

Service Opportunities

UMCOR Baby Layette Kits - Mt. Pisgah UMC will be collecting for the UMCOR Baby Layette Kits until February 18. A detailed list of requested items is available in the Gathering Room. Place your donations by February 18 in the labeled bin in the Gathering Room. If you have any questions, contact June Adams at jpasea4ever@gmail.com or 379-0096. Thank you for your donations!

The Worship Branch is looking for assistance with several areas of Worship. If you are looking for a way to become involved at our church, get to know more of the people and more importantly assist in making worship at Mt Pisgah meaningful. We are currently looking for Acolyte Coordinator, Scripture Reader Coordinator, and Arise Service Altar Coordinator. Contact Brenda Sizer at brendasizer@yahoo.com if you are interested in becoming involved in one of these areas.

Connecting with the Community - We have volunteer opportunities here in our community with J. B. Watkins Elementary School. The school is in need of a few volunteers to help as lunch buddies for kindergarten children in the main lunchroom from 10:55 am to 11:55 am through the school year. Visit the church webpage to sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Helen Davison at helen.davison@comcast.net.

Small Groups and Meetings

Hearts of Justice Tea on February 17 at Ramsey Memorial UMC - The speaker this year is Rev. Ben Campbell. Rev. Campbell is an Episcopal priest who for decades has been a champion of racial reconciliation, social justice, and ecumenical activities in Richmond. Registration will be at 9:30 am with the program from 10 am until 12 pm. More information is located on the UMW Bulletin Board in the Gathering Room.

Upcoming Bible Study for Lent: *Made for a Miracle* - Join us each Wednesday beginning February 21 in room 107/109 at 11 am and 6:30 pm during the Season of Lent for a new study entitled *Made for a Miracle* by Mike Slaughter. We are going to explore some of the great miracle stories in the Bible. Visit the church webpage to sign up. Study books will be available from the church office beginning February 14.

The Spring Tea will be held Saturday, March 10, beginning at 3 pm. Ladies and girls of all ages are invited to join us for this wonderful afternoon of fellowship. More information coming soon! If you would like to host a table for the tea please contact Kay Adams at children@mtpisgahva.org.

There is a Soul Art workshop on Saturday, March 17, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm in room 301/302. This workshop is open to all adult women at Mt. Pisgah. Absolutely no art experience is necessary. Light snacks and drinks will be provided. A \$5 fee will be collected to cover the cost of supplies. Space is limited. Please register before March 3. For additional information or to register, contact Kristin Blankenship at twofromjmu@verizon.net or 378-0767.

Get some exercise and help Mt. Pisgah! If spring is approaching, then it's time for the Westchester Shamrock 5K & Kids' 1K Fun Run, on Saturday, March 17! Mt. Pisgah has fielded a team of runners, walkers and volunteers for the last two years and has won a \$500 prize each of those years for having one of the largest teams. Cost is \$25 to run or walk, \$15 for the kids' fun run, and free to volunteer. You can register at www.westchestersharmrock.com (click Register Now or Volunteer) as part of Team Mt. Pisgah UMC (password: pisgah). Prices go up a bit after February 28, so register soon! For more information, contact Dan Farrell (runners) at dfarrell999@verizon.net or Mary Ellin Scarberry (volunteers) at mary.ellin@gmail.com.

Time of Prayer - During Lent, the chapel will be open each Wednesday from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm for prayer. There is no set program and you can stay as long as you'd like. A handout of prayers and scriptures will be available for your use. As you focus on spiritual disciplines during Lent, we encourage you to come and pray.

Around Mt. Pisgah

The next JB Hall future town hall meeting will be Sunday, February 18 at 12:15 pm in the sanctuary. At this meeting the JB Future Committee will provide answers to some questions raised at the last town hall. Further discussion and ideas are welcome and encouraged.

Annual Veterans Fellowship Dinner - On February 25 we will again be hosting veterans from the Spinal Cord Injury Unit at McGuire Hospital. Now in its 9th year, this covered dish dinner is one of our best-attended and supported fellowship dinners throughout the year. Members of the Youth Group and Boy Scout Troop 897 will be on hand to lend assistance, and Guitars 4 Vets will provide entertainment. Come on out and help us support these men and women who served our country. Questions? Want to help? Contact Mike Lewandowski at 512-6769.

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
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, Fort Lee
Spec Jason Zinn, Army, Fort Bragg



The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of my compassionate and loving wife Marie, on her Valentine birthday on February 14, by George Strack.



The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Polly Gregg's birthday on February 9, by Margaret Gregg.

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.

