

Service Opportunities

Friends of the Homeless Bag Lunches - Friends of the Homeless meets the needs of underprivileged and homeless Richmonders in many ways, primarily by providing a nutritious lunch daily at two inner-city locations. On the first Monday of each month, Mt. Pisgah provides lunch for approximately 75 at the Broomfield CME church location. You can feed your hungry brothers and sisters in the Richmond area by preparing bag lunches this summer. The dates for this summer are: July 2, and August 6. Visit the church webpage to sign up or contact the church office.

Peanut Butter Donation - With the school year coming to a close, this also means that weekend backpack programs, which provide food to children from low-income families, will end. At this time of year, FeedMore needs to increase its food inventory. One of the key staple items is peanut butter. How can you help FeedMore? Please donate peanut butter (any size, either creamy or crunchy) and place it in the designated container in the Gathering Room by July 1. Thanks for caring for and helping feed those less fortunate.

Tending the Community Garden - Our FOUR raised bed gardens are producing vegetables for Belmont's food pantry. This is a local mission project of the church. The fresh produce is a wonderful gift to those in need. You can help by signing up to weed, water and harvest on Sundays and Wednesdays. No expertise needed. We will be happy to train anyone who is able to help. Visit the church webpage to sign up. If you have questions or need some instructions, please contact Karen Rush at 794-2704 or Jeff Wing at 317-5929 or jwing23114@yahoo.com.

Small Groups and Meetings

Annual Conference, the yearly business meeting of all Virginia churches, will be held from Friday, June 15 to Sunday, June 17 at The Hampton Roads Convention Center in Hampton. Live streaming of the 2018 Virginia Annual Conference will be available, beginning at 1 pm on Friday, June 15, from the Virginia Conference website at www.vaumc.org. Please keep the Annual Conference in your prayers, asking that God's will be done.

Everyone's Invited to Sunday School! On **June 24**, we will gather as a church family for Sunday School. We will meet in the CFLC (B) at 9:30 am. ALL adults, youth, and children are encouraged to participate in these special times of learning and fellowship as we study God's Word together! EVERYONE is welcome!!

Around Mt. Pisgah

Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School is coming again! Our second session of VBS, this time for rising 1st-6th graders, will be July 9-13, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Cost for VBS is \$15/child with a \$30 family max; 1 CD with all the VBS music is included per family. Online registration for this session is now open! Please visit the church website to register for VBS. For more information about Rolling River Rampage, please contact Kay Adams, Director of Children's Ministries.

Rolling River Rampage Needs YOU! We need LOTS of support to help make VBS amazing for all the kids! Please prayerfully consider how you can help with VBS. You don't have to commit to every day - we can use your help throughout the week of July 9-13! We have jobs for every interest - from crafts to recreation to storytelling to snacks - so don't be shy!! Please contact Kay Adams for more information.

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

July/August Newsletter - The deadline for the July/August newsletter is Friday, June 15. Please submit your articles to William Marriott at office@mtpisgahva.org.

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.

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
Jeff Mullin
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 honor of Dayna Scarberry on her graduation from Christopher Newport University. With love from Mary Ellin Scarberry.

Welcome!

This morning at the 11:00 am service we are welcoming Hugh Burkhart into membership.

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



1100 Mt. Pisgah Drive, Midlothian, VA 23113
Telephone:(804) 794-5856 - Facsimile:(804) 379-3970
Email: office@mtpisgahva.org - Website: www.mtpisgahva.org
Preschool: (804) 794-1720, preschool@mtpisgahva.org
Rev. Dr. Robert E. Cooper, *Lead Pastor*
Zeb Roberts, *Director of Traditional Music and Worship Arts*

Welcome To
Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church
June 10, 2018
3rd Sunday of Pentecost



Gathering for Worship

Welcome

Prelude

Bound for the Promised Land

Hakes

* Call to Worship

Leader: In all times and in all places, God is with us.

People: God's love flows over and around us, lifting us in hope.

Leader: Shout for joy!

People: Sing praises to God! Make us ready to serve you, Lord Jesus.

