



20th Sunday after
Pentecost
October 6, 2024

- Opening Worship Song.....*“Lord I Need You”*
- Welcome & Invocation.....*Sue Fuller*
- Prelude.....*“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”**Linda Morey*
- Old Testament Reading (Genesis 15:1-6).....*Jill Shaffer*
- Praise & Worship.....*“This Is Amazing Grace”*
“Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone”
- Baptism.....*Demaryius Xavier Close*
Damarcus Matthew Close
- Prayer.....*Sue Fuller*
- Kids’ Talk.....*Angela Sutter*
- Hymn #365.....*“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”*
- Offertory/Offering.....*Linda Morey*
- Doxology/Blessing of Gifts
- New Testament Reading (Luke 23:35-43)
- Message **Grace**
- Communion (World Communion) ((Gluten Free))*“The Table”*
- Responding to God’s Love.....*“Your Grace Is Enough”*
- Benediction/Blessing
- Exit Song.....*“Hallelujah”*

Please sign the attendance pad and pass it along!



Congratulations!

Today we baptize and welcome brothers, Demaryius and Damarcus Close, into God’s family. We gather with their proud mom, Ashley Hoover, as well as grandparents, Tim and Nancy Hoover. The boys are also being supported and celebrated by lots of other family and friends. Congratulations, Demaryius and Damarcus, on this big step in faith!



Annual Harvest Hayride

We have our Annual Harvest Hayride today immediately after Church! This event is fun for the whole family and open to all! We will have a church wide picnic with lots of food, and plenty of fellowship time with lots of laughs. We’d love for you to join us!



UMCOR Flood Buckets – Hurricane Helene Relief

As we sit and watch the affects of Hurricane Helene unfold, many of us are taken back to Katrina. We sit and ask God “Why did this happen? Is there anything I can do to bring your children some sort of relief during this time?” Thankfully through UMCOR, we are able to make an impact from 600+ miles away. Sunday, October 13, we will have a special collection to raise funds to assemble Flood Buckets to be taken to assist with relief efforts. We are asking that Small Groups to assemble these buckets, but you are welcome to sponsor/purchase materials for your own bucket.



Promotion Sunday

Next Sunday is our Promotion Sunday. Ms. Elna is asking all 3rd grade parents/guardians to contact the church office so we can assure your student will receive a Bible. If you have not already contacted the church office please do so as soon as possible.



Donut Sunday Is Coming Back!

WE LOVE DONUTS!!! And we are so happy to say that we will be resuming Donut Sunday on October 13! Our call for volunteers to step up was met and we are so excited for this fun and yummy time of fellowship to resume! Thank you to those who stepped up!



Wednesday Night Dinner & Bible Study

It’s that time of year again for the Wednesday Night Bible Studies. If you’ve participated before you know what a good time this is! If you haven’t this is the perfect opportunity to join 1 of 2 available 6 week Bible Studies and enjoy a “themed” dinner and fellowship. Dinner begins at 6 PM with your choice of Bible Study classes at 6:45 PM. Please sign up in the narthex for the study of your choice. The first night is October 16.



W.O.W Road Rally - POSTPONED

The W.O.W have postponed their Road Rally until the spring time. Please keep your eyes out for future announcements from W.O.W.



Music Poll & Questionnaire

Check out the Music Poll & Questionnaire in the in the narthex. Our Music Director, Linda, would like to gauge participation interest for the upcoming season. Thank you!



Pre-School Sunday School Teachers Needed!

We would love to start a Pre-School Sunday School class, but we need teachers to sign up who are NOT already teaching other classes. Please contact Sue Fuller if you are interested.



In Search Of A New Trustee

The search is on for a new church trustee! If you are interested in learning more about what this role entails please contact Pastor Tim to get more information. Thank you!



2024 Fall Youth Schedules

School is back in session and our schedules are quickly filling up. We would love to gather a list of student activities so we, as a church, can support our children and youth. So if your child/teen is participating in something this fall please send their schedule to either Pastor Tim or to the office (shumhh@aol.com) so they can be added to our ongoing list.

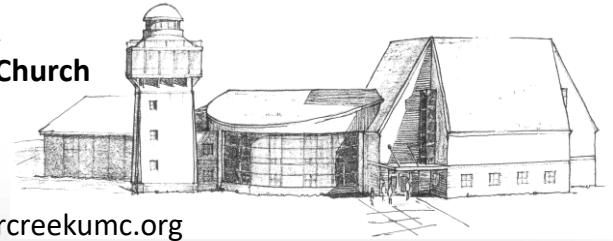


Thanksgiving Box of Love

For over 15 years the Erie City Mission has gathered more than 1,000 Thanksgiving meals annually. This year they are bring back their Thanksgiving outreach: Box of Love! The process to donate items has not changed, but the shopping list has been updated. All you need to do is call the Erie City Mission (814-452-4421), stop by the Missions Main campus (1017 French Street), fill your bag (list will be attached), and drop the bags off at the Mission between November 11 and November 18. Let's help the ECM put "Love in Every Box, and Hope in Every Meal" this holiday season.

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Welcome! If you are visiting with us today, we extend a warm welcome. Each guest is considered special here at South Harborcreek Church and we are thankful you chose to be with us! We hope this will be a meaningful time of worship for you.

