

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ROCKINGHAM

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Remembering we would do well to "fulfill the royal law according to scripture, 'you shall love your neighbor as yourself' (James 2:8), the Church Council recommends that all church members wear a mask, practice social distancing, and use hand sanitizers when in the church facilities for any purpose.

GATHERING

I Sing Praises to Your Name

TFWS, 2037

*I sing praises to your name, O Lord, praises to your name, O Lord,
for your name is great and greatly to be praised;
I give glory to your name, O Lord, glory to your name, O Lord,
for your name is great and greatly to be praised.*

GREETING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN

Ye Servants of God

UM Hymnal 181

*AFFIRMATION

The Apostle's Creed

UM Hymnal 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.***

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

1 You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

2 will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence.

4 he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and defense.

5 You will not fear the terror of the night or the arrow that flies by day

6 or the pestilence that stalks in darkness or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

14 Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

15 When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them.

16 With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UM Hymnal, 895

**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.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Mary Griffith

OFFERTORY

Then Sings My Soul
Chuck Wright, Baritone

McDonald

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UM Hymnal 95

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

PRAYER OF OFFERING

Lesson – Luke 16:19-31

19 "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.

20 And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores,

21 who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.

22 The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

23 In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.

24 He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.'

25 But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.'

26 Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.'

27 He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house—

28 for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.'

29 Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.'

30 He said, 'No, Father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

31 He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

ANTHEM

Let Me Walk with You

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SERMON

In Your Lifetime

*HYMN

Give Thanks

TFWS 2036

*BENEDICTION

*CHIMING

*POSTLUDE

***The flowers on the altar are given by to the Glory of God and
in loving memory of Myrtle Wright Chalk by her family.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For first responders, emergency medical technicians, health professionals – therapists, nurses, doctors – of every specialty who face this Coronavirus Pandemic.

This week: The Family of Nathan Davis

For our church members: Bebe Blackmon, Norman Bland, Rita Bland, Claudette Brownley, Jean Cain, Gaby Campbell, Misty Campbell, Jan Clay, Pam Dillman, Bob Ellwanger, Jerry Eteo, Audrey Ewing, Barbara Goodman, Susie Graves, Genevra Kelly, Randy Leak, Lucille Martin, Linda McCullough, Jimmy McLean, Gaynelle Moon, Bill Rohleder, Ron and Hannah Shaw, Frances Shepard, Sarah Shepherd, Jerry Thomas,

For our extended family: Jane Atha (Mary Griffith's mother), Hilda Auman (Don Auman's mother), Nancy Baucom, Parker Byrd, Barbara Cato, Paul Crump, Rick Ervin, Valarie Flores, Robert Flynn, Rebecca Gagnon, Jeff Ganns (Glenda Thomas' son-in-law), Arland Griffith (Lee Griffith's father), Terry Hamilton (Terry Shaw's uncle), Galvin Hill, Michael Hobbs, Patricia Huffman, (Martha Butler's mother), Lisa Johnson (T.J. Shaw's friend), J.B. Jones, Terri LaRue (Gwen Webb's sister), Hal Leak, Dathia Lee (Daphne Smith's mother), Gabriel Martin (Lucille Martin's granddaughter), Priscilla McCormick, Tommy McDonald, Sam Moser, Rick O'Brien, Ruth Ann Ritter, Stuart Shepherd (Diane Goodwin's grandson), William Sidebottom, Clyde Smith, Angi Stanford, Tommy Williams (Virginia Auman's brother), Regina Witherspoon

For Those Who are Mourning: The family of Dotsy Reynolds.

For our Home-Bound and Assisted Living Members: Nathan and Marie Davis, Faye Herring, Caroline Johnson, Bill and Ann Poe, Dorsey Short, Madeline Till.

For Those Who Serve Our Nation

Other Prayer Needs: For those who serve our nation and especially those in harm's way.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wanted, canned vegetables! Our Daily Bread needs your donations of canned vegetables. Please bring to church and leave on the cart in the hallway across from the Chapel or drop off at Our Daily Bread. For further information please call Kathy Yates at 336-906-7678.

Youth Family Fun Night!

Pizza and bowling! Sunday September 25 at 5:00pm
Striker's Bowling Alley in Rockingham

Come out for a Family Fun Night with your youth to get to know the other youth families in your church!

Reminder to all church members who volunteered to help with the BBQ sale:

Tuesday meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 to put coleslaw in cups.

Wednesday meet in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 to pack takeout plates. Drivers need to be at the church by 9:15.

If you have not signed up for a job you are welcome to just show up and join us as we prepare for our church fundraiser. Thank you for your help!

Drive thru for your plates beginning at 11:00 until ?

Upcoming Events

September 25th Youth Family Night 5:00 pm
Bowling and Fun at Strikers Bowling

September 28th UMM/UMW BBQ 11:00 am
Contact Steve or Shelia Webb if you can volunteer.

October 28th Feed the Raiders
Feed the Raiders the afternoon of their game. Contact Mary Griffith for more information.

October 30th Trunk or Treat
We will be joining with First Presbyterian Church for an evening of fun and fellowship!

On Friday, October 7th at 6:30 pm the District Superintendent will convene a Church Conference for the purpose of allowing the professing members to vote concerning disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church. The vote will take place in the Sanctuary of the church.

FIRST UMC AT A GLANCE

Sunday

10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Sanctuary 205

Tuesday

10:00 AM Bible Study Bynum 102

Wednesday

11:00AM UMM/UMW BBQ

6:00 PM Pastoral Information Session FH
6:30 PM Youth Youth Tower
7:00 PM Choir practice Choir Room

Weekly Finance Report for 2022 Year to date through 09/18/2022

Operating Budget	\$476,552.68
Offering for last week	\$9,831.00
Offering for Budget	\$342,820.13
Needed each week	\$9164.48
Need to Date	\$348,250.24 98.44%

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Ye Servants of God

1. Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
 2. God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save,
 3. "Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!"
 4. Then let us a - dore and give him his right,

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful name;
 and still he is nigh, his pres - ence we have;
 Let all cry a - loud and hon - or the Son;
 all glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might;

the name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol,
 the great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
 the prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 all hon - or and bless - ing with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our King.
 fall down on their fac - es and wor - ship the Lamb.
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

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We give thanks to You oh Lord
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