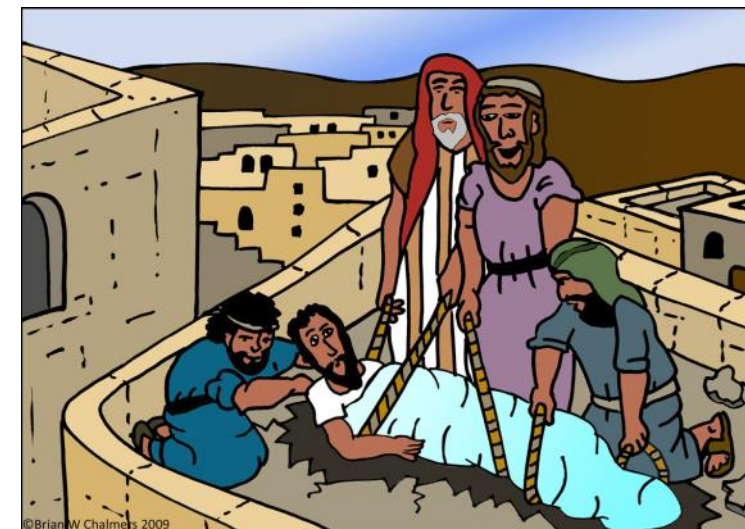
Purpose Statement: To celebrate LIFE.

Love God
Invite others
Fellowship together
Engage the community



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Zeb Roberts, *Director of Traditional Music and Worship Arts*

Welcome To Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church February 11, 2018 Transfiguration Sunday Children's Sunday



Gathering for Worship

Welcome

Prelude

* Call to Worship

Leader: We gather as the faithful of God; we come to listen to what God has to say to us.

People: God has invited us to this place; may our faces reflect our hopes and our hearts.

Leader: We gather as the faithful of God, people of the new covenant of hope and of promise.

People: We boldly enter into the presence of God, hoping to be transformed into new people.

Leader: We gather as the faithful of God, our fears melting away in the heart of God.

People: We come to share in the freedom of the Spirit. We come to praise God's holy name!

* Hymn No. 57

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

* 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.

Anthem (11:00) *This Little Light of Mine* Traditional
Scripture p. 36** *Mark 2:1-12*

* Hymn No. 371 *I Stand Amazed in the Presence*

Message *Drop the Blanket* Kay Adams

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we insist on our own way. We think we know what we are doing. We think we know better. We think that our way is the right way. Forgive us for not seeking your ways. Forgive us for not silencing our egos and listening to the needs of others. Forgive us for justifying ourselves and our way of living while others have less than they need. Call us back into your ways of love and justice, humility and mercy. In the name of Christ, whom we follow, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Leader: No matter how many times it is said, it bears repeating: God loves us, God forgives us, God heals us, God restores us to new life.

People: **This is Good News! God listens to our words, fills us with grace, and sends us forth to proclaim the gospel to others. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory (11:00) *Kumbaya* Arr. Sjolund

* Offering Response No. 94 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Go Forth

* Hymn No. 467 *Trust and Obey*

* Dismissal and Benediction

Postlude

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.

Listen to Him

Today we celebrate the Transfiguration of Christ. The word transfiguration has Latin roots and means to change form or appearance. Jesus took his disciples Peter, James and John to a nearby mountain, and Matthew tells us (17:2), "There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light." Mark says that Jesus' clothes were "dazzling white" (9:7), and Luke says "his clothes became as bright as lightning" (9:35). These are descriptions of the vision of the glory of Christ in God's Kingdom. The light brought into the world at Bethlehem's stable has been revealed in ever-increasing intensity as it has spread throughout the known world, and now is seen emanating from Jesus himself-the Light of the World. Elijah and Moses appeared in conversation with Jesus, and then they were enveloped in a cloud, and the voice of God boomed from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." (17:5). God spoke these same words at Jesus' baptism, but this time He adds, "Listen to him!" This is an important addition, because God seems to be saying, 'have faith in Jesus, because his words are the Father's words; he is my messenger and has my authority, and faith has been described as taking God at His word. It was important that the disciples come away from this dramatic display with a deeper belief in Jesus as the Son of God, in anticipation of the difficult times to come when their faith in him would be tested. Jesus tells us, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6) Jesus, appointed by the Father to lead us, shows us the way to salvation through faith by his obedience, which meant making the ultimate sacrifice for us. Jesus is the fulfillment of all God's promises to mankind-the connection between mortals and the immortal, as displayed on the mount of Transfiguration. On this last Sunday of the season of Epiphany, we remember that throughout his years of ministry, Jesus traveled about performing miraculous healings, revealing his divine ability to heal those who had faith, but also showing his caring, compassion and commitment to alleviating the suffering of those around him. It is a reminder to us that we are called to be "Epiphanies", manifesting Christ in our lives by going forth into our world to share the light of Christ's love.

