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Sunday Service Bulletin

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Uncommon Wisdom

Welcome and Announcements

Call To Worship

Leader: Beloved, God's wisdom guides us to reflect, yes, but also to act. Will you be a people who act with wisdom?

All: We will respond to wisdom's call with our actions.

Leader: God's wisdom may call you to speak when it's safer to be silent, to resist when it's easier to back down. Will you be a people who act with wisdom?

All: We will respond to wisdom's guidance wherever it takes us.

Leader: God's wisdom may call us to accountability, to recognize and reconcile when we have missed the mark, and to hold others accountable when they do harm. Will you be a people who act with wisdom?

All: We will respond to wisdom's counsel with humility and grace.

Leader: Beloved, this is the time, here and now and in every moment after, to live out God's uncommon wisdom in the world.

All: We will follow the path of God's love with wisdom as our guide. Amen.

Our Statement of Faith: (The Apostles creed) Page 881 UMH

Gloria Patri:

Page 70 UMH

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.

Opening Hymn - O God, our Help in Ages Past
p. 117 UMH vs. 1,2, & 3

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Offering - Ushers come forward

Doxology p. 95 UMH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Congregational Hymn - Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
p. 126 UMH

Psalm Reading: Psalm 124

A Song of Ascents of David

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, let Israel now say;
If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies
attacked us,

Then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;

Then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us; then over us would have gone the raging waters.

Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth. We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; The snare is broken, and we have escaped.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Old Testament Lesson: Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10

1 So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. **2** On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” **3** Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. **4** For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.”^d **5** Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” **6** Esther said, “A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

9 Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman’s house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” **10** So they hanged

Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

New Testament Lesson: James 5: 13-20

The Prayer of Faith

Are there any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Sermon - Uncommon Wisdom

Closing Hymn - Wellspring of Wisdom p. 506 UMH

Benediction & Commission

May the holy wisdom of God Guard your ways and guide your paths.
May the living truth of God Enlighten your hearts and open your

minds. And, may the living Spirit of God Give you life, and life to the full! Go Now in the name of the Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit, who lives and reigns through us. Amen.

Announcements

- A gift has been given to the glory of God and in memory of Marie Parrish by Norma Jean Harbin.
- Carson Peters and Iron Mountain bluegrass band delivered an exceptional performance last Sunday. Some 80+ people in attendance witnessed a truly remarkable and memorable show that concluded with meet-and-greet refreshments with the band. A big thank you goes out to Susie Seats-Edwards who made this concert happen.
- Our annual Trunk-n-Treat event will be held October 27, 2024 from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM. Decorate your trunks and pack them with treats for the little ones.
- The Lewisville Community Assistance Program (LCAP) will be collecting items during the month of October. Items requested from our church are: Beef broth, pancake mix, lima beans, canned sweet potatoes, and facial tissues. Please place your items in the collection box in the mailroom.

Prayer List

Military / Missionary

Steve and Lena Gough

All who are serving our country at home and abroad

Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner

Frank Dalton

Sherry Doub

Frances V. Gough

Wanda Needham

Barbara Perryman

Frances Sisk

Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost	Lynda Harper
Tammy Seats Boyd	Amber Lambert
Jimmy & Deborah Branch	Jeannette Lanier
Jane Bullin	Kevin McBride
Leisha Carpenter	Kevin McDaniel
Glenna Culler	Mark Megela
Joe Dean	Family of Marie Parrish
Amanda Doub	Dawn Proctor
Ruby Driver	Jay D. Pevette
Mack Edwards	Vivian Royal
Joanne Everhart	Mary Ellen Smith
Mary File	Mark Wall
Eddie Haire	Ann Wallace
Garry Harbin	Robert and Susan Warren
Kathy Harbin	Savannah Wooten

September Birthdays

Rosie Burton	1	Gray Lineberry	17
Stephen McBride	4	Barbara Perryman	23
Brian Gough	9	Bradán Burton	26
Chase B. Mote	12	Katy Collins	26
Trey Mark	16		

Wesley Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen!