**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Jeff McDowell

**Pastor’s Email:** [pastorjeffmcd@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorjeffmcd@yahoo.com)

**Guest Pastor: Pastor Pat Hubman**

**Music Director:**  David Peckham

**Liturgist:** Barb Burdette

**Greeters:** Myrna and Dalton Flatt

**Ushers:** Chad Miller; Bob Hauptman; Charlie Ellis; Wayne Myers

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**Check us out on our Web site, Sundays at 9:30am**

\*Facebook: Horseheads United Methodist Church

\*You Tube: Hh 1st United Methodist Church

**Sermon Theme:**

What holds us back or gets in our way of following God and loving Jesus? What do we allow to blind us from experiencing the active and living word of God?



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***“ Working Together with All to Connect to God’s Love”***

**Greeting and Announcements**

{as this service begins, please use the white prayer cards on the pew-back in front of

you if you want something read aloud from the pulpit. During our first hymn, the

Ushers will collect cards to be read aloud.}

**Prelude**: An Autumn Sketch                        John Hyatt Brewer

**\*Call to Worship**  (Abingdon Worship Annual 2024 p. 204)

**\*Hymn:** Come, Thou Almighty King #61UMH

**\*Unison Prayer:** (Abingdon Worship Annual 2024 p. 204, opening prayer)

**Joys and Concerns**

**Silent Prayer**

**First United Methodist Church of Horseheads**

**October 13, 2024**

L: Where do we turn when our cries go unanswered?

**P: Where do we turn when we feel forsaken and alone?**

L: We search for God before and behind us, but God is not there.

**P: We search for God above and beneath us, but come away empty**

L: Yet even now, we will commit ourselves to God.

**P: Even now, we will put our trust in the Lord.**

L: Come! Let us worship!

Elusive One, be near us in our need. For we are poured out like water and our hearts melt like wax within us. You have watched over us since our birth, as a mother watches over her children. Come to us swiftly and be with us now, for the darkness threatens and the light fades. Help us in our weakness and touch us with your mercy and your grace. Amen

**Pastoral Prayer**

God of infinite patience and wisdom, we come to you with so many things that claim our time, our energy, our resources, our very lives. We are easily drawn away from serving you by the enticements of the world for wealth, ease, and comfort. Just like the young man in the scriptures, we are owned by our possessions, held captive by our treasures. You continue to offer to us healing and hope. You seek to transform our lives from captivity to freedom in witness and service. We look at the world in which there is so very much warfare and strife, anger and hatred, and we easily become overwhelmed by the needs and the stresses. Help us to place our lives and our trust in you, knowing that with your help, many wonderful things can be accomplished which will provide hope and peace for others and ourselves. Give us courage and strength to truly be your disciples. For we ask this in Jesus’ Name. **Amen.** Written by Nancy C. Townley on the Ministry Matters website. http://www.ministrymatters.com/. Re-posted on the re: Worship blog at https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/10/pastoral-prayer-mark-10.html.

**The Lord’s Prayer** (on screen) p.#895

**Gift of Music:** Christ, the Sure Foundation      Douglas Wagner

**Young Disciples Time**

**Scripture: Mark 10:17-31**  p.#46

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

*People: Thanks be to God!*

**\*Hymn:** Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word #596 UMH

**Scripture: Hebrews 4:12-16** p#220

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

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**Sermon**

**Offering**

**Offertory Music:** Song                                            Edward MacDowell

**Offering Prayer:** (Abingdon 2024 p. 206)

Even when you seem far away, O God, you give us our daily bread and deliver us from evil. May the gifts we bring before you this day be signs of our gratitude for your gifts. Bless this offering that our gifts may be vessels of your overflowing grace. Through these gifts, may others come to know the joy of our salvation through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Doxology**

**\*Hymn:** Would I Have Answered When You Called #2137 FWS

**Benediction**

May God bless you with courage to turn from the riches the world values, trust to choose God’s economy over the world’s economy, and opportunities

to discover God’s abundance over and over and over again. Amen.

**Postlude:** Trumpet Tune                            John Stanley

[Please feel free to be seated and enjoy the Postlude]

\*indicates please stand, if able

UMH = red hymnal FWS =   black songbook

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**Nurture: *We Grow***

**Worship** plans services and supports them through visual arts, music and words.

**Christian Education** plans classes and curriculums to teach our children and adults.

**Prayer Team** brings the needs of our people to God in prayer on a regular basis.

**Stephen Ministry** trains and assigns Christian caregivers to people in stressful

situations.

**The Nursery** cares for the little ones in a clean, safe place during services and

events.

**\*Bible Studies** teach the Word of God to the congregation in small groups.

**Outreach: *We Give***

**Outreach** identifies needs and promotes our giving in mission locally.

**Missions** identifies needs and promotes our giving in mission globally.

**Karren’s Clothing Cupboard** collects, sorts, serves the public each week.

**Special Offerings / Disaster Relief** to help people in need.

**\*Dinners & Events** for fun raising and fund raising.

**United Women in Faith** Gathers to grow in Christ, provide fellowship, expand

mission.

