

Service Opportunities

CARITAS Prep - We will be hosting CARITAS August 11-18. To welcome our guests, we will be assembling 40 hygiene kits. Toiletry donations are needed including "travel size" shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, and razors. Please deposit items in the labeled collection bin located in the Gathering Room. If you have any questions, contact Sharon Macauley at 739-1616.

Thank you to all who have donated items for the UMCOR Health Kits! Items donated for the Health Kits are due by Sunday, May 13. Please put your donations in the labeled bins in the Gathering Room. We still need the following items: Hand towels (15x25 up to 17x 27), combs, (large, sturdy, no pocket sized), metal nail files or nail clippers, no toe nail clippers), toothbrushes (no child sized, individually packaged), Band-Aids (adhesive). Contact June Adams at jpasea4ever@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Red Bird Mission Opportunity - Douglas Macauley is coordinating a mission trip to Red Bird Mission in Beverly, KY from June 17 to June 23. If interested in signing up or for more information please contact him at ddmacauley@comcast.net or 380-8082.

Small Groups and Meetings

United Methodist Women - May 18-20 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio will be the "When Women Unite, Bold and Courageous Actions Happen." Registration fee is \$330, which includes two healthy lunches for attendees. Plan now to attend! Members of the Virginia Conference are again going by bus. If you are interested in the details of this trip, be in touch with Joyce Winston at buckrowbeach@gmail.com or mail your interest to her at 2411 E. Pembroke Avenue, Hampton, VA 23664. More information and registration forms are available in the Gathering Room on the UMW Bulletin Board.

Around Mt. Pisgah

Mother's Day Booklet - The United Methodist Women will be publishing booklets to honor and remember mothers. To have a name included please fill out a form found in the Narthex, CFLC, or Gathering Room and turn in \$2/name TODAY.

Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday will be Sunday, May 20. This year we will welcome 15 youth into membership. We will gather as a unified body of Christ at 10:30 am in the CFLC in order to truly welcome these youth and to show them the beauty of the whole Body of Christ here at Mt. Pisgah. We are also reminding everyone to wear red.

Graduate Recognition - Are you or a loved one graduating this year? Whether from high school, college, or beyond we would love to recognize your graduate in worship on June 3. Please submit the person's name and the name of the school from which they are graduating to office@mtpisgahva.org by Sunday, May 27 to be included in the bulletin.

Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School registration is now open! This "preschool edition" of VBS, for children ages 3-5, will take place May 29-31, 9:30 am-12:30 pm. Children must have turned 3 by 10/1/17 and be toilet-trained. Cost is \$10/child. Online registration can be found on the church website. This session fills quickly so don't miss your opportunity to join us for VBS!

Opportunities galore at Rolling River Rampage VBS! We need your help with our preschool-age VBS! This is such a fun time with our little friends and there are so many ways that you can be a part of this experience – for 1 day, 2 days, or all 3 days! Please contact Sarah Johnson at fsj_va@yahoo.com for more information.

What can you do to enhance worship at Mt. Pisgah? Join the Tech Team! We need additional volunteers to run the sound board and Pro-Presenter software for each of our services. No knowledge or experience is necessary to provide this vital service—we'll teach you everything you need to know. Please contact John Kim at kimva@gmail.com or 378-5772 for further information.

Memorial Day Flags - We will be placing American Flags on the graves or niches of US military veterans for Memorial Day this year in the Mt Pisgah Cemetery. If you have a loved one interred in our cemetery or columbarium who served in the armed forces, please contact Dave Irby at 306-9621 or dirby1206@comcast.net so we may honor your family member as well. We don't want to overlook any of our veterans! Thank you!

Altar Flowers - The 2018 flower signup sheet is located in the Narthex. Contact Marie Strack at 379-1281 for more information.

The May-June newsletter can be found on the website. Printed copies are located in the Narthex, CFLC Kiosk, and Gathering Room.

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 in loving memory of my mother, sister, and mother-in-law by Mary Ellin Scarberry.



