



Nursery Help Needed! We're looking for **paid and volunteer** servants who love children to help keep the nursery so that parents can worship and attend small groups without distraction or anxiety about their little ones. Anyone willing to help – even once or twice a month – can fill out an **application here: www.polkcityumc.org**



Church Annual Charge Conference Everyone is welcome to attend our church's charge conference with District Superintendent Rev. Heecheon Jeon and other circuit congregations **TODAY at 5:00 pm** at New Hope United Methodist Church in Des Moines.

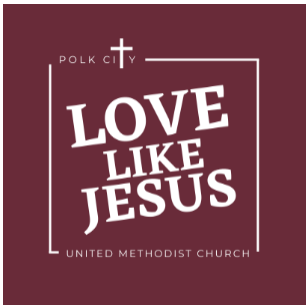


Confirmation Confirmation classes for **students in 7th & 8th grades** begins **NEXT SUNDAY, Oct. 24** and will meet about every other Sunday right after worship throughout the school year. Parents are asked to join us for orientation at the first session.



October Missions

- Bring **coats of all sizes** (children, youth & adults) for UMW's collection for Bidwell-Riverside and Hawthorn Hills.
- Help those affected by recent hurricanes & flooding by donating **items for Flood Cleaning Kits** (listed at www.polkcityumc.org)
- Donate **\$10 gas cards and quarters for laundromats** to our Family Helps ministry; collection jar in entryway
- Help our children's ministry raise \$500 to help build a **clean water well in Ethiopia** through *Lifewater*; collection "well" in entryway
- Bring peanut butter, mac-n-cheese & other canned food items for the NP Comet Cupboard **food pantry**
- Support partner ministries such as **DMARC** and **Women at the Well** through special giving; designate ministry on check, mobile or online giving



Where is the Love? Where are you seeing or showing #LOVELIKEJESUS? Use the index cards in the entryway to share those love sightings and acts of kindness & hang them on our board!

Jesus asked, "What do you think? Which one of these three was a neighbor to the man who encountered thieves?" Then the legal expert said, "The one who demonstrated mercy toward him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." Luke 10:36-37



WELCOME TO WORSHIP
OCTOBER 17, 2021



#LOVELIKEJESUS | Fall Worship Series

Love isn't just something you feel - Love does. Love acts in ways that brings healing, wholeness and restoration. Love can lead the way to a better life. Our Fall worship series studies Jesus' life, teachings and actions in the gospel of Luke so that we can learn from his example how to become more deeply committed Christians who Love like Jesus!

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GATHERING SONG

“Jesus, Friend of Sinners”

WELCOME/CONGREGATIONAL GREETINGS

www.polkcityumc.org/online-worship

Please record your presence in the Facebook comments or the website attendance card

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Angela Hansen-Abbas

One: *Jesus said that we should love each other as he loves each of us.*

Many: **God rejoices at our love and compassion for others.**

One: *Sometimes we let prejudice and fear get in our way.*

Many: **But when we truly confess our sins, God will forgive us.**

One: *Let us worship God and rejoice in God's love.*

Many: **Let us praise God who forgives and restores us to life. AMEN.**

SONG OF PRAISE

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Gracious and Forgiving Lord, in these times when we feel pressured from all sides about how we feel about people who differ from us, we need your hand of love and patience. From every corner we are confronted with issues of terror and fear. We draw into ourselves, fearful that someone is out to get us, to hurt us, to make our lives miserable. You, too, Lord, were confronted by fear and alienation. You stood strong in the presence of prejudice and alienation, voicing support for those who lived lives of love and compassion. Forgive us when we so easily are offended and take sides. Help us to take the time to get to know others, to see you at work within their lives. Open our hearts to feel the power of your extravagant love. Strengthen us to truly be your disciples, proclaiming your transforming love through our words and our deeds. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:1-10 (CEB)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Puppet Ministry

www.polkcityumc.org/children

SONG OF REFLECTION

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Children age 3 & up invited to follow ministry leaders for children's chapel; they return during closing song

SERMON

“Love Includes Everyone”

Pastor Melody Webb

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS & PRESENCE

Turn to a neighbor to share joys and concerns, or submit prayer requests in the Facebook comments or the Attendance Card on our website www.polkcityumc.org/online-worship

PASTORAL PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS

Your gift in-person, by mail or mobile device, or online at www.polkcityumc.org/give supports the ministry, outreach, and operations of your church. Thank you for your extravagant generosity!

SONG OF SENDING

“Forever Reign”

BENEDICTION

Welcome first time guests! We have a gift for you!

Please stop by the Welcome Table on your way out to pick up your gift and fill out a connect card!

#LOVELIKEJESUS TUMBLERS

Purchase one for \$10 & provide a free gift for our guests! Available at the Welcome Table

October Kindness Challenge

- During the month of October, let's demonstrate love and kindness throughout our community and circles of influence! The challenge is to complete at least **one act of kindness each day**. (pick up a handout on the Information Board in the entry way)
- Use the hashtags **#polkcityumc** and **#lovelikejesus** to share the challenge on social media
- Hand out “**Kindness Tags**” when appropriate to encourage others to pass it on (pick up on the Information Board in the entryway)

Fall Bible Challenge | Week of October 17-23

- Read **Luke chapters 17-20**
- Find questions for reflection or discussion at www.polkcityumc.org/grow
- Want to join a texting, Facebook or in-person small group for discussion? Email Pastor Melody to get connected! melody.webb@polkcityumc.org