**Are your gifts and talents needed here in 2025?**

**Yes, they are!**

There are many opportunities to serve God here are Horseheads First United Methodist Church. If you have certain life skills, work experience or would like to learn something new, we have a place for you. Please read the ministry areas below and prayerfully consider donating some time to God through your service. We are always open to new areas of service, so if you don’t see one listed here which you want to offer, let us know! We provide training. Contact Rev. McDowell this month, for more information at [pastorjeffmcd@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorjeffmcd@yahoo.com) or call his cell at 607-377-2338.

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**Soup to go is back oct. 27th.** Free will donation and all profit goes into the kitchen upgrade.  Pumpkin soup is the first one. The second we are still working on. What is your favorite? Send me an email with your favorite and most popular will be the second. [Jbolcott@gmail.com](mailto:Jbolcott@gmail.com) . Thank you! Jamie Olcott and Jean Paul

**Helping families in need:**

Our collection for the Thanksgiving gift cards will begin on Oct. 27th- Nov. 24th. We will be giving gift cards to families who can use our help. If you know of a family who can use a gift card to a local grocery store, please give the information to Cindy Ellis or the Church Office as soon as possible?

We need your help with money for the gift cards. Please put a check/cash in the offering plate (checks written to the church with Thanksgiving Gift Cards on the memo line). We will give the cards to the families the week before Thanksgiving so they can purchase the food items they will enjoy. Thank you for your generosity at this “GRATEFUL” time of year.

**All Saints Sunday:** On November 3rd, our church will celebrate All Saint’s Sunday to remember family and friends we have lost during the past year.  A candle will be lit, and the name of each person will be read.  Please submit the names of those you would like to be remembered to the church office(607-739-1943) by Friday, October 25th.  After All Saints Sunday Church Service, please take the candle home.  Those candles left will be available for you to pick up at the church during the following week.

**Food Pantry Donations for October. Harvesting Snacks for Kids** Individually wrapped or boxed with items individually wrapped inside. Ex: Granola Bars, Rice Krispie Treats, Crackers filled with cheese, Fruit Gummies, Small bags of potato chips, pretzels, etc.

**The Alzheimer’s Association** is having a free day-long conference/worship for caregivers and friends of people experiencing mental decline. The date is Thursday, Nov. 7th, at the Horseheads Elks Club. Various speakers and agencies will present in areas of questions and concerns. Join Pastor Jeff and other church members who are going. Pre-registration is required. Call 800-272-3900. Any questions please contact JoAnn Hunt (607) 259-0817.

Announcements Oct 13th, 2024

*Flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of*

*Gene Miller from Ginny Miller and family.*

**Welcome to Worship today!**

If you are new with us, please stop by the visitor’s table just outside the

sanctuary. There is a gift bag there for you!

We would like to Welcome Pastor Pat Hubman from the New Beginnings Church

**Sunday, Oct. 13th:**

Pastor exchange Sunday. Pastor McDowell will be at the Elmira Westside UMC and

New Beginnings UMC

**10:30** Coffee Hour sponsored by Faith Builders.

Please join us and visit with Pastor Hubman

**10:45** Sunday School: Grades k-8 Chapel, Jr. High-Class Rm 18, Parent Class-Rm 21, Adult Sunday School Class in the Large Conference Room

**Wednesday, Oct 16th:**

**9:30am**, Clergy Days Meeting, Sanctuary, Narthex

**12:00pm**, United Woman in Faith, LCR

**5:30pm**, Stephen Ministry, Rm. 12

**6:30pm**, Staff Parish, LCR

**Saturday, Oct. 19th:**

**4:00pm**, Choir Practice, CR

**Spiritual Care Today Event!** Join us for an event sponsored by ACTS: Area Christians Together in Service. Friday, Oct. 18 at the Elmira Clarion Inn, the day begins with a wonderful breakfast to show appreciation for all caregivers at 8:00 a.m. for $10 each. At 9:30 a.m. there will be a workshop regarding Spiritual Care and Physical Health. RSVP for breakfast by calling Stephanie at 607-737-5280, XT 207.

**All Saints Memorial Prayer Card**Please plan ahead for all saint’s Sunday! Memorial prayer cards will be available in the narthex through October. On all saint's Sunday, we will have them on our communion table and then display them in our prayer garden. There is no cost for this expression of loving memorials.  In Christ, Pastor Jeffrey McDowell

**Annual Charge Conference**will be held at the regular Church Council meeting Wed. Oct. 23 at 7:00 in the Large Conference Room.  Prior to that, we as a church hosted the Superintendent Rev. Suzanne Block, September 28 for a cluster of churches meeting together at 1:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary.