tuesdays & Fridays | 9:30-11 AM

GRIEFSHARE
Mondays | Returns August 12 | 6 PM | 141

MODERN PRAISE BAND PRACTICE
Thursdays | 7 PM | Casual Worship Center

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
2nd & 4th Mondays | 6 PM | Fellowship Hall

UNITED METHODIST MEN
2nd Sundays | 4 PM | Fellowship Hall

AGAPE' WOMENS CIRCLE
2nd Tuesdays | 7 PM | Fellowship Hall

MORNING GLORIES WOMENS CIRCLE
3rd Tuesdays | 11 AM | Room 143

TABLES OF GRACE
Adult Fellowship Meal
1st Fridays | Times & Locations TBA

YOUNG AT HEART
Adult Fellowship Meal
3rd Thursdays | 11 AM | Sanctuary





WORSHIP

TRADITIONAL | 9 AM | Sanctuary
MODERN | 11 AM | Casual Worship Center

Digital Bulletin

Welcome! We are so glad you chose to worship with us today! Please scan the QR code to access the digital bulletin where you will be able to fill out the Connect Card and find other important resources!

LAST SUNDAY (8/18)

Attendance
159

Gifts to General Budget
$9913

Year-To-Date
$293,915

2024 Budget
$533,634

Gifts to Building Fund
$580

Building Fund Balance
$21,823

Building Loan Balance
$243,179

Thank you for your generosity!

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DISCIPLESHIP

NURSERY *(Newborn-K)*
Sundays | 8:45 AM

CHILDREN *(1st-5th Grade)*
Sundays | 10 AM | Children's Commons
Wednesdays | 5:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

PARENTS DAY OUT *(2-4 Yr Olds)*
Tuesdays-Thursdays | Aug-May | 9 AM

YOUTH *(6th-12th Grade)*
Sundays | 10 AM | Youth Cave
Wednesdays | 5:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

ADULTS

Sunday School | 10 AM
Men's Class (137)
US Class (138) | Adult Women
Journey Class (141) | Mixed Adults
Inquirers (142) | Mixed Adults
Come Thirsty (143) | Adult Women
Wanderers (Conf Rm) | Mixed Adults
Second Sermon (108) | Mixed Adults

Wednesdays
Men's Bible Study | 6 AM | Fell. Hall
Family Night Meal | 5:30 PM | Fell. Hall
Disciple Bible Study | 6-8 PM
Adult Bible Study | 6-7 PM
Choir Practice | 7 PM | Choir Room

All are invited!
There's something for all ages.

Altar Flowers

Given to the Glory of God,
In Memory of
Mattie Millet and Minnie Allen,
By Jim & Marian Gilbert.

Available Flower Dates
9/22, 12/1, 12/15

WATCH ONLINE

Can't make it in person? Watch all our services online directly from our website:
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MISSION

To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.

PURPOSE

We Exist to Nurture Relationships With God and One Another.

