

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ROCKINGHAM

OCTOBER 2, 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” (James2:8), 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

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

UM Hymnal 540

CELEBRATION AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Alexandra Matheson, Billy McKinnon, Jerry and Winona Stewart, Mitchell and Wayne Lampley

\*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 37:1-9

1 Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

2 for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.

3 Trust in the LORD and do good; live in the land and enjoy security.

4 Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

5 Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

6 He will make your vindication shine like the light and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

7 Be still before the LORD AND wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who

prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

8 Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

9 For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CHILDREN'S TIME

Mary Griffith

OFFERTORY

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Forrest/Wagner

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 17:5-10

5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

6 The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

7 "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'?

8 Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'?

9 Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?

10 So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

SERMON

*Mustard Seed Faith*

ANTHEM

*In Remembrance*

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INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

UM Hymnal 12

THE PEACE

Halle, Halle, Halleluja

The Faith We Sing 2026

***Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja!  
Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halleluja! Halleluja!***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UM Hymnal, 13

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.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*Fill My Cup, Lord*

UM Hymnal 641

***Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord. Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.  
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.***

\*HYMN

*Standing on the Promises*

UM Hymnal 374

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHIMING

\*POSTLUDE

\*POSTLUDE

*The Roses on the Altar are to welcome Remi Jane and Parker Nance Belanger, twin daughters of Timmy and Kayla Rushing Balenger. Proud grandparents are Ian and Tonya Eteo Stroll, Dale Rushing and Jerry Belanger. Happy Great-grandparents are Jerry and Connie Eteo and Calvin and Jane Rushing.*

#### **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.

**Many thanks to all of you who helped make the BBQ a joyous occasion!**

## Upcoming Events

October 9 Lemonade on the Lawn  
Immediately following worship

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

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

On Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 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  
11:15 AM Care Team Bynum 102

### Wednesday

#### Soup Kitchen-Shelia Webb's Team

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 09/25/2022

Operating Budget	\$476,552.68
Offering for last week	\$4,785.00
Offering for Budget	\$347,605.13
Needed each week	\$9164.48
Need to Date	\$357,414.72 97.26%

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