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IS TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE

WORLD by proclaiming the good news of God's grace and by exemplifying Jesus' command to love God and neighbor, thus seeking the fulfillment of God's reign and realm in the world. God uses the church to save persons, heal relationships, transform social structures, and spread spiritual holiness, thereby changing the world.

We make disciples as we:

PROCLAIM the gospel, seek, welcome and gather persons into the body of Christ;

LEAD persons to commit their lives to God through baptism by water and the spirit and profession of faith in Jesus Christ;
NURTURE persons in Christian living through worship, and the sacraments, spiritual disciplines;

SEND persons into the world to live lovingly and justly as servants of Christ by healing the sick, feeding the hungry, caring for the stranger, free the oppressed being and becoming compassionate, caring presence, and working to develop social structures that are consistent with the gospel;

CONTINUE the mission of seeking, welcoming, and gathering persons into the community of the body of Christ.



UMCOR CLEANING KIT ASSEMBLY & SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

(Kit approximate cost: \$75 per bucket)

Cleaning Kit Materials

- One five-gallon round bucket with re-sealable lid (14.35" h x 12.19" w x 12.19" d)
 - No screw lids
 - May be used, but must be free from all residual product
 - Advertisements on the outside acceptable
- One 32-64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner
 - No spray cleaners
- One 16-34 oz. bottle dish soap
- One 4-8 oz. pump spray air freshener (liquid, not gel)
- One 6-14 oz. pump spray insect repellent (pack of 10-20 wipes also acceptable)
 - Pump spray bottles must have protective covers
- One scrub brush
 - With or without handle
- 18 re-useable cleaning wipes
 - No terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels
 - Remove from packaging
- Five scouring pads
 - No stainless-steel pads with soap in them
 - Remove from packaging
- 36-50 clothespins
- One 50-100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic line)

- 24 roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33-45-gallon sizes)
 - Remove from packaging
- Five N95 particulate respirator dust masks (1-3 mm thickness)
 - No surgical masks
- Two pairs kitchen gloves
 - Durable for multiple uses
 - Remove from packaging
- One pair work gloves
 - Cotton with leather palm or all leather

Assembly Directions

- All items must be new with the exception of the bucket and lid which may be recycled but must be clean and free of debris.
- All cleaning agents must be liquid form. No powders are accepted.
- If items have been omitted, label bucket. Please indicate which items are missing.

Important Notes

- Sponges have been removed from the list of supplies due to the challenge of locating the non-cellulose sponges that prevent mildew. Non-cellulose sponges will be added to each bucket upon arrival at the affiliate warehouse.
- Do not include any personal notes, money or additional material in the kits.
- Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols.

Packing & Shipping Instructions

Please send a single check to the Sager Brown Depot or the affiliate warehouse that will receive your donation of cleaning kits. The check amount should cover the total number of kits times \$3.00 for the cost of sponges and shipping. On the memo line, please indicate that the funds are an additional donation to cover costs associated with relief supply kits.



Communion

Sunday, October 6
World Communion Day

The Lord be with you,
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You have made from one every nation and people to live on all the face of the earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. He commissioned us to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth and to make disciples of all nations, and today His family in all the world is joining at His holy table.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to His disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”

When the supper was over He took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to His disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood.

Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world, and strengthen it in every nation and among every people to witness faithfully in your name. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at His heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in you holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever,

Amen

We will, by the grace of God.

Members of the household of God, I commend *these children* to your love and care. Will you endeavor so to live that *these children* may grow in the knowledge and love of God through our Savior Jesus Christ?

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that *these children*, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

PRAYER

Let us pray.
O God, our heavenly Father, grant that *these children*, as *they grow*, in years, may also grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that by the restraining and renewing influence of the Holy Spirit *they* may ever be *true children* of thine, serving thee faithfully in *their days*. So guide and uphold the *parents/sponsors* of *these children* that, by loving care, wise counsel, and holy example, they may lead *them* into that life of faith whose strength is righteousness and whose fruit is everlasting joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

BLESSING

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit bless, preserve, and keep you, now and for evermore. Amen.



The Baptisms of Demaryius Xavier and Damarcus Matthew Close

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Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

I present *Demaryius Xavier Close and Damarcus Matthew Close* for baptism.

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

Will you nurture *these children* in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God's grace for *themselves*, to profess *their* faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

I will.

Members of the Household of faith—

Do you as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include *these children* now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround *these children* with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in *their* trust of God, and be found faithful in *their* service to others. We will pray for *them*, that *they* may be *true disciples* who walk in the way that leads to life.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. 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, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, 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.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray

Eternal Father:
When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on an ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to a land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and *those* who receive it, to wash away *their* sin and clothe *them* in righteousness throughout *their lives*, that, dying and being raised with Christ, *they* may share in His final victory.

All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

Demaryius Xavier Close, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Demaryius Xavier Close, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. Receive these new clothes as a token of the new life that is given in Christ Jesus. Let your light so shine that others seeing you good works, may glorify your father in heaven.

Demarcus Matthew Close, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Demarcus Matthew Close, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. Receive these new clothes as a token of the new life that is given in Christ Jesus. Let your light so shine that others seeing you good works, may glorify your father in heaven.

Do you as a congregation accept the responsibility of assisting *these parents* in fulfillment of the baptismal vows, and do you undertake to provide facilities and opportunities for Christian nurture and fellowship?