

We enter the sanctuary in quiet meditation as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship

PRELUDE

GREETING

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***OPENING SONGS** “Awesome God/Humble Thyself”

No. 2040/2131

“In the Midst of New Dimensions” No. 2238

CHILDREN’S TIME

PSALM 46

No. 828

TIME OF PRAYER – Joys and Concerns

SILENCE

UNISON PRAYER

“God of all creation, our hearts are broken over the destruction and loss we remember this day. And we acknowledge, O Lord, that on that day of human carnage yours was the first heart to break. In our remembering, may we stand with those who mourn and those who cannot stop mourning. Through remembering, may we find new comfort in your care. In our remembering may we be drawn to a new hope for the whole world, and may we gain ourselves a measure of your peace.

You are invited to come to the sand table during worship to light a candle or kneel in prayer as the Spirit leads you.

You can turn the shadow of night into a bright promise of a new day, empower us to shape a world marked by ways of life that lead to justice and peace for all peoples. Fashion in us a people who are more ready to grow in understanding than eager to judge those who are different from us. Form us as a people determined to heal wounds rather than inflict them.

We pray at last that you would cultivate such love in us that we may reach out in compassion to all those who are still wounded by the events of that day; and in seeking to heal others, may we experience a love that makes us whole. This we pray in the strong name of Jesus our Christ. Amen”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY** “Give Thanks” No. 2036

***HYMN** “Goodness is Stronger Than Evil” No.2219

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 18: 21-35

MESSAGE “United + Memory + Hope = Kingdom Math”
Deborah Schmidt

***CLOSING HYMN** “This Is My Song” No. 670

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE MUSIC**

If you must leave the sanctuary during worship, please exit through the side doors as they are much quieter. Thank you!



Liturgist: Allen Slater

Fellowship: Cookout

THIS WEEK

TODAY: Sunday School after Children's Time

MONDAY: Nomination Committee Meeting 11:00, "Knit-Wits" knitting class 3-5 p.m.

TUESDAY: Finance Committee Meeting 5: 30

THURSDAY: Bulletin announcement deadline 5:00 p.m.

Prayer Calendar for Sept. 11

Whitefish UMC is a beacon of hope and encouragement in this time of economic struggles for our community. May we offer love and support in all the ways we can to each other and to our neighbors as we seek to follow Jesus. Amen.

Rally Sunday is **TODAY!**
BBQ with hamburgers
and hotdogs provided by
Children's Education.
Join us!!

Office hours return to 9 – 1 Monday
through Friday, starting next week.

The **12th Annual Everything Sale for Refugee Aid** will be held September 13 - 18 at Sam and Ruth Neff's, at 1045 E 4th Street, Whitefish. Proceeds will go to Doctors without Borders, and The International Rescue Committee. Contributions of items for the sale are needed, and volunteers to help with the sale would be most welcome. Please bring items to the address above after September 11. Call for pick up or to volunteer at 862-1629 or email to samn@earlham.edu. Thanks, Sam and Ruth

Uppity Women of the Bible is a new "Living the Questions" bible study that will begin today from **4:00 to 5:30 p.m.**. Retired pastor Bob Phelps will facilitate the discussion of DVD mini-lectures presented by Dr. Lisa Wolfe. Conversation will focus on the Bible's books of Ruth, Song of Songs and apocryphal books of Judith and Esther. For more information contact Bob at 863-2884 or robert444@centurtytel.net.

Also beginning today at 9:15 a.m. in the Fireside room, Pastor Debbie will be leading a Sunday adult class on aspects of faith using Rob Bell's "Nooma" series.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN!

*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors
The People of the United Methodist Church*

**The Whitefish United Methodist Church
Welcomes You!**

September 11, 2011 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 18: 21-35

Forgiveness

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'