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WATER AND THE GOSPEL

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The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "if you know the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

John 4:9-10

Here we go again! After a surprising July reprieve from the heat, the temperature is climbing again! For a short time, I was trying to decide if it felt more like spring or like fall. Today, it's hitting 90 degrees and you can feel the humidity with every breath! I hope you were able to spend a lot of time outside last week and enjoy the blessing of cooler July weather!

Jesus understands what the heat is like on this earth. In John 4, we find the disciples traveling from Judea to Galilee. Normally, a good Jew would choose the longer route around Samaria on the way to Galilee.

After all, Samaritans were unclean. They were descended from Jewish tribes who adopted other gods and mixed Judaism with surrounding religions. Therefore, they were not welcome in the temple. At this time in the first century, they also worshiped "in the high places," as they couldn't go to the temple (I don't know if they were banned first or if they started worshiping in the mountains first.)

If you know anything about Jesus, it shouldn't surprise you that He chose NOT to avoid the Samaritans.

Also, he didn't stop at the well to talk about how hot it was! Jesus didn't hang back and let the disciples head into town for food so he could chat about the weather. He used this real-life situation to share the Gospel. Just asking for a drink of water ended up changing the woman's life!

How can a conversation about Jesus work into everyday life? How can the weather, or water, or talking about family lead to Jesus? If you know Jesus and you want to share Him, all things lead to Jesus!

This type of Gospel sharing isn't contrived, but it is natural when you live a life of thanksgiving to God. When we love God, even seemingly insignificant life happenings connect to God. Share about Jesus. Whose life could God change through you with a simple conversation?



LETTER FROM OUR HEARTLAND CONFERENCE LAY LEADER

Dear Heartland Conference,

I have been honored to serve on many committees since 2022. The one thing that has been and continues to be apparent is that 90% of these committee members are not only men, but pastors. Meaning the lay people of the GMC need to take a more active role. The God-given role we are intended for. Together, this revitalized movement of Methodism will spread like the Holy Spirit fire we all long for and feel is coming. Can you feel it? Do you anticipate the pouring out? We must have our hands and hearts and ears open, and our feet ready to move.

The Global Methodist Church needs her lay people to step forward and participate. There continues to be many ways to serve and many ways to help move the GMC formation forward. We should not look for an excuse to not plugin – whether it is on a district, annual conference, or general conference level.

“[18] And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. [19] Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (ESV)

Jesus was not speaking to pastors or seminary graduates. He was speaking to lay people.

I ask each one of you to read the article , “[Advance GM Church’s Mission: Nominations for Connectional Commissions Due August 6.](#)” and consider stepping into nomination for one of these Commissions. Sometimes just being willing to partner with Jesus is all He asks of us.

Should you, or a person you know of, be a good candidate for one of these Commissions, you can send your nomination directly to info@globalmethodist.org. In addition, if you would like the Heartland’s Connectional Council endorsement or to nominate you, please forward your 100-word biographical sketch to me at holly@ardmorefirst.org by July 28. Nominations received by our delegation will be prayed over and those selected will be prayerfully submitted to the TLC for consideration.

And as always, please continue to pray for our leaders of the Global Methodist Church.

Blessings to you!

Holly L. Joy
Heartland Conference Lay Leader



WORSHIP SONGS

Opening Song

[Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee](#)

Hymnal #8

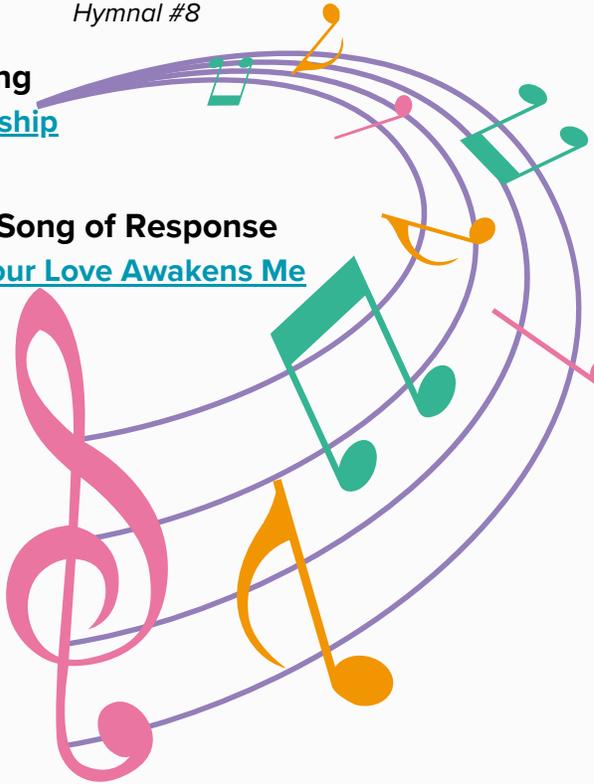
Worship Song

[Heart of Worship](#)

Hymnal #581

Song of Response

[Your Love Awakens Me](#)



CONNECTIONS

Access the sign up for [Sunday Volunteers!](#)

Click this title [We Are the Body](#) if you have **missed a sermon** in this series and want to catch up!

Click the link below to sign up for a **Hope Builders group**.

[**Hope Builders interest form**](#)



MEET & GREET

August 22nd 6:30-8:30 pm at
Laurie Kessler's 6741 Metcalf Ave.

Please join us for an opportunity to get to know each other better and discuss women's ministry opportunities.

7/28 VOLUNTEERS

Fellowship - Coffee & Treats

Sheryl A.

Hospitality

Sheryl A.

Prayer Group

Randall S.

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Randall S.

Tech - Audio

Lisa S.

Tech - Video

Michelle G.

PRAYER CONCERNS

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."
~ *Philippians 4:6*

Prayers for:

Katherine F., on the death of her husband, Bob

For those in transition... new living situations, jobs

For those who have lost their hope in Jesus Christ, may their hearts be softened to hear His voice again

Carolyn E., broken femur and fingers

Jenna R., breast cancer, friend of Michelle G.

Lisa W., diagnosed with ALS, Bill F.'s niece

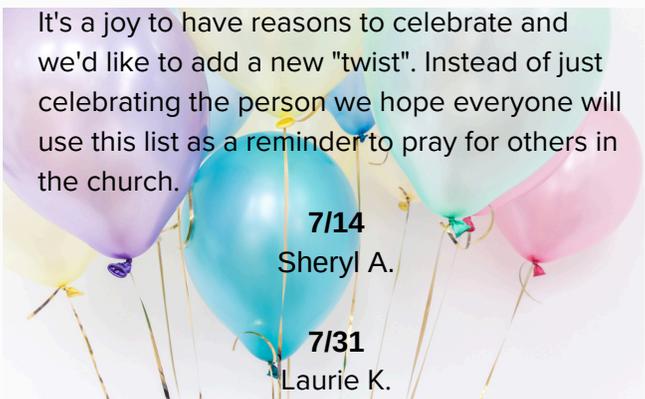
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Global Methodist Church Heartland Conference

Global Methodist Church
Convening General Conference
9/20-9/26/24 San Jose, Costa Rica

Israel & Ukraine

JULY BIRTHDAYS



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- Prayer | 8:30am
- Worship | 9:00am
- Children | 9:15am
- Fellowship | 9:50am
- Youth | e-mail for info

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