With sadness we express **Christian sympathy** to the family of **David Elkins Phillips** on his passing on April 25.

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
May 6, 2018
Sixth Sunday of Easter



Gathering for Worship

Welcome

Prelude (8:15) *This is the Day That the Lord Hath Made* Kirk
(11:00) *Praise Unfolding* Eithum

* Call to Worship

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song, a song of hope and rejoicing!

People: Praise God for wonderful acts of mercy and kindness!

Leader: God has remembered God's faithful ones.

People: God has poured blessings upon blessings upon us!

Leader: Praise the Lord, all the earth, shout your praise!

People: Rejoice, for God is truly with us. Amen.

* Hymn No. 347

Spirit Song

* We Affirm Our Faith

Affirmation from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 and Colossians 1:15-20 (No. 888)

Leader: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

People: Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.

Proclamation and Response

Anthem (8:15) *In Remembrance* Red
 (11:00) *Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho* Thompson
 Scripture p. 127** *Acts 8:26-40*
 Children's Moment 11:00
 * Hymn No. 340 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*
 Sermon Series - *The Early Church: Presence, Power, Purpose*
 Message *Portable Faith* Bob Cooper
 Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* The Peace
 Receiving our Tithes and Gifts
 Offertory *Canticle of Faith* Dobrinski
 * Offering Response No. 94 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*
 * Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving No. 2257 B, C, D
 Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
 Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord
 Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
 The Lord's Prayer
 Giving the Bread and the Cup
The serving team at the far left has gluten-free elements
 Prayer following Holy Communion
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending Forth

* Hymn No. 625 *Come, Let Us Eat*
 * Dismissal and Benediction
 Postlude *Majesty* Carter

**Please Stand as You Are Able*
***New 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.

Philip, the Evangelist

Philip is called the "evangelist" to differentiate him from the "apostle" Philip. The term evangelist is used only 3 times in the New Testament: Acts 21:8, Ephesians 4:11 and Timothy 4:5. Philip was appointed as one of 7 men (including Stephen) given the task of seeing that all Jewish widows-Hellenistic as well as Hebraic--were receiving their daily distribution of food, so that the apostles could devote their time to the spreading of the Gospel (Acts 6:1-7). In Acts 21:8, Philip is called "Philip the evangelist, one of the seven". In Ephesians 4:11, evangelists are listed as given by Christ (behind apostles and prophets) "to equip his people for works of service". Biblical evangelists went into areas previously unreached by the Gospel, rather than preaching primarily at revivals as modern day evangelists do. They were the missionaries of their day. In Timothy 4:5, Timothy is told by Paul "to do the work of an evangelist". Mention of Philip personally is limited to the book of Acts-the 2 passages previously referenced and Acts, Chapter 8, in which we are first told that Philip has gone to Samaria and has converted and baptized many. Peter and John were sent there to bless those converts that they might receive the Holy Spirit. Shortly after that, an angel appeared to Philip and told him to go out to a road in the desert to intercept an Ethiopian eunuch who was in charge of the treasury of the queen of Ethiopia. The Holy Spirit instructed him to stay near his chariot, and, when he saw the eunuch was reading from Isaiah, Philip engaged him and, after an invitation, evangelized to him the good news of Jesus, and, at the eunuch's request, baptized him. The eunuch then continued on his journey rejoicing-and undoubtedly sharing the good news in his homeland, and Philip continued evangelizing. During this time period, many disciples fled Jerusalem after Saul (prior to his conversion) ordered Stephen stoned to death and similar persecutions of the Jerusalem disciples escalated. This may have been God's method of spreading the Gospel abroad-outside of Jerusalem where it had been confined. Philip left his ministry when God called, to fulfill a need, and maybe we need to take a lesson from that-not to limit ourselves to always serving in the same capacity, but to be flexible and willing to heed a new call to service when the need arises. Be ready to step out of your comfort zone!

