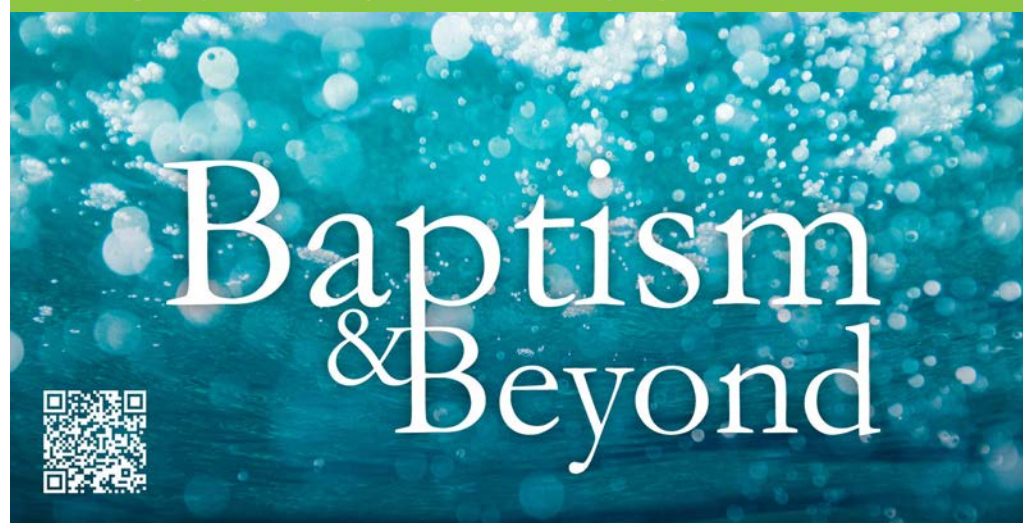
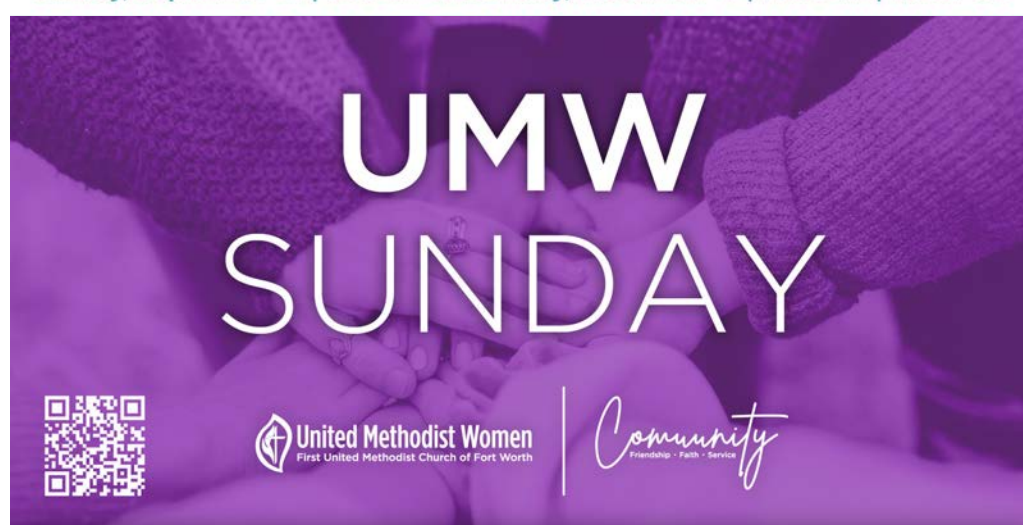




Saturday, September 23 | 10:00 am – 1:00 pm | Ronald McDonald House



Sunday, September 24 | 9:30 am OR Sunday, November 19 | 11:00 am | Room 350



Sunday, September 24 | During all Worship services



Saturday, September 30 | 3:30 – 10:00 pm | Justin Youth Building



Sunday, October 8 | 7:00 – 11:30 am | Wesley Hall



Sunday, October 8 | 3:00 – 4:00 pm | Sanctuary



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Traditional Service
September 17, 2023 | 11:00 am

“Beginnings”

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

Rev. Brenda Brooks Alexander, Associate
Pastor - preaching
Rev. Lance Marshall - Senior Pastor

Welcome
Rev. Samuel Macias, Associate Pastor

Prelude: “His Eye Is on the Sparrow”
Charles Callahan, arranger
Peggy Graff, organist

***Call to Worship**
Rev. Phyllis Barren, Associate Pastor

One: Raise your voices in response to God’s goodness.
All: We praise you, O Lord, for all the blessings you have given us.
One: Attune your ears, celebrate the laughter, cries, and unexpected outbursts of joy, from hallways, classrooms, the garden, and in the sanctuary.
All: We praise you, O Lord, for the children of our congregation, for those waiting and expecting; for those whose hands we hold and hands we let go, so they may grow.
One: Lift your hearts to the good news God brings from scripture, others, and in silence.
All: We thank you, O Lord, for hearing the prayers of our hearts.
One: God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.
All: The love and mercy of God never fails. AMEN.

***Hymn 101: “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”**

***Affirmation of Faith 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.

***Gloria Patri 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.

****Please be seated**

Sacrament of Baptism
Eleanor Corrine Scott, daughter of Molly and Kyler Scott

Baptismal Hymn 191: “Jesus Loves Me” (vs. 1)

Congregational Response
With God’s help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that Eleanor Corrine, surrounded by steadfast

love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Faith Like a Child
“Mister Mark” Burrows, Director of Children’s Ministries

***Hymn 368: “My Hope is Built”**

Scripture: Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7
Sarah Walters, lay reader
God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: Words From the Wise
Rev. Brenda Brooks Alexander, Associate Pastor

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. (Matthew 6:9-13)

Offertory: “Festive Fanfare”
Jason Krug, composer
Fifth Street Bells
Thomas Williams, director

***Doxology 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.

***Benediction**
One: Our gathering will soon be ended. Where will we go, and what will we do?
All: We will go out to be God’s people in the world.
One: May grace, peace, hope, love, and joy forever accompany you. Amen.

***Congregational Benediction: “We Are Called”**
We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God!

***Postlude: “Rejoice, The Lord is King”**
Jason D. Payne, arranger

Handbells: Meredith Ball, Christine Boren, Jeanne Cochran, Alison Haygood, Elaine Johnson, Cat Milus, Matthew Roth, Avary Vaughn, Taylor White, Anne Wunneburger
Violin 1- Liz Beck, Violin 2 Edna Rinconjimenez, Cello -Santiago Ariza, Flute- Ally Langley, Clarinet-Janier Bermundez, French Horn-Emily Martin, Trumpet- Taylor White, Percussion-Chris Dorrell, Piano- Alison Beck

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Asterisks (*) indicate times when you are invited to stand as you are able.

In addition to your regular contribution, every one dollar (\$1) bill placed in the offering plate for the month of September will support Dementia Friendly Fort Worth.

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