

Service Opportunities

Rise Against Hunger - Please join us for a meal packing event on Saturday, November 11 from 10 am to 12 pm in the CFLC. Rise Against Hunger (formerly Stop Hunger Now) is a fun mission project for all ages. We will be packing over 10,000 meals, which will impact 60,000 people in need of food around the world. Visit the church webpage to sign up. If you have any questions, contact Tammy Johnston at 356-6357.

Thanksgiving Bags - Can you help brighten a family's Thanksgiving? Just a few days left to sign up to help. Please consider preparing a Thanksgiving bag, consisting of specific items, to a needy Chesterfield County family. The sign-up list and instruction sheet are located on the Missions Bulletin Board near the church office. Please return your bag (our goal is 35) to the Gathering Room by Sunday, November 12. Any questions, call Elizabeth Farrell at 897-0091.

Thanks and Giving - On Saturday, November 18, our church will provide a holiday luncheon for Ray's Friends, a local chapter of the National Alliance of Mental Illness. We will serve the meal in JB Hall at 12 pm. The Mission Branch will provide turkey and ham, and we need others to provide side dishes. If you can help, please contact Sharon Macauley at 739-1616 or slmacauley@comcast.net.

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

Dave Ramsey's Smart Money - Many of you are familiar with Dave Ramsey and his life-changing class, Financial Peace University. Millions of people have found the freedom that getting out of debt can bring to their lives. Mt. Pisgah is hosting Dave's Smart Money Webcast Tuesday, November 7, at 8 pm in room 107/109. Please come and hear what Dave has to say! There is no cost to attend this event.

Charge Conference - There will be a Charge Conference on Sunday, November 12, 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!

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
Cohen Gregg
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 celebration of our 64th wedding anniversary by Vernon and Mary Zinn.

Christian Symbols

Our altar displays several symbols of resurrection/immortality. Caterpillars form cocoons and lie dormant until spring, when magnificent butterflies emerge. The peacock was used as a secret identification of early Christians at grave sites, showing the deceased's belief in eternal life. The peacock loses its tail feathers each fall, but, by spring, they reappear, even more splendid. The Phoenix—a mythological bird—lived for 500 years before its nest burst into flame, and the Phoenix fanned the flames with its wings until it was consumed in the fire. A new, young bird arose from the ashes, beginning a new cycle. Graves throughout Europe are covered with Chrysanthemums for All Saints Day. They bloom when the rest of nature is shutting down for the winter, then die back and bloom again in early spring.

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
November 5, 2017
All Saints Sunday

We remember, O God



Gathering for Worship

Welcome

Prelude

* Call to Worship

Leader: We remember, O God...

People: **the countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time.**

Leader: We remember, O God...

People: **the tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.**

Leader: We remember, O God...

People: **the gentle strength of grandmothers, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.**

Leader: We remember, O God...

People: **the supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit, the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering, the glory of his resurrection: shown forth in the lives of his disciples, young and old, dead and living, articulate and silent, strange and familiar, brilliant and ordinary.**

Leader: We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the Lord.

* Hymn No. 555

Forward Through the Ages

* 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.

Proclamation and Response

Anthem 11:00 *Saints Today, Saints of Old* John Horman
 Scripture NT p. 249** *Revelation 7:9-12*
 Children's Moment 11:00
 * Hymn No. 724 *On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand*
 Message *The Church Triumphant* Bob Cooper
 We Make our Confession

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

- * The Peace
- Receiving our Tithes and Gifts
- Offertory
- * 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
 Breaking the Bread
 Giving the Bread and the Cup
The serving team at the far left has gluten-free elements
 Prayer following Holy Communion

We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples. AMEN.

Sending Forth

- * Hymn No. 702 *Sing with All the Saints in Glory*
- * 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.

