

Service Opportunities

Thanksgiving Bags - Bags are due today in the Gathering Room. Thank you for your generosity.

Host Families Needed - Two Chilean students will travel to Richmond for two months (December 17 through February 15). Each student has met high standards of academic accomplishments, English aptitude, and church involvement. For information about Bastin (17 year old boy) and Maria Fancisca (16 year old girl), search Chilean Youth Exchange Program on Facebook or contact coordinator, Cheryl Lafferty at 314-4925 or cheryllafferty@msn.com. Deadline is December 1 and references from previous host families are available.

Salvation Army Stockings - Every year we fill Salvation Army Stockings. The empty stockings are on the UMW bulletin board in the Gathering Room. They need to be returned to the Gathering Room by Sunday, December 3. Questions, contact Kay Smith at 370-1591.

Volunteers for Hopkins Elementary - If you would like to show God's love to the children of Hopkins Elementary School, please prayerfully consider becoming a volunteer. This only requires an hour a week. Call or email Kathy Epperson at kathyne2010@gmail.com or 794-6612 or for information or to sign up.

Small Groups and Meetings

Charge Conference - There will be a Charge Conference this afternoon at 3 pm. We will be meeting at Good Shepherd UMC (9155 Hungary Road).

Where Two or More Are Gathered - Please join us on Wednesday, November 15 from 6 pm to 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary for our monthly opportunity to pray together as a church body. We will uphold the needs of our nation, our community, and our church as we seek God's face for power to live for Him in challenging times. All are welcome and invite your friends and neighbors to join us.

Service of Thanksgiving - There will be a Service of Thanksgiving on Tuesday, November 21, in the Sanctuary at 7:30 pm.

Church Conference - There will be a Church Conference on Sunday, December 3, at 12:15 pm in the CFLC. We will be voting on our Nominations Report, budgetary items, and other business.

Around Mt. Pisgah

Poinsettia orders are due Sunday, November 19. The cost is \$12.50 each and order forms can be found in the Narthex, Christian Family Life Center (CFLC), or Gathering Room. Help make our church buildings look festive for Advent while honoring a loved one!

Angel Breakfast - You're invited to join us for the Angel Breakfast on Saturday, December 2, starting at 9 am! We will have a delicious pancake breakfast, an angel "selfie" station, angel crafts and games, puppet shows, and storytime. This event is open to the community so please invite your friends and neighbors to bring the whole family for a morning of fellowship to start the Advent/Christmas season! Tickets will be available from the church office beginning November 15. Tickets are \$5/person; children under age 3 are free. For more information, please email Kay Adams at children@mtpisgahva.org.

Concert Set Up - The Richmond Concert Band will present a free Christmas Concert in the CFLC on Tuesday, December 5 at 7 pm. We are seeking a few volunteers to help set up the CFLC for this popular community event. Set up will begin at 4 pm. Please contact William Marriott in the church office to volunteer.

The November/December newsletter can be found on the website. Printed copies are located in the Narthex, CFLC Kiosk, and Gathering Room.

Want to know more about what is going on at Mt. Pisgah? Weekly e-mails are sent with information about upcoming events and mission opportunities. To be added to the distribution list, please contact William Marriott in the church office at office@mtpisgahva.org.

Altar Flowers - The 2017 flower signup sheet is located in the Narthex. There is currently an opening for Sunday, November 26. Contact Marie Strack at 379-1281 for more information.

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
Nelson Bowen
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
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 loving memory of Milton on his birthday on November 15 by Marjorie Cheatham.



With sadness we express **Christian sympathy** to **Conley Poole** and family on the passing of his brother Dale Poole.

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.

