

Macon United Methodist Church
190 W Bell Street, Macon, IL 62544; (217) 764-5133
July 6, 2025 **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

People, be glad and sing for joy! Declare God's glory everywhere!

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE

GATHERING **Words of welcome and announcements**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

From comfortable pews, from tricycle seats, from easy chairs in front of TVs:

God gathers us in, giving us the words with which to proclaim the gospel.

At kitchen sinks, at laptops and blackboards, at nursing stations;

Christ calls us to share in serving creation.

In communities gathered to pray, in memories of people and times,
in families and friends grilling in the backyard;

The Holy Spirit fills us with God's joy.



***OPENING HYMN**

“Gather Us In”

(FWS #2236)

OPENING PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Homeward Bound”

Ella Hilton

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (all)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 (CEB)

After these things, the Lord commissioned seventy-two others and sent them on ahead in pairs to every city and place he was about to go. He said to them, “The harvest is

bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest. Go! Be warned, though, that I'm sending you out as lambs among wolves. Carry no wallet, no bag, and no sandals. Don't even greet anyone along the way. Whenever you enter a house, first say, 'May peace be on this house.' If anyone there shares God's peace, then your peace will rest on that person. If not, your blessing will return to you. Remain in this house, eating and drinking whatever they set before you, for workers deserve their pay. Don't move from house to house. Whenever you enter a city and its people welcome you, eat what they set before you. Heal the sick who are there, and say to them, 'God's kingdom has come upon you.' Whenever you enter a city and the people don't welcome you, go out into the streets and say, 'As a complaint against you, we brush off the dust of your city that has collected on our feet. But know this: God's kingdom has come to you.' Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me. Whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."



The seventy-two returned joyously, saying, "Lord, even the demons submit themselves to us in your name."

Jesus replied, "I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning. Look, I have given you authority to crush snakes and scorpions underfoot. I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy. Nothing will harm you. Nevertheless, don't rejoice because the spirits submit to you. Rejoice instead that your names are written in heaven."

MESSAGE

"Skin in the Game"

Rev. Sally Hamon

HYMN

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

(UMH # 569)

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

(UMH # 94)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

Gracious God, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude for your steadfast love. We offer these gifts as signs of our joy and devotion, knowing that you use them for good in the world. May they be a source of light and hope to all who are in need. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Hymn O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

(UMH # 57)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

(Please be seated and silent during the Postlude)

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 59

ATTENDANCE GOAL: 70

Be certain to check the church website, <https://maconilumc.net/> for updated information about the church, events and news. Please use webmaster.maconumc@gmail.com to submit updates or additions to the church website.

RICE MEAL PACKING

Our church will be packing rice meals for distribution on Saturday, August 2, 2025. Donations are requested; contributions can be made out to the church with “rice meal packing” on the memo line.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRESENCE AND SERVICE

Sun. July 13 9:00 am Sunday School
Sun. July 13 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service
Sun. July 13 11:00 am AED Demonstration and Instructions
Sun. July 20 9:00 am Sunday School
Sun. July 20 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service
Sun. July 27 9:00 am Sunday School
Sun. July 27 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

July 06	Jaxson Miller	July 07	Marsha Baker
July 07	Richard and Ida Boggs	July 07	Charmin Copenhaver
July 11	Chad and Sheila Rappe`	July 12	Eugene Mura
July 12	Bailey Nixon		

MISSIONS



Items requested by the food pantry are: Any kind of cereal, cereal bars or oatmeal; canned fruits and vegetables; canned soup; canned pasta; shampoo; bar soap; toothpaste, and antiperspirant. Cash donations are always welcome.