

## Announcements

**“Food for Thought” Dinner Church Wednesdays** — Join our friends at St. James for their Summer Wednesday Evening Meal Ministry every week, 5:30pm, 100 W. Capitol Dr.

**Mini July Fundraiser for Mission Projects**—Surprise your friends and neighbors with a gift bag of goodies “just because!” Bags contain a flag, chocolates, lotion, cookies, snack mix, and more! Pick up a bag in the hallway for just \$8.50 cash or check. Spread joy to those around you and support missions of United Women in Faith.

**Outdoor Jazz Worship** — Join us for worship on the lawn Sunday, July 28th and August 25th at 10AM. Mark your calendar, and invite a friend or two!

**Join the Bucket Brigade**—Our corner garden is planted! Help is needed every 2-3 days to refill the buckets for the irrigation system. If you can help, please contact Joe Coenen.

**Help Emmanuel by sponsoring a piano key**—We are blessed to have a new (to us) Steinway piano. Insurance and a generous gift from the Felton family provided most of the funds needed. We are hoping to get each of the 88 keys sponsored to help pay for transport and maintenance. \$23 sponsors 1 key. Sponsor as many as you want. We are grateful for your support. Make checks out to Emmanuel with PIANO in the memo line.

**Save the Date for Senegal Golf Outing** — Wednesday, August 14th: signup sheets for golfers and sponsors are in the back. Thank you for supporting the Senegal ministry!

## Emmanuel Prayer Joys and Concerns

- ♥ Joy! Miranda Madson returned safely from Italy and Zack Madson got his drivers license.
- ♥ Joy! For a niece’s lovely wedding.
- ♥ Thanksgiving for Josh’s successful medical procedure.
- ♥ For a positive outcome from a job interview.
- ♥ For Kurt who awaits treatment for a mass near his pancreas.
- ♥ For Karen’s brother in law Tony who is hospitalized with a ruptured colon.
- ♥ For Lawrence professor whose leukemia has returned after a 6 year remission.

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# EMMANUEL

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*We welcome. We worship. We Witness.*



From Weakness to Strength

2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

July 7, 2024

Prelude— Nell Buchman

Welcome — Carrie Korb

Call to Worship

Beloved, when our bodies feel unable and incapable, and the voices all around us disparage and criticize us as weak and insignificant, God calls to us...

**Open your hearts to your weakness and my strength.**

When we persist in the false belief that we should and must do everything on our own, never asking for help. God calls to us...

**Open your hearts to your weakness and my strength.**

When we feel shame because we need help, and the deep vulnerability of our needs pierces our hearts, God calls to us...

**Open your hearts to your weakness and my strength.**

Listen! Pay attention! God calls to us in our weakness, not to erase our weaknesses or bemoan all the things society may tell us we lack, but to empower us within the vulnerability of our humanness, naming us *Beloved* in the fullness of who we are.

**May we open our hearts in worship to receive the goodness in our weakness and the power in the strength of God's love for all of God's vulnerable creation. Amen.**

Hymn – It Is Well with My Soul — RED 377

Prayer of Confession — all

**Merciful God, forgive us for those times we think we can do anything, or all things-by ourselves.**

**Forgive us the times when we ignore you, O God,**

**and depend on our own strength to do things our own way.**

**Fill our lives with your grace, Lord, so that we can affirm with Paul**

**that we are content with weaknesses for your sake,**

**and fill us with the knowledge that**

**it is when we allow ourselves to be empowered by you,**

**that we are truly strong. Amen.**

Passing the Peace

Children's Moment — Carrie Korb

Breakthrough Prayer

**God of Community,**

**thank you for going with us**

**as we walk in your world.**

**As the seasons change, change also our hearts.**

**Breakthrough, as we step out in faith. Amen.**

Call to Prayer — Cares Chorus— BLACK 2215

Communal Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offering Response — Doxology— RED 95

Offering Prayer

**Merciful God, in this time of reflection and offering,**

**we acknowledge our weaknesses and limitations,**

**knowing that it is through our struggles that we learn humility**

**and dependence on you.**

**As we bring forth our gifts, may we also bring our vulnerabilities,**

**trusting in your grace to transform our weaknesses into strengths**

**for the work of your kingdom. Amen.**

Scripture — 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

God, we thank you for your Word.

**The story of your grace.**

Sermon — From Weakness to Strength— Deb Kraemer

Hymn— Amazing Grace — RED 378

Benediction

Postlude— Nell Buchman