Marty Hines

Ash Wednesday Service & Soup Dinner

There will be two opportunities for worship on Ash Wednesday, February 14.

1:00 pm in the Chapel
7:30 pm in the Sanctuary

The youth will be hosting a soup dinner from 5:30 to 7 pm in the CFLC. We will take up a love offering, and proceeds will benefit our 2018 summer mission trip to Pittsburgh. Join us for some delicious homemade soups!



Worship at MPUMC Today - Sometimes things paralyze us. Can faith free us?

Can we let go - of our worries, of our concerns for others, of our insecurities - and trust God to meet our needs?

Next Sunday - In the modern world, we are used to having control over so many things. We often fail to seek God's will for our lives as we try to call all the shots. God wants us to have the final say in the direction of our lives.

The scripture for next Sunday is shown here with its QR Code. Scripture for February 18, 2018 Matthew 4:1-11



This Week At Mt. Pisgah

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

Sunday, February 11

- 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
- 12:15 pm Church Wide Luncheon - CFLC
- 12:30 pm Leadership Orientation - CFLC
- 3:00 pm Youth Choir - Music Room
- 4:00 pm Youth Group - CFLC & Rooms 301-303
- 5:00 pm Youth Band - CFLC
- 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack Leaders - 107/109

Monday, February 12

- 9:00 am UMW Puppet Team Practice - 304
- 10:30 am Caring and Sharing - Clair Cosby's Home
- 4:30 pm Upward Basketball Practice - CFLC
- 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 897 - JB Hall
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts Den 3 - 301/302
- 6:30 pm Worship Branch - 107/109
- 7:00 pm JB Hall Future Committee - 214

Tuesday, February 13

- 6:30 am Ecumenical Men's Prayer Breakfast - CFLC B, Kitchen
- 9:30 am Kindermusik - 209
- 10:00 am MOPS - 107/109

Tuesday, February 13 (Cont.)

- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 876 - Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm Troop 897 Committee Meeting - 217

Wednesday, February 14

- 9:00 am UMW Puppet Team Practice - 304
- 1:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service - Chapel
- 5:30 pm Ash Wednesday Soup Dinner - CFLC
- 7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary

Thursday, February 15

- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Meeting - 303
- 6:00 pm Epiphany Team - Chapel & 107/109
- 6:30 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting - CFLC
- 7:00 pm Thursday Night Small Group - Kirns' Home
- 7:00 pm Chancel Bells - Music Room
- 8:00 pm NA Meeting - JB Hall

Friday, February 16

- 10:00 am Guitars 4 Vets - JB Hall
- 10:30 am Prayer Group - Clair Cosby's Home
- 4:30 pm Upward Basketball Setup - CFLC, 301-304
- 5:30 pm Drama Kids - 107/109
- 6:00 pm Epiphany Team - JB Hall & Chapel

Saturday, February 17

- 8:00 am Upward Basketball Games - CFLC 301-304

The Mission Box Offering for February is for Heart Havens. This non-profit organization was created in 1996 by the Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Heart Havens supports men and women with intellectual disabilities by building and operating 12 group homes throughout Virginia. Please help support this mission in your own backyard by donating, volunteering, or advocating for Heart Havens. Please make out checks to Mt. Pisgah UMC and put Heart Havens in the memo. For more information: www.hearthavens.org | 804-237-6097 | info@hearthavens.org

Our Stewardship of Gifts and Presence—February 4, 2018

	8:15	10:45	11:00	Total
Attendance	91	52	149	292

Year-End Report from Finance Branch: Mt. Pisgah ended 2017 favorably receiving \$775,832 for the Ministry Fund while expenses totaled \$728,965. This created a surplus that allowed us to send an additional payment to the Conference for our 2017 apportionments. Mt. Pisgah was able to pay 93% (\$120,773) of our District and Conference apportionments for 2017. The Mortgage & Maintenance Fund received \$211,595 for 2017. All mortgage expenses were paid and \$33,520 was placed in the Maintenance Fund. The amount pledged for 2017 was \$561,888 for the Ministry Fund and \$212,776 for the Mortgage & Maintenance Fund.

The 2018 budget is \$750,000 for the Ministry Fund and so far we have \$561,644 pledged. For the Mortgage & Maintenance Fund the 2018 budget is \$221,748 and we have \$196,124 pledged.