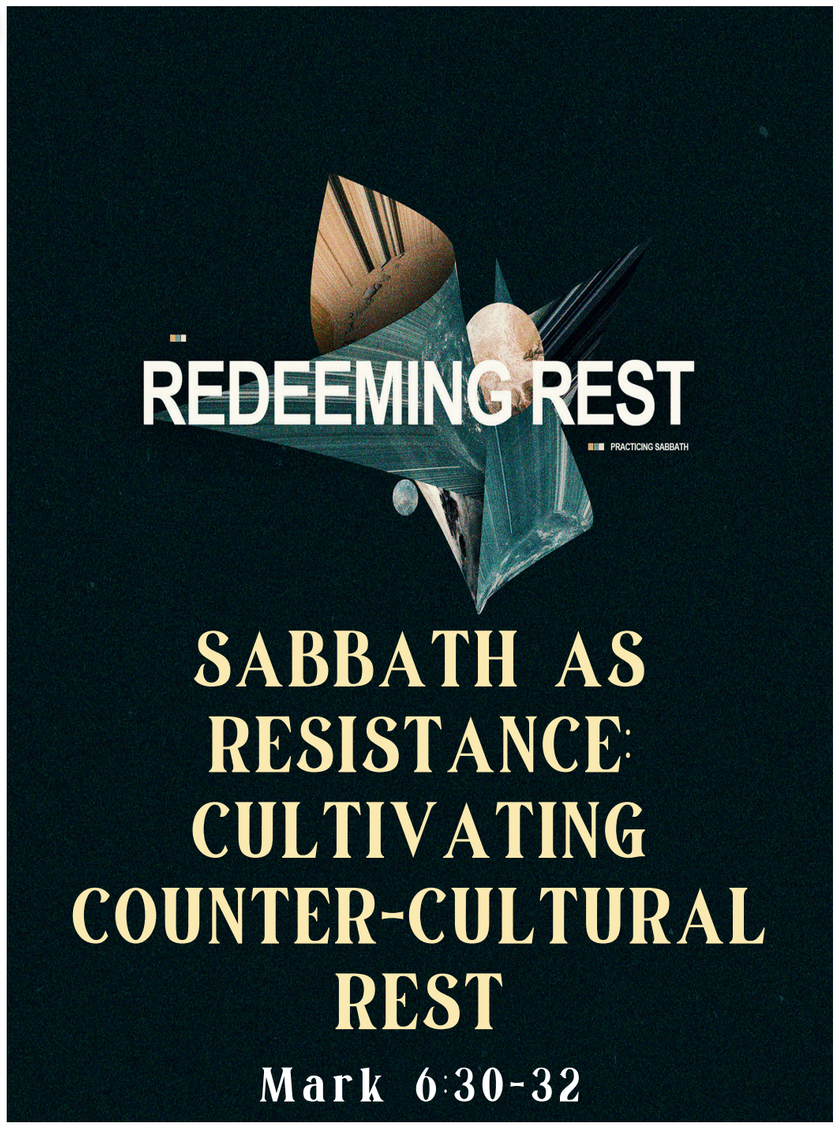
VISION

That All People Would Know That They Matter to God, and to Us!

DENHAM SPRINGS FIRST UMC
BECAUSE YOU matter

AUGUST 25, 2024

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



9 AM Traditional Order of Worship

✞ Please stand as you are able.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude
Bringing In The Light of Christ

Welcome and Opening Prayer — Rev. Bradley Swire
God is Good, **All the Time!** All the Time, **God is Good!**

✞ **Opening Hymn** — *Precious Name* — UMH 536

✞ **Affirmation of Faith** — *The Apostle's Creed* — Courtney Murphy
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith, let us now declare:

Do you believe in God, the Father?
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. *Universal

✞ **Gloria Patri** — UMH 70
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

WE LIFT UP OUR PRAYERS UNTO GOD

Pastoral Prayer & 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.

✞ **Hymn of Praise** — *The Unclouded Day* — Cokesbury 207; 1-2, 4

WE GIVE OUR OFFERINGS UNTO GOD

✞ **Doxology** — UMH 95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

✞ **Scripture** — *Mark 6:30-32*
This is the Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Message — *"Redeeming Rest: Sabbath as Resistance"*

INVITATION INTO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

✞ **Closing Hymn** — *Pass It On* — UMH 572

✞ **Benediction and Sending Forth**

Sermon Outline

Mark 6:30-32 **(New Revised Standard Version)**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.

I. Recognizing the Need for Rest
a. Jesus acknowledges the importance of taking a break, of stepping away from the demands and finding solitude.
b. Taking breaks and finding rest doesn't mean we are being lazy or unproductive. It means we are preparing ourselves to be more effective in the long run.
c. Jesus calls us to recognize our need for rest and to be intentional about seeking it. Resting is like sharpening our ax—it makes us more effective in everything we do.

II. Sabbath As Resistance
a. In our society, taking time to rest can feel like an act of defiance. We live in a culture that values productivity, efficiency, and constant activity.
b. Sabbath invites us to resist these cultural pressures. It calls us to step back, to trust that the world will keep turning even if we take a break.
c. By observing Sabbath, we declare that our worth is not defined by our productivity.
d. It is countercultural to rest in a society that glorifies busyness, but it is also profoundly powerful.

III. Cultivating a Rhythm of Rest
a. Jesus not only invites His disciples to rest but models a rhythm of rest throughout His ministry.
b. He often withdrew to solitary places to pray and recharge, demonstrating that rest is essential for a life of faithful service.
c. Cultivating a rhythm of rest involves creating habits and practices that sustain us.
d. Sabbath is not just about taking a day off; it's about creating a lifestyle that honors God's design for rest and renewal.

IV. True rest is found not in the absence of activity, but in the presence of God.

Prayer List

New This Week
Marie Cain, Family of Dr. Weaver (Courtney)

Continued Prayers
Linda Clement Corey & Emily Ward, Simone Chatelain, Peggy King, Madelyn Long, Bob Blum, Mary Carpenter, Karen Birch, Lucinda Fage, Gene Barbaro, Sarah Brooks, James Argave, Brian Baker, Beth Thompson, Barney Babin, Jeannette Prestridge, Madden Brown, Edna Watson, Greg Komendanchik, Janice Remmetter, Bob Denham, Monty Brown, Bob Hill, Jim Gilbert, Jeremie Long, Robin Baxter, Logan Gilbert, Joey Gomez

Prayers for those With Cancer
Jay Guy, Bill Chapman, Lydia Magee, Lynn DeLeon, Joe Carpenter, Kathy Heard, Tim Roshto, Bradley Willis, Kim Hilgenberg, Joey Poland, Diane Gill, DiDi Breaud, Cary Neal, Dennis Houseman, Terry Woods, Larry Mitchell

In Nursing Homes
Greg Green, Janelle Carrier, Mary Ann Benton, Nell Blair

All affected by disease, natural disaster, or violence. Prayers for Unity and Peace, Our Nation, Missions, First Responders, Students, Educators, Military, Comfort in Mourning, Traveling Mercies, Unspoken Requests

Prayer requests or changes may be sent to office@fumc-ds.org.