* Hymn No. 2140

Since Jesus Came into My Heart

* 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 *The Morning Trumpet* Thompson
 Scripture p. 155** *Romans 5:1-5*

Children's Moment 11:00

* Hymn No. 2128 *Come and Find the Quiet Center*

Sermon Series - *Things That Last: Faith, Hope, and Love*
 Message *The Power of Hope* Bob Cooper

Prayer of Confession

Lord, forgive us when we see your miracles all around us and still doubt your power, presence and love. Forgive us when we treat each other with careless indifference or with malice. Create in our hearts confidence and hope. From our lives fashion the most delightful miracles that can serve you through acts of mercy and kindness. Free us to receive your blessings and to seek ways we can serve you. Heal our wounded hearts. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

Reception of New Members 11:00

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory *Grazioso* Sherman

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

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Go Forth

* Hymn No. 368 *My Hope is Built*

* 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
 † † †

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

Hope in God's Promises

Usually, when we speak of hope, we are trying to sound positive while feeling or experiencing uncertainty or doubt that something good actually will happen or come to pass. We tell terminally ill friends that we hope they get well soon. We say that we hope that the rain stops before a planned outdoor activity, in spite of a weather forecast for all-day rain. That's a "cross your fingers that you bought the winning lottery ticket" kind of hope for a desired outcome. A Biblical definition of hope involves more than just a desire for something good to happen in the future. Biblical hope is an expression of confident expectation that something good will happen to fulfill that desire. Hope is something that should not waver, because it is rooted in the faithfulness of God. Faith and hope have almost synonymous meanings; hope is that part of faith that focuses on the future. In biblical terms, faith is full trust and confidence in the word of God, and when faith is directed to the future, it is called hope. The foundation of that confidence is belief in the promises of God; we are sure we can expect great things from God. When God told Abraham that he would have a son--in his old age and with a barren wife--Abraham had strong faith in God's reliability to deliver on his word, and his hope for the future fulfillment of that promise was the result of his faith. God's reputation was at stake, and God delivered. As convicted Christians, we believe with certainty that the future that we hope for in eternity will definitely occur. We are fully assured of the fulfillment of God's promise of salvation because Christ paid the ultimate price for our salvation and assurance of eternal life, in accordance with God's plan. Biblical hope deals with things we can't see or haven't received or both. "For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one also hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it." (Romans 8:24-25) Hope helps us persevere and continue moving forward and helps us to see past disappointment, suffering and loss, sustaining us in the knowledge that there's something better awaiting believers. "Be like those who stay the course with committed faith and then get everything promised to them." (Hebrews 6:12, MSG)

Marty Hines

Worship at MPUMC Today - We've all been disappointed-in others, in ourselves, even in God. Life has a way of being underwhelming sometimes. So where does hope fit into all of this?

Next Sunday - The word "Love" is one of the most abused words in the English language. Its meaning has been diluted. Is there a fuller understanding of this word that seems so hard to define?



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

Scripture for June 17, 2018
 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

This Week At Mt. Pisgah

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

Wednesday, June 13

7:00 pm Mission Branch - 214
 7:30 pm ARISE Rehearsal - CFLC

Sunday, June 10

8:15 am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
 9:15 am Fellowship Time - CFLC
 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

Thursday, June 14

6:15 pm Tiger Den 4 - CFLC & 301
 7:00 pm Rebekah Circle - 107/109
 8:00 pm NA Meeting - JB Hall

Friday, June 15

10:00 am Guitars 4 Vets - JB Hall
 10:30 am Prayer Group - Clair Cosby's Home

Monday, June 11

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 Eagle Scout Court of Honor Troop 897 - CFLC
 6:30 pm Worship Branch - 107/109

Tuesday, June 12

6:30 am Ecumenical Men's Prayer Breakfast - CFLC B, Kitchen
 9:30 am Kindermusik - 304
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 876 - JB Hall
 7:00 pm Nominations & Leadership Branch - 303
 7:00 pm Financial Class - 214
 7:30 pm Troop 897 Committee Meeting - 217

The Mission Box Offering for June will be given to Camp Rainbow Connection, a week-long respite camp held once in June and once in July for individuals with intellectual disabilities. A ministry of the Commission on Disabilities of the Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church, it has been in operation since 1985. Campers participate in a variety of activities including Bible class, music, arts and crafts, games, dancing, and special activities. Camp Rainbow is a continuation of Christ's ministry where campers and staff of all races and religions experience Christian love. Please give generously to help these often forgotten campers have a great summer experience. 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 rainbow.

Our Stewardship of Gifts and Presence—June 3, 2018

	8:15	10:45	11:00	Total
Attendance	68	69	131	268

As of May 31, we have received \$331,262 for the 2018 Ministry Fund budget. Expenses through May total \$297,395 giving us a surplus of \$33,867.

The 2018 Mortgage & Maintenance Fund budget has received \$95,770. This has covered our mortgage payments with the extra principal payments and \$22,170 has been added to the maintenance fund this year.



QR code for online giving