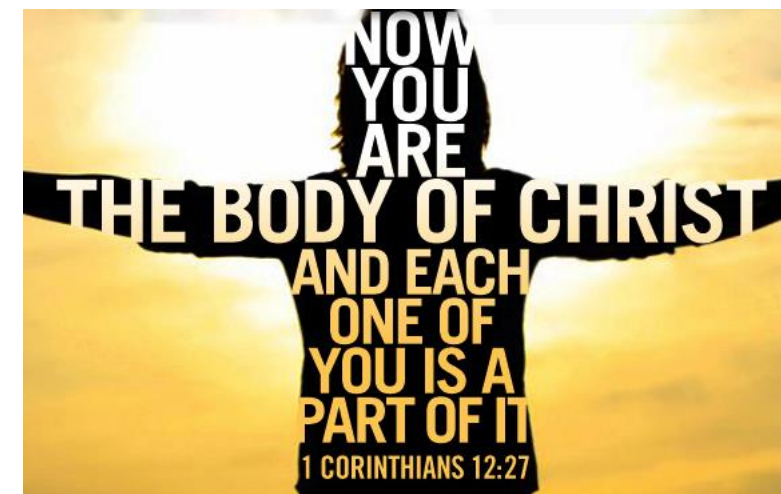
Purpose Statement: To celebrate LIFE.

Love God
Invite others
Fellowship together
Engage the community



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Rev. Dr. Robert E. Cooper, *Lead Pastor*
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Welcome To
Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church
November 12, 2017
Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost



Gathering for Worship

Welcome

Prelude

A Simple Song of Joy

Keller

* Call to Worship

Leader: Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead.

People: Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed.

Leader: Clear the chaos and the clutter

People: Clear our eyes that we can see all the things that really matter. Be at peace and simply be. Amen.

* Hymn No. 2128

Come and Find the Quiet Center

* We Affirm Our Faith

A Modern Affirmation

Pastor:

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

Pastor and People:

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. 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 *Many Gifts, One Spirit* Pote

Scripture p. 174 ** *1 Corinthians 12:12-31*

Anthem *Jesus Loves Me*

Children's Moment 11:00

* Hymn No. 2158 *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

Message *The Church United* Bob Cooper

Prayer of Confession

Lord, forgive us when we so easily turn our backs on you; when we choose not to help in times of need; when we utter words of anger and bitterness as ways to relate to one another. Heal our hearts and our wounded spirits. Lift us from the depths of our anguish into the light of your love that we may serve you faithfully. When the darkness becomes oppressive and we cling to our fears, O Lord, forgive us. Open our hearts and release us from all those things which block us from your love, for we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

A Season of Thanksgiving: Mt. Pisgah Preschool

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

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

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Go Forth

* Hymn No. 545 *The Church's One Foundation*

* Dismissal and Benediction

Postlude

**Please stand as you are able*

*** New Testament page number in the pew Bibles*

Numbers 1-904 are found in the red United Methodist Hymnal

Numbers 2001 and above are found in the black The Faith We Sing Hymnal

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The "Living" Body of Christ

In 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, Paul uses various parts of the human body to demonstrate the importance of every individual as a part of Christ's body-the church. The church is not just an organization--it's an organism--a living body made up of individuals, each having a role in the life of the church. Some roles are more visible than others, but all are important. Smooth interaction of all those roles is necessary to keep the church's life healthy, just as every part of our physical body must work together to enable it to function. We were not meant as Christians to live alone; within our congregations, we receive God's Word, and the love of those in the body surrounds and supports us. Acting together as this living organism to further Christ's mission, we can care for and advance each other, the community around us and the greater world community. When we recognize our interdependence and work together, we can do remarkable things in the power of Christ who gives us strength, as Paul tells us in Philippians 4:13. On the Day of Pentecost, Christ returned to his devoted disciples in the Spirit, filling them with the power of his Spirit, and, with this new power and insight, the Apostles began their mission of bringing more souls to Christ. Soon persecution in Jerusalem caused the Apostles and the new Jewish converts to flee the city for surrounding areas, and the gentle converts from foreign lands returned home. All were so excited and enthusiastic with the infusion of the Spirit that they eagerly spread the Word and told of the events of Pentecost to everyone they encountered. Since all in attendance heard the Pentecost message in their own language, they left equipped for mission. Through the witness of these believers and the work of the Apostles, Christ himself was gathering his body-the church-together, from all the nations of the earth, in a carefully orchestrated manner. Christians first gathered in homes to worship, as the faith was spread by ordinary, humble believers whose names haven't survived, but whose witness to others enabled the small, hated Christian movement originating in a small corner of Palestine to survive in the face of empire-wide persecution and become--against all odds--the dominant religion of the Roman Empire by 313 AD. This was God's plan--ordinary people each with a job to do within the body, gathered together and helping each other while reaching out, spreading God's love and extending welcoming hands to any who would join them.

