

### Service Opportunities

**Communion Servers** are needed for the 8:15 am service on August 5. Please contact Carol Harris at carol23113@verizon.net or text/call 804-405-3754.

**Be a Backpack Buddy!** Mt. Pisgah is partnering with the Midlothian YMCA to fill a dozen backpacks for elementary schoolchildren in need in our community. You can help by picking up a Bright Beginnings backpack tag from the Gathering Room, purchasing a backpack and filling it with the supplies listed on the tag. Please return your filled backpack to the Gathering Room on Sunday, August 5. You can also deliver your filled backpack directly to the Midlothian YMCA (737 Coalfield Road) by Friday, August 3.

**CARITAS Volunteers Needed** - Our church will be hosting homeless families in the CFLC August 11-18. Can you help pack lunches, lead activities, or spend the night at church? You will never work alone, there is always a CARITAS staff member on site and either Doug or Sharon Macauley will be present to supervise. Please go to the church website to sign up. If you cannot work a whole shift, perhaps you can spare a few hours. Questions, contact Sharon Macauley at 739-1616 or slmacauley@comcast.net.

**Music @ The Mines** - On Sunday, August 19, we'll be engaging our community in a big way - with a community concert and family fun event featuring our own Arise band. The event, Music at Mid-Lo Mines, will be held from 3 to 5 pm at Mid-Lothian Mines Park on Woolridge Road. In addition to the band, we will have a variety of family-friendly activities, including face-painting and crafts for the kids, corn-hole, a raffle with prizes, and refreshments. Can you help us with this event? We need people to work at the event, donate snacks and bottled water, and just join in the fun and invite some friends, pick them up, and bring them along with you to the event. To help, please visit the Signup Genius on the church website. See you at the park on August 19!

**UMCOR School Kits** - It's back-to-school time already, and that means Mt. Pisgah will be collecting donations for the UMCOR School Kits from now until September 9. The list of supplies is available in the CFLC, Sanctuary, and on the labeled UMCOR School Kit collection bin in the Gathering Room. You do not need to buy all the items on the list. This is a great way to engage your children in sharing with others. Thank you for helping school children all over the world. If you have any questions, contact June Adams at 379-0096.

**Our little ones need some loving!** We are seeking 1 person to serve on our Sunday School nursery care team alongside Miss Tami, our nursery supervisor. You will serve on a rotating schedule, approximately once every 6-7 weeks, 9:20 am - 10:35 am. Job responsibilities include rocking babies and playing with toddlers. All nursery care team members must complete a background check. Please contact Kay Adams to express your interest. Our little ones thank you!!

### Small Groups and Meetings

**The Rebekah Circle pool party** has been rescheduled to Thursday, August 2. If you have any questions contact Lisa Shipley at 794-2892.

### Around Mt. Pisgah

**UMW Reading Program** - Calling all readers, you can catch up on your reading this summer by choosing books that are listed on the UMW bulletin board or in our Mt. Pisgah library on the right as you walk in the door. Let Kay Smith know how many books you have completed by August 12.

### Continue Your Generosity

We're so grateful for the generosity of so many people who financially support the mission and vision of Mt. Pisgah. Your support allows us to partner with God and help feed the hungry, provide help to those dealing with natural disasters, spread the gospel in Cambodia through our sponsorship of our missionary, teach our children about Jesus, and so much more. Now that we are well into the summer months, please remember that you have many ways to give, even if you are not in a worship service. We would like to encourage you to consider automating your giving. Our church website allows you to create an account and set up regular, recurring contributions. Online giving is safe and secure. It's a great way to be intentional about honoring God and being generous. **We now have a new way to give. You can text your donation to either the Ministry Fund and/or the Mortgage and Maintenance Fund** (text to 804-294-3493; in the message, type amount you want to give, space, and then type ministry or mortgage). For more detailed information about ways to give, please visit the church website - click on "About Us/Stewardship/Continue Your Generosity." Your giving matters. Your giving makes an eternal difference.

**Prayer Concerns:** Prayer request cards are in the pew racks and Gathering Room. All information is confidential. Please keep these church members in your prayers.

