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Bingo Cards

Don't forget to grab your bingo cards for the Sermon Bingo

Electronic Sign

We are purchasing an electronic sign. The cost for the sign is \$22,000. If you would like to donate towards you can do so by designating on the memo line of your check or online.

Meetings

Wednesday August 14 we will have two meetings: MTM at 10am followed by the UMW at 11:30

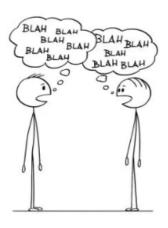


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MEARS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sharpen Up!



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Greetings and Announcements
Breathing in God's Grace
Call to Worship —

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The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to it setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Our God comes, and does not keep silence, before whom is a devouring fire, round about whom is a mighty storm.

God calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that the people may be judged:

"Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God alone is judge!

Doxology

Opening Hymn: As The Deer FWS 2025 Opening Prayer & Prayer of Thanksgiving

Joys & Concerns Pastoral Prayer The Lord's Prayer

Children's Time with Pastor Bev

Hymn of Preparation: My Jesus I Love Thee UMH 172

The Apostles' Creed: UMH 881

Scripture: Mark 7:9-23 Message: Sharpen Up

Communion Hymn: Eat This Bread UMH 628

Communion: Come to meet with Christ and have

fellowship with Him at His invitation. Closing Hymn: *He Leadeth Me* UMH 128 Benediction & Going Forth

Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary.

~ Thank you for your gift! ~

UPCOMING WORSHIP MEETINGS & EVENTS

as of August 4, 2024

Miracle Missions Sunday—August 11

Donations may be given online at mearsumc.org or by check with a designation on the memo line Missions. Missions we support are: Angel Tree, Thanksgiving & Christmas meal baskets, Trunk or Treat, Bible 4 Today, Clinical Evangelical in Honduras, Reach the Forgotten, Hungry for Christ, Love INC, Maxine's Closet, Muskegon Rescue Mission, Mrs. Mullens Closet, Warning Lights, Indonesia Missionaries, WM Adult & Teen Challenge, Peru Medical Mission Trip & Elevate Oceana

Sunday, August 11

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors Mark 7:31-36

Sunday, August 18

Broken Pieces

Mark 8:1-10