

**Anthoan Community Methodist Church**

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson**

**August 18, 2024 10:00 AM**

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

**We Gather in God’s Presence**

Welcome and Announcements

**Opening Song “For the Beauty of the Earth” UMH #92  
Verses 1-4**

**Call to Worship** Liturgist: Eileen Klindt

L: God has abundantly cast God’s seeds of love and hope upon us.

**P: May we be fruitful soil for the planting and growing of hope and peace.**

L: Come, let us praise God who is so generous with us.

**P: Let us sing songs of joy to God.**

L: Hallelujah!

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**Opening Prayer**

**God of abundant love, we come to you this day in the midst of a season of great growth and coming harvest. All around us are signs of growth, in our earth, in our families, in our nation, in our world. We come this day, seeking your healing love and abounding mercy. Open our hearts to receive all that you offer that we may become fruitful workers for you. AMEN.**

**We Hear God’s Word**

**First Reading Luke 8:11-15**

**Litany – The Sower Scattered the Seed Kathy and Eileen**

Children’s Story Kathy

Hymn of Preparation “Shine, Jesus, Shine” TFWS #2173

Gospel Lesson Matthew 13: 1-8, 18-23

Today’s Message

“The Parable of the Sower”

Kathy

**God Calls Us to Respond**

**PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns)**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Giving of our Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Doxology #95,**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**All: Generous God, you have blessed us with so much. Take these gifts and cause them to work for you in this world which you have loaned us. AMEN.**

**Closing Hymn**

**“To God be the Glory”**

**UMH #98**

Ministers.....EVERYONE!  
Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson  
Liturgist.....Eileen Klindt  
Organist/Pianist.....Eileen Van Meeteren

**IN THE CIRCLE OF OUR CONCERN:**

**OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Bobby Lewis, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Fran & Keith Determann, Ed and Carol Davis, Brad Harbaugh, Alta Patterson, Trisha Theisen, Keith Allman, Brady Gothier, Eleanore Lewis, Jean Petersen, Rick Gubbels, Lana Kropf, Tracy Lewis, Roger Nelson, Peggy Hansen, Brittany Miller, Turner, Becca Petersen & Baby Ivy Kate, and Bettina Perkins. Thoughts & Prayers to those who have lost crops, buildings, homes, etc. by the floods.**

Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

**Please let us know if anyone should be added or removed from this list.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Needed:** Several positions are needed to fulfil the officer and committee list for the coming year. If you would be interested in serving for the next year as Chairman of the Board, teaching chair/education committee, or one of the committees, please contact Shirley. We also need Sunday School teachers for a couple of classes. So many wonderful things have happened with the church this year. We are growing and will need more leaders to help continue that growth.

**August 19<sup>th</sup>:** Administrative and Finance Board Meeting 7:00pm.

**August 25:** Car, truck and tractor show. Rock Branch United Methodist Church. 2-4 p.m.

Free Ice Cream Social. Registration begins at 1:30.

Bring your favorite car, truck, or tractor. Everyone welcome.

**September 1:** Sally Schram will be celebrating her 90th birthday at the Anthon Community Methodist Church with an open house from 2-4. Please join her in this celebration.

**September 8:** Sunday School begins, 9:00.

**September 8:** Backpack Sunday, Have all of your children, grandchildren or if you have a special carrier that you use, please bring them to be blessed.

Following services, we will be having a picnic, hotdogs, taverns, treats for the everyone attending church. Plan now to celebrate the beginning of the Sunday School year with lunch.

**Notes from Shirley:** Choir will be starting this fall. If you enjoy singing and are interested in making a joyful noise to the Lord, please contact Shirley.

Also, please keep our home bound, Seniors and nursing home residents in your thoughts and prayers. A card or call or short visit is much appreciated by those who are living alone or are in our Senior housing apartments, nursing homes or assisted living units.

**August Readers:** Aug. 25-Lisa Kerns, Sept. 1-Jerry Klindt

**August Children Sermon:** Aug. 25-Kathy Hodgdon, Sept. 1-Roger Hladik

**Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries:** Addie Adler (18), Connie Ashley; Gary Brown (20), Randy & Brenda Wolfe (24).

**Mission Committee:** The Mission Committee is focusing on school kits this month. We have started collecting items. Items may be left on the table in the fellowship hall. There is also a list of items needed on fellowship table. Thank you for your support to this project. Marilyn

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