Joni Baker  
Dave Barnes  
Kaila Blackburn  
Dick Bolon  
Dave Browning  
Betty Dye  
Virginia Ewing  
Bill Fortner  
Janet Friedline  
Elizabeth Gundlach  
Robin Hoerber

Warren Hoerber  
Cade Holliday  
Red Howson  
Bob Lucas  
Don Kennedy  
Mary Helen Kennedy  
Sarah Reed  
Bill Smith  
Marie Strack  
Diane Treadway  
Millie Webb

### Military Members

Spec Austin K. Brown, Army, Overseas  
Christopher Durand, Army, Fort Campbell  
Erin McNeill Durand, Army, Fort Campbell  
Col. Stephanie K. Gerber, Army  
Sgt. Benjamin Gregg, Army, Schofield Barracks  
Sgt. Trevor Jerome, Marines, RS Albany  
Pvt. Nathaniel Johnson, Army, Fort Jackson  
Chp. Donald Smith, Army, Germany  
Sgt. James D. Webb, Army, Germany  
Spec Jason Zinn, Army, Fort Bragg



The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Brent Hawkins on the 7th anniversary of his passing by Richard and Janet Hawkins and family.

We are glad to have you worship with us today. We invite you to make Mt. Pisgah UMC your church home. Please let us know if we can be of any assistance.

**Nursery Care** is available for children age 5 and younger from 9:15 am until 12:15 pm. The church nursery is located in rooms 101 & 103 in the Education building.

**Blessing Bags** are available in the Narthex for young children to use during worship. When the worship service has concluded, please leave the bag and its contents in the bin in the Narthex.

**Hearing Assistance Devices** are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher if you would like to use one of these devices.

**Large Print Hymnals** are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one of these.

*Enjoy our furnishings and help us keep them clean. Please do not bring food or drinks into the Sanctuary; and please, turn off or silence your cell phones.*

**Our Mission:** To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**Purpose Statement:** To celebrate LIFE.

Love God  
Invite others  
Fellowship together  
Engage the community



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Rev. Dr. Robert E. Cooper, *Lead Pastor*  
Zeb Roberts, *Director of Traditional Music and Worship Arts*

## Welcome To Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church July 29, 2018 10th Sunday of Pentecost



### Gathering for Worship

Welcome

Prelude

*Let All Things Now Living*

\* Call to Worship

Leader: We are called to be God's children.

**People: God's love has been poured on us through Jesus Christ!**

Leader: Fear and doubt are gone!

**People: Joy and celebration ring in our hearts!**

Leader: Come, let us raise our voices in song!

**People: Let us offer our hearts and souls to God in prayer and praise.**

**Amen.**

\* Hymn No. 92

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

\* We Affirm Our Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

**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.**

\* The Christian Greeting

**We Hear God's Word Proclaimed**

A Time of Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Hymn Sing

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*Genesis 3:1-7*

Children's Moment 11:00

Sermon Series - *Top 10 Women of the Bible*

Message

*Eve (#5)*

Tom Brown

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, you call us to be people of courage and hope; and yet we run and hide, doubting and fearing. You challenge us to proclaim our faith; but we huddle in darkness, whispering our words of discouragement. Help us to see the presence of Jesus in our lives; and remind us of all that He taught us. Make us truly the disciples you have called us to be. Amen.**

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

*How Can I Keep From Singing*

\* Offering Response No. 95 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving

**We Go Forth**

\* Hymn No. 454

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

\* Dismissal and Benediction

Postlude

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

*\*Please Stand as You Are Able*

*\*\*Old Testament Page in the Pew Bibles*

*No. 1-904 are found in the red United Methodist Hymnal*

*No. 2001 and above are found in the black The Faith We Sing Hymnal*

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Hearing Assistance Devices, Large Print Bulletins and Large Print Hymnals are available. Please ask an Usher.