Marty Hines

The Mission Box Offering for November will be given to Shalom Farms. Begun in 2008, Shalom Farms is a nonprofit community farm project with the goal of increasing food security in the Richmond region, particularly in low-income urban neighborhoods. The goals are achieved by providing fresh and healthy produce to underserved communities, providing educational training on growing food, nutrition, and food-based entrepreneurship, and linking community groups to a wide range of food security resources and committed partners including: Belmont Food Pantry, United Methodist Urban Ministries of Richmond, Camp Westview on the James, Virginia Cooperative Extension, FeedMore (Central Virginia Food Bank), Richmond Public Schools, Society of St. Andrew, and others. Your donations will help grow healthy food, families, and friends.

Worship at MPUMC Today - What does it mean to be part of the Body of Christ? Our faith is not practiced in isolation. We are linked together, Christ made manifest in our community and the world.

Next Sunday - What does it mean to be part of the Body of Christ? The early church had characteristics that made them unique to the dominant culture. They were devoted to certain things and had all things in common.



Scripture for November 19, 2017

Acts 2:42-47

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

This Week At Mt. Pisgah

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

Sunday, November 12

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 Charge Conference - Good Shepherd UMC
 3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 344 - 107/109
 3:00 pm Youth Choir - Music Room
 5:00 pm Youth Band - CFLC
 7:30 pm Cub Scout Pack Leaders - 107/109

Monday, November 13

9:00 am UMW Puppet Team Practice - 217 & 304
 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 Cub Scouts Den 3 - CFLC
 6:30 pm Worship Branch - 107/109

Tuesday, November 14

6:30 am Ecumenical Men's Prayer Breakfast - CFLC B, Kitchen
 10:00 am MOPS - 107/109
 10:30 am Kindermusik - 209
 6:15 pm Bear Den 8 - 107/109
 6:30 pm Beth Moore Study - 214
 6:30 pm Preschool Council - 303
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 876 - JB Hall
 7:30 pm Troop 897 Committee Meeting - 217

Wednesday, November 15

11:00 am Pastors' Bible Study - 107/109
 12:00 pm Watlington-Bowen Circle - 214
 6:00 pm When Two or More Gather - Sanctuary
 6:00 pm Carol Bells - 206
 6:00 pm Cherub Choir - 209
 6:00 pm Youth Bells - Music Room
 6:30 pm Pastors' Bible Study - 107/109
 6:45 pm Carol Choir - 211
 6:45 pm ECHO (Small Group) - 301-302
 7:30 pm ARISE Rehearsal - CFLC
 7:30 pm Finance Branch - 107/109
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir - Music Room

Thursday, November 16

6:30 pm Midlothian Ruritan Club - CFLC
 7:00 pm Chancel Bells - Music Room
 7:00 pm JB Hall Future Committee - 214
 8:00 pm NA Meeting - JB Hall

Friday, November 17

10:00 am Guitars 4 Vets - JB Hall
 10:30 am Prayer Group - Clair Cosby's Home
 12:30 pm CJW Bridge - CFLC
 5:30 pm Modern Quilt Guild - CFLC
 5:30 pm Drama Kids - 107/109

Saturday, November 18

12:00 pm Thanks and Giving - JB Hall

Our Stewardship of Gifts and Presence—November 5, 2017

	8:15	10:45	11:00	Total
Attendance	82	53	195	330

Defying Gravity Update - As of November 5, we have received \$470,384 from 125 families for the Ministry Fund and \$159,414 from 101 families for the Mortgage & Maintenance Fund. Thank you to those who have pledged; we appreciate your generosity.

If you have not pledged yet, you still can. Pledge cards are located in the pew racks and in the Gathering Room (on the window ledge). Through your financial investment, you have a great opportunity to participate in God's work in this world and make an eternal difference. We have been blessed by a generous God so we can be a blessing to others.



QR code for online giving