

We're so glad you're here!

Please **register your attendance** using the pew pad or the QR Code on the bulletin cover.

Flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in honor of their 46th wedding anniversary by Alice and Johnny Ozier.

SAGES will meet Thursday at noon in the Small Dining Room. Whitnye Casey of Church Wellness Programs will be the guest speaker. The menu is meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans and lemon bars. Cost is \$12. Register by Tuesday at huntsvillefirst.org/events

Third-grade Bible presentation will take place September 13 during the 11AM Traditional service. A meeting for parents will be at 10AM. Register your student at huntsvillefirst.org/events

Also on September 13, an **evening Bible study on Genesis** begins at 6PM in Room 129, taught by Fred Webster.

Have you been considering what membership at Huntsville First might entail? **First Things First** is a three-week class designed for visitors and new members. Classes will take place on September 13, 20 and 27 at 10AM. Please register at huntsvillefirst.org/events

Middle-Age Professionals (singles 40-60s) will meet Thursday, September 17 at 7PM at Stovehouse.

It's time to fill shoeboxes for our **Christmas Shoebox Ministry**, providing gifts for children ages 2-12 in Central America and the Caribbean. Shoeboxes and a list of items to be included are available in the Clinton and Greene lobbies and the Wesley Worship Center. Deadline is September 21.



Today

Nursery is open for children through age 3. Register children ages 4 (as of September 1) through second grade for Children's Church at the Welcome Desk in the Wesley Center. Sermon Notes for third through sixth graders are in the back of the sanctuary.

The **church library** is open from 9:20 to 10:50AM.

Wednesday

Music ensemble rehearsals: **First Family Singers**, 6PM, Room 219; **Heavenly Honkers**, 6PM, Room 212; **Sanctuary Choir**, 7PM, Room 204.

Thursday

The **church library** is open from 1 to 3PM.

Friday

Men's Breakfast Group, 7:30AM, Room 129. Cost is \$10. Email Dick Titus at rc Titus@cowboys.uwyo.edu for details.

SENIOR PASTOR

Rev. Byron Vance

ASSOCIATE PASTORS

Rev. Rachel McKelvy Boggs, Rev. Coy Hallmark,
Sarah Larsen, Rev. June Wilson



HUNTSVILLE FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

called to influence our community to know the love of Christ

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday
8:30AM - 4PM

HUNTSVILLE FIRST

United Methodist Church



COMBINED WORSHIP

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

6 SEPTEMBER 2026 | 10AM

Using your smartphone camera,
please scan the QR Code at right
to register your attendance.

WIFI password JoHn3:16



Welcome to worship!

You are invited to read/sing the **bold print** appearing throughout the bulletin. Kindly silence all electronic devices.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal

FWS = The Faith We Sing

*Please stand as able

PRELUDE

His Eye is On the Sparrow | arr. Hayes/Phillips

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH 127

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah | CWM RHONDDA

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And 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;
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
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.

*GREETING ONE ANOTHER

HYMN SING | LED BY NEW SONG

UMH 593 *Here I Am, Lord* | HERE I AM, LORD (v. 1, 3)

UMH 122 *God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale* | ROEDER
(v. 1, 2, 6)

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CONCERNS

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.

OFFERTORY | EXALT

So Will I (100 Billion X) | Hillsong United

*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND BLESSING

Children ages 4 through second grade are invited to come to the back of the sanctuary and go with a “Shepherd” to Children’s Church (Wesley Center, Room 208/210). Pick up children in the Wesley Center after the service.

*SCRIPTURE READING

Jonah 1 (pew Bible, page 815, Old Testament)

ANTHEM | SANCTUARY CHOIR

Dear Lord and Father | C. Hubert H. Parry

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways;
reclothe us in our rightful mind; in purer lives, thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise, in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow Thee, rise up and follow Thee.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease:
Take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of Thy peace, The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm, O still small voice of calm!

COMMUNION MEDITATION | Rev. Rachel McKelvy-Boggs

INVITATION TO COMMUNION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more
in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH 15

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*INVITATION HYMN FWS 2191

Eternal Father, Strong to Save | MELITA

The light of Christ, symbolically carried by the acolytes, leads us into the world to spread the good news.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune | David German

THE CARILLON

SERMON NOTES

Clergy Assistant
Director Music & Organist
Director of Exalt Worship
Pianist
Acolytes
Ushers

Rev. Byron Vance
Jillian Gardner
Reid Rainwater
Harrell Phillips
Sophia Nishida
Larry Daniel, Mark Darden, Chris Lockwood,
Randy Rouse