**Where There is Sin, There is Grace**

When God created humans for his garden, his desire was to create a place where everyone could live in unbroken fellowship: God with man, man with his fellow man, and mankind with all creation. All of those plans went awry when the first humans, Adam and Eve, failed to trust God--mankind's first sin. Eve succumbed to the seductive charms of the serpent and began to question God's motives in withholding the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God undoubtedly had good reasons for forbidding access to that tree, having given them everything they needed or could wish for, elsewhere in the garden. Some believe that God had set them up to fail by providing temptation, while others feel that He was providing a teaching moment: respect for God, humility--accepting dependence on God, and, through humility, fully trusting that God would provide for them--essential for unbroken fellowship with God. We can only speculate on God's reasons, but God created Adam and Eve with a moral compass and free will--the right to choose--apparently because, although He could have created them to mindlessly follow Him, He wanted them to obey Him because they believed in Him and trusted in His word. Sin, unleashed by Eve's bad choice, had consequences for us all. As soon as God approached them and questioned their actions, the blame game commenced. Adam: "Eve tempted me" and Eve: "The serpent deceived me." Neither of them accepted blame for their actions or apologized to God or asked for forgiveness. Repentance begins with acknowledging our sins; only then can we receive God's grace. An admission of wrongdoing by Eve could well have resulted in God's forgiveness and restored fellowship, because what God wants from us is repentance. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9) In spite of their sinfulness, we're told that God mercifully provided clothing for them rather than abandoning them--a sign of God's abiding presence with them in spite of their shameful actions. Christ was sent so that, through repentance and faith in Him, we may regain the gift of eternal life that Adam and Eve forfeited. Don't be seduced by the serpent's cunning! "To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God." (Revelation 2:7)

Marty Hines

**Worship at MPUMC Today** - Unbroken fellowship with God and all of creation. This is the opening scene of the creation narrative. But it would not last. Why not? Other influences led Eve (and Adam) astray.

**Next Sunday** - Life is about making hard choices and choosing priorities. For Ruth, the choice she was about to make would change her life in dramatic ways.



The scripture for next Sunday is shown here with its QR Code.

Scripture for August 5, 2018  
Ruth 1:14-18

**This Week At Mt. Pisgah**

*Who are you going to Invite, Pick up and Bring to church?*

**Wednesday, August 1**

7:30 pm ARISE Rehearsal - CFLC

**Sunday, July 29**

8:15 am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary  
9:15 am Fellowship Time - CFLC  
9:30 am Family Sunday School - CFLC  
10:30 am Fellowship Time - CFLC  
10:45 am ARISE Worship - CFLC  
11:00 am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary  
6:00 pm Youth Group - Game Night - Rev. Amy Crisp's house

**Thursday, August 2**

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry - 217  
4:00 pm Rebekah Circle - Lisa Shipley's house  
7:00 pm District Roundtable - CFLC & 301-303  
8:00 pm NA Meeting - JB Hall

**Friday, August 3**

10:00 am Guitars 4 Vets - JB Hall

**Monday, July 30**

10:30 am Caring and Sharing - Clair Cosby's Home  
6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 897 - JB Hall  
7:00 pm Troop 876 Committee Meeting - 107/109

**Tuesday, July 31**

6:30 am Ecumenical Men's Prayer Breakfast - CFLC B, Kitchen  
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 876 - JB Hall  
7:00 pm Stewardship Branch - 107/109

**The Mission Box Offering for July is for CARITAS.** Its mission is to provide immediate assistance to those in need through the help of over 185 congregations in the Richmond area. Through its three programs – Shelter, Furniture Bank, and Works – CARITAS provides material needs, shelter, food, job training, and school enrollment for children of CARITAS recipients. The final goal is to break the cycle of homelessness and restore stable, productive lives. Mt. Pisgah will host CARITAS August 11-17. Please give to this important local mission and participate in hosting and welcoming our families in August. If you'd like to text your donation, please text to 804-294-3493. In the message portion of the text message, include the amount, space one time, then type CARITAS.

**Our Stewardship of Gifts and Presence—July 22, 2018**

	8:15	10:45	11:00	Total
<b>Attendance</b>	74	38	112	224

We received \$375 for our June mission box, Camp Rainbow. As of July 22, we have received \$485 for our July mission box, CARITAS. Thank you for your generous support of our missions. We have received over \$33,000 in 2018! This includes contributions for our Mission Branch, mission box offerings, partner organizations, and United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).



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