

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ROCKINGHAM

NOVEMBER 13, 2022

THE TWENTY-THIRD 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

My Hope is Built

UM Hymnal 368

*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

Isaiah 12:1-6

1 You will say on that day: “I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me.

2 Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid, for the LORD is my strength and my might: he has become my salvation.”

3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

4 And you will say on that day: “Give thanks to the LORD; call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.

5 Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

6 Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CHILDREN'S TIME

Mary Griffith

OFFERTORY

Close to Thee

Larson

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 – Romans 8:1-11

1 Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,

4 so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

6 To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

7 For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot,

8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

10 But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

SERMON

Set Your Mind

ANTHEM

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Forman

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.***

*BENEDICTION

*CHIMING

*POSTLUDE

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God
by Chuck and Sally Wright in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. T. B. Hough,
and Rev. and Mrs. Harold Leatherman.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For first responders, our military and all those that serve our nation.

This week: Janice Melton

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, Geneva Kelly, Randy Leak, Lucille Martin, Linda McCullough, Jimmy McLean, Gaynelle Moon, Bill Rohleder, Ron and Hannah Shaw, Frances Shepard, Sarah Shepherd, Jerry Thomas, and Tom Wheeler.

For our extended family: Jane Atha (Mary Griffith's mother), Hilda Auman (Don Auman's mother), Nancy Baucom, Ken Bostick, Parker Byrd, Barbara Cato, Paul Crump, Rick Ervin, 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), 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, Christina Sullivan, Tommy Williams (Virginia Auman's brother), Regina Witherspoon

For Those Who are Mourning: The families of Kathy Brand, Nathan and Marie Davis, Wayne Jenkins, Martha Martin, Barbara McLain and Dorsey Short.

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

Dear Church Family,

It is once again time to think about sharing our bounty with the less fortunate children in our midst. Currently, there are about 105 homeless children in Richmond County with the number rising daily. This number varies throughout the year sometimes reaching as many as 200. These children are not always living in cars or on friends' couches; but have not been in a stable situation for at least one year.

Our church focuses on the homeless at Ninth-Grade Academy, RSHS, and this year we have been asked to include the three high school students at Ashley Chapel. In these three schools, there are 40 who are homeless. We generally give \$5 food cards, \$25 gift cards from Rue-21, and \$10 cards from Dollar General to these students. The number of cards each student receives depends upon your gifts. We are most appreciative of you and your generosity in making this all-important ministry a success. Thank you for your help.

You may drop your gift in the collection plate, drop it by the office, or call Mary Jane (910-995-4287) or Jean (910-995-2762) to pick it up; whatever is most convenient for you. Make your check out to the church and indicate that it is for the Homeless/Angel Tree Mission.

Again, thank you for helping these children know that they are loved.

Mary Jane and Jean

Upcoming Events

Saturday, Nov. 19 Community Thanksgiving Meal at East Rockingham UMC. Volunteers are still needed!

Friday, Nov. 25 Friendsgiving at 5:30 pm. Bring your holiday leftovers and enjoy a meal and fellowship!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church office will be closed Wednesday and Thursday, November 23 and 24, for Thanksgiving.

Food Lion now has their food boxes on display for purchase. If you buy one, it is sent to Our Daily Bread. This is an easy way to donate.

A Church Conference will be held Sunday, November 20th, at 6:00 in the sanctuary for the purpose of voting on joining the Global Methodist Church. This will be a simple yes or no vote on ballots.

This Christmas if you would like to purchase a poinsettia in loving memory or in honor of someone please fill out and drop in offering plate or mail to church. Cost will be \$16 each. Deadline is December 9th.

In memory

In honor

Given by

Number purchased

FIRST UMC AT A GLANCE

Sunday

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

Monday

10:00 AM First Place Bynum 120
2:30 PM Care Team Bynum 102

Tuesday

10:00 AM Bible Study Bynum 102
2:00 PM Bingo Bynum 102

Wednesday

6:00 PM Youth Youth Tower
7:00 PM Choir practice Choir Room

Thursday

1:30 PM Mission Team Bynum 102

Weekly Finance Report for 2022 Year to date through 11/06/2022

Operating Budget	\$476,552.68
Offering for last week	\$8,449.00
Offering for Budget	\$424,433.34
Needed each week	\$9164.48
Need to Date	\$412,401.60
	102.92%

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My Hope Is Built

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1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup -
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness. I dare not trust the
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace. In ev - ery high and
 port me in the whelm - ing flood. When all a - round my
 may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righ - teous -

sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ the sol - id rock I stand, all oth - er ground is

sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

WORDS: Edward Mote, 1834
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1863

THE SOLID ROCK
 LM with Refrain

Marching to Zion

1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
 2. Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
 3. The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets
 4. Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - ery tear be dry;

join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
 but chil - dren of the heav - en - ly King, but chil - dren of the
 be - fore we reach the heav - en - ly fields, be - fore we reach the
 we're march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Em -

sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and
 heav - en - ly King may speak their joys a - broad, may
 heav - en - ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or
 man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to

thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur -
 speak their joys a - broad, may speak their
 walk the gold - en streets, to walk the
 fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er

THE COMPLETION OF CREATION (THE CITY OF GOD)

Refrain

thus sur-round the throne. We're march - ing to Zi - on,
speak their joys a - broad.
walk the gold - en streets. We're march - ing on to Zi - on,
fair - er worlds on high.

round the throne.
joys a - broad.
gold - en streets.
worlds on high.

beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on; we're march - ing up - ward to

Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.
Zi - on, Zi - on, the