



Live a life that matters. Live a life of Love

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES		
PRELUDE		
WELCOME GREETING		Sandra Morris
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Pastor Karen Griswold
		Penny Higgins
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
Leader:	We gather:	
PEOPLE:	a community of faith in God’s subversive world.	
Leader:	We gather to celebrate	
PEOPLE:	that no darkness can extinguish light,	
Leader:	to remember	
PEOPLE:	that love will always be more powerful than death,	
Leader:	and to trust that	
PEOPLE:	peace will always be stronger than violence.	
Leader:	We gather,	
PEOPLE:	people of faith in the light of God’s world!	
*RINGING of the BELL		
*HYMN	<u>“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”</u>	#225
INVITATION TO THE OFFERING		
OFFERTORY		
*RESPONSE & PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	<u>“Praise Him! Praise Him!”</u> (chorus)	#12
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
SPECIAL MUSIC	<u>“One Day at a Time”</u>	Gary Heath
YOUNG PEOPLE’S MOMENT		Pastor Karen
PASTORAL PRAYER		
SILENT MEDITATION		
THE LORD’S PRAYER		
*HYMN	<u>“They’ll Know We are Christians”</u>	#429
SCRIPTURE	Psalms 27:1-5 & Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)	Penny Higgins
TODAY’S MESSAGE	<u>“What Matters Most”</u>	Pastor Karen Griswold
*HYMN	<u>“Peace Like a River”</u>	#750
*BLESSING & BENEDICTION		
*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE	<u>“Let There Be Peace on Earth”</u>	Song folder
POSTLUDE		

*Please stand if you are able.
A nursery is available for babies and toddlers in the basement.

CHURCH EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The candle on the altar represents our continued prayers for Peace.

TODAY	2:30 – 5:00 pm Scout meetings
	5:00 - 7:00 pm United in Christ – youth meeting
Sept 16	9:30 am Tuesday Mornings – prayers & scripture review
Sept 17	6:00 pm Porch Talks – Parsonage front porch
Sept 19	Newsletter deadline – please send information to Kathy Etgen
Sept 21	Education team meeting after Church
	5:00 pm Fish Fry at Lowell & Sandy Buck’s woods
Sept 27	6:00 pm Small Group at Andy & Bec Smith’s home
Sept 28	Worship & Property Team meetings after Church
Oct 12	Congregational Meeting after Church

- Volunteers are needed for Nursery and Junior Church. Please see sign-up sheets in the overflow room.
- Missionary Aide will be collecting school supplies, children’s socks, underwear, jeans & coats until the 21st.
- The Church Fish Fry will be Sunday, September 21st at 5:00 pm at Lowell & Sandy Buck’s woods, 302 W Newell St., West Liberty. Buck’s will furnish the fish (prepared by the Lion’s Club) drinks & paper products. Please bring a covered dish to share.
- Don’t forget to order some of Scott Griswold’s bread to support the Alzheimer’s Walk on October 18th. Forms are available in the overflow room.
- Your continued support is appreciated and may be mailed to West Liberty UCC PO Box 427, West Liberty, OH 43357.

PRAYER REQUESTS and JOYS



Vicki Lingrell	Don Moffitt	Marcus Taylor	Mary Bahner	Brandy McAdams	Michelle Moffitt
Rosie Michael	Heather Varian	Wayne Hamilton	Fonnie Marmon	Christy Ulmer	John Bailes
		Allison & Dave Daulton	Our Confirmands		
	Our nursing home residents & shut-ins		Our service men & women		

Organist: Sandra Morris
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Serving Today
Nursery:
Youth Message: Pastor Karen
Jr. Church: Brandy Powell
Serving Next Week (Sept 21, 2025)
Nursery:
Youth Message: Rob Painter
Jr. Church: Wilcox’s

Sound: Elisa Lash
Screens: Ed Armentrout
Videotaping: Bec Smith
Sound: Ed Armentrout
Screens: Kaylee Powell
Videotaping: Bec Smith