

The United Methodist Church in  
**Wayne**



Gallen-Kallela, Akseli, 1865-1931. Hand of Christ / The Palm of Peace,

**Laity Sunday September 7, 2025**  
**“Living Out Our Faith”**

**UMC in Wayne**

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*In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.*

*~Matthew 5:16*

**PRELUDE**

*The Old Rugged Cross*

*Parish Drive*

**WELCOME**

*Anita Dispenziere*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Tim Cooper*

Leader: We have faith through Jesus Christ.

**All: God calls us to put our faith into action.**

Leader: God has equipped us to live out our faith, even in simple, ordinary ways.

**All: Let us use our God-given gifts to serve others, to be helpers, advocates and peacemakers.**

Leader: We grow in our faith by doing so.

**All: May we be emboldened to be witnesses of God's extravagant love through our actions, beyond our church walls.**

**OPENING HYMN**

*How Great Thou Art*

*UMH #77*

**OPENING PRAYER**

*Tim Cooper*

**Good and gracious God, we are thankful that we can gather to learn and grow as people of faith. We want to live our faith so others can know that they are deeply loved, by us and by you. Help us to demonstrate faith in action and not just in words – because our world is broken and needs your people to bring healing and comfort to those who hurt. Show us how to be the people you have called us to be and to follow the example of Jesus, who lived your love and in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**THE BASKET**

*Anita Dispenziere*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*Tim Cooper*

God loves us and calls us each by name. Knowing we are eternally forgiven and infinitely loved let us join in prayer to the One who does not disappoint us.

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**When we treat our faith as nothing more than a self-help system and You, God, as simply a cure for whatever ails us,  
*Where is the love?***

**When we use the gifts our planet gives us with little care for our**

wastefulness and destruction,  
*Where is the love?*

When we deny and disdain truths and practices that others hold dear,  
*Where is the love?*

When we ignore the sickness, the loneliness, the struggle and the  
vulnerability of others, because it doesn't affect us,  
*Where is the love?*

When we berate ourselves for our failures, or holds ourselves to  
impossible and trivial standards  
*Where is the love?*

*Forgive us, Lord, and teach us and our world what it really means  
to love.*

**SCRIPTURE** James 2:14-18 NRSV

*Tim Cooper*

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Surely that faith cannot save, can it? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith apart from works, and I by my works will show you faith.

**MESSAGE**

*Lori Ingerman and Marilyn Creamer*

**ANTHEM**

*Creation of Peace*

*UMC in Wayne Choir*

**PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN**

*Marilyn Creamer*

**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.**

**WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING**  
**OFFERTORY**

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

*Marilyn Creamer*  
*W & S #3008*

Open the eyes of my heart Lord 2x  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy holy holy

Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
I want to see You

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*Marilyn Creamer*

**Gracious and giving God, you have called each of us to be doers of the Word, not hearers only. As we bring these our gifts to you on this Laity Sunday, we remember that faith without works is insufficient. May these offerings reflect a living faith—a faith that reaches out in love, feeds the hungry, clothes the poor, and brings hope to the weary. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ who personifies faith and works. Amen.**

Open the eyes of my heart Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You

**\* CLOSING HYMN**

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

*TFWS #2088*

**BENEDICTION**

*Marilyn Creamer*

**POSTLUDE**

*Mighty To Save*

*Parish Drive*

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## The Thirsty Table

Thirsty for a deeper understanding in your faith journey?

Join us for a conversation among friends;  
asking questions, sharing faith stories and Godwinks!

What is a "Godwink"?

It's synchronicity, a moment of grace, a glimmer of hope,  
an answered prayer, a feeling of being guided by the Holy Spirit.

You will find us after worship in fellowship hall at the table with the Bibles.

***Pastor Ninabeth will be on vacation from  
Friday September 5<sup>th</sup> until Monday September 15<sup>th</sup>  
Pastor Brian Neville of Grace UMC in Wycoff will be covering pastoral  
emergencies. His phone number is: 201-891-4595 ext. 1***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS September 2025

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS September 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

#### Monday September 8<sup>th</sup>

Tour "Heart and Hands Mission at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church  
AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Room 8)

#### Tuesday September 9<sup>th</sup>

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

#### Wednesday September 10<sup>th</sup>

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

#### Thursday September 11<sup>th</sup>

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

#### Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup>

Worship @10am

### LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITY

***Let us partner with the Heart and Hands mission, based in St Timothy's Lutheran Church on Valley Road in Wayne.***

Please explore their website at:

<https://www.heartnhandsmision.org>

We will tour their space and meet the volunteers on  
Monday, September 8.

***Please see Anita Dispenziere for more information.***

### Rummage Sale Dates: September 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>

Set up for the sale September 23, 24, 25 from 6pm – 8pm  
and Friday September 26th from 9am – 5pm

\$5 Pre-sale is Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 6pm – 8pm

Regular Sale is Saturday 8:30am – 2pm

Bag Sale Saturday 2pm-3pm & Sunday 11:30am - 1:00pm

Move it out for FREE Sunday 1:15pm = 2:00pm

**WIN – Wayne Interfaith Network  
Attention!**

The food pantry is running low on many items. It seems that during the summer months, it is difficult to stock the shelves. This is just a little reminder that the WIN pantry is an ongoing 12-month mission project. One of the items that is most needed are CANNED PROTEIN items. Also, please check the expiration date on all items when contributing. Thank you to everyone who continues to donate weekly.

*Proverbs 22:9 “Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor”*

**Calling all Bakers!**

We are in need of baked goods for our  
**Bake Sale on September 27<sup>th</sup>!**

**We also need helpers to assist during the sale!**

Please sign up for a slot to assist at the bake sale table on Saturday 27th. No special skills, other than your smile, are required. You get to sit, as well!

There are still slots available and the sign-up sheet is in the Narthex

Please see Lyn Sentkowski for more information.

## **The words and music in our liturgy, hymns, and songs are by:**

Prayer of Confessions is written by John van de Laar

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### **A tree bears fruit.**

The image of “bearing fruit” is all over the New Testament (e.g., Matt. 7:15-20, John 15:1-16). This image is a helpful way to understand what James means when he writes, “faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.” Although this verse might sound harsh, it is not meant to induce guilt or make people feel like they need to constantly be doing more to be “good Christians” or earn God’s love. Rather, faith is like the root of a tree or plant that bears fruit—in loving action—when it is healthy. If taking action or doing good works feels burdensome, think about what your roots might need to become healthier and grow.

What is the water and sunshine that your faith needs?

Perhaps it is prayer, small group gatherings, studying scripture,  
spending time in nature or community.

James 2:14-16 is not saying good works are more important than these more contemplative aspects of faith, but rather that it is always a “both/and.” Sometimes getting actively involved, even in a small way, can itself nurture faith and lead to growth that produces more good works

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