Marty Hines

Worship at MPUMC Today - Philip finds himself in the middle of nowhere. Why is he there? As followers of Jesus, our faith is not stationary. Rather it is portable, mobile, and on the move-like the Holy Spirit.

Next Sunday - "Prayer is not enough" we are told in the aftermath of tragedies. This may be true if our prayers are casual and passive. But when our prayers are passionate and fervent, prayer is the most significant thing we can do.



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

Scripture for May 13, 2018
 Acts 12:1-5

This Week At Mt. Pisgah

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

Sunday, May 6

8:15 am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
 9:15 am Fellowship Time - CFLC
 9:30 am Confirmation - JB Hall
 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages
 10:30 am Fellowship Time - CFLC
 10:45 am ARISE Worship - CFLC
 11:00 am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
 3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 344 - 107/109
 3:00 pm Troop 876 - 214
 3:00 pm Youth Choir - Music Room
 4:00 pm Cub Scout Den 9 - JB Hall
 4:00 pm Youth Group - CFLC & 301-303
 5:00 pm Youth Band - CFLC
 5:00 pm Youth Parent Meeting - CFLC
 7:30 pm Cub Scout Leaders - 107/109

Monday, May 7

10:30 am Caring and Sharing - Clair Cosby's Home
 11:00 am Staff Meeting - 303
 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 897 - JB Hall
 6:30 pm Girl Scout Leaders - 107/109
 6:30 pm Trustees Branch - 214
 7:30 pm ARISE Design Team - 303

Tuesday, May 8

6:30 am Ecumenical Men's Prayer Breakfast - CFLC B, Kitchen
 9:30 am Kindermusik - 209
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 876 - JB Hall
 7:00 pm Stewardship Branch - 107/109
 7:30 pm Troop 897 Committee - 217

Wednesday, May 9

11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study - 107/109
 6:00 pm Carol Bells - 206
 6:00 pm Cherub Choir - 209
 6:00 pm Youth Bells - Music Room
 6:45 pm Carol Choir - 211
 6:45 pm ECHO - 301/302
 7:30 pm ARISE Rehearsal - CFLC
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir - Music Room

Thursday, May 10

6:00 pm Den 2 Pack 876 - 214
 6:15 pm Tiger Den 4 - CFLC, 301
 7:00 pm Rebekah Circle - 107/109
 7:00 pm Chancel Bells - Music Room
 8:00 pm NA Meeting - JB Hall

Friday, May 11

10:00 am Guitars 4 Vets - JB Hall
 10:30 am Prayer Group - Clair Cosby's Home
 5:30 pm Drama Kids - 107/109

Saturday, May 12

8:00 am Comfort Zone Camp - CFLC

The Mission Box Offering for May will go to the Annual Conference mission donation which hopes to raise \$200,000 from the Virginia Conference churches. Bishop Sharma Lewis is requesting contributions to support the following eight ministries: Cambodia: \$50,000 - Church Growth and Development and Community Health & Agriculture Development; Brazil: \$25,000 - Shade and Fresh Water Ministry with Children; Mozambique: \$25,000 - Lay Leadership Development; Native Americans: \$10,000 - Support for Volunteers in Mission teams working with Native American Ministry and Tribal Youth; Cuba Recovery: \$25,000 - Hurricane Recovery for Churches in Cuba; Haiti: \$25,000 - Funds to support Volunteers in Mission teams to Haiti; Puerto Rico Recovery: \$25,000 - Hurricane Recovery support for Puerto Rican churches; Moscow Seminary: \$15,000 - Support for student scholarships. You can write a check to Mt. Pisgah UMC and write May Mission Box in the memo. 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 annconf.

Our Stewardship of Gifts and Presence—April 29, 2018

	8:15	10:45	11:00	Total
Attendance	107	50	162	319

We have received \$590 for our April mission box, the scholarship fund at Westview on the James. This offering will help more children attend summer camp so they can have a deeper relationship with God. Additionally, the Mission Branch has received \$20,274 this year from contributions marked for missions. Thank you for your generous support of our missions.



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