Those Who Have Gone Before Us

This Sunday's worship service is a commemoration of All Saint's Day, a Protestant Christian celebration of the lives of those who have gone before us--holy men and women who have contributed to our lives and faith and are worthy of honor and emulation. All Saints' Day in the United Methodist Church is a day of remembrance of all saints of the church, all Christian believers of every age and every place--the communion of saints--but, more specifically, today we honor those within our church family, especially those who have passed away within the past year. Experiencing sorrow in this life is unavoidable, but our response of faith and hope in eternal life can bring us some measure of peace. The Gospel is the peace that allows us to grieve in hope that those who died with faith in Christ are resting with Him in heaven--peace emanating from Christ's promise that you will once again be reunited in a place free of sin and suffering and death. The Gospel doesn't take away the hurt, but it allows us to endure our grief, knowing that the souls of believers in Jesus Christ will cross over into the eternal protection of the Lord--the fulfillment of our hope in Christ. Revelation 7:17 assures us, "The Lamb on the Throne will shepherd them, will lead them to spring waters of life. And God will wipe every last tear from their eyes." Jesus tells us, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." (Mt 5:4) It does us good to remember our loved ones and what they meant to us and how they positively influenced our lives, exemplifying how we should lead our lives within the Body of Christ in order to someday join them in an everlasting peace. That's our focus for All Saints Day. This poem, For Those Who Walked With Us, by Jan Richardson, UM minister, artist and author, voices our thoughts today: For those who walked with us, this is a prayer. For those who have gone ahead, this is a blessing. For those who touched and tended us, who lingered with us while they lived, this is a thanksgiving. For those who journey still with us in the shadows of awareness, in the crevices of memory, in the landscape of our dreams, this is a benediction. "And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (Phil 4:7)

Marty Hines

All Saints Sunday

In today's services we are remembering those who have transferred to the Church Eternal in the last year.

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| Frederick Balazs | Jade Barefoot |
| Helen Carnes | Susan Cumbey |
| Trudy Farmer | Douglas Fortner |
| Lorraine Hesbach | Evalyn Holliday |
| Patsye Irby | William Jackson |
| Alice Packard | Samuel Rasnick |
| Thomas Reed | |

Worship at MPUMC Today - What does it mean to be part of the Body of Christ? The picture the Book of Revelation paints is a triumphant and glorious homecoming.

Next Sunday - 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.



The scripture for next Sunday is shown here with its QR Code. Scripture for November 12, 2017 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

This Week At Mt. Pisgah

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

Sunday, November 5

- 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 Youth Choir (*Canceled for today*)
- 4:00 pm Youth Group (*Canceled for today*)
- 5:00 pm Youth Band (*Canceled for today*)

Monday, November 6

- 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 Girl Scout Leaders - 107/109
- 6:30 pm Trustees Branch - 214
- 7:00 pm ARISE Design Team - 303

Tuesday, November 7

- 6:30 am Ecumenical Men's Prayer Breakfast - CFLC B, Kitchen
- 10:30 am Kindermusik - 209
- 10:30 am Traditional Design Team - 217
- 6:30 pm Beth Moore Study - 214
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 876 - JB Hall
- 7:45 pm Dave Ramsey's Smart Money - 107/109

Wednesday, November 8

- 9:00 am UMW Puppet Team Practice - 304
- 11:00 am Pastors' Bible Study - 107/109
- 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 Chancel Choir - Music Room
- 7:30 pm Mission Branch - 214

Thursday, November 9

- 6:00 pm Den 2 Pack 876 - 214
- 6:15 pm Tiger Den 4 - 107/109
- 7:00 pm Rebekah Circle - 302
- 7:00 pm Chancel Bells - Music Room
- 8:00 pm NA Meeting - JB Hall

Friday, November 10

- 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, November 11

- 10:00 am Rise Against Hunger - CFLC

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.

Our Stewardship of Gifts and Presence—October 29, 2017

	8:15	10:45	11:00	Total
Attendance	61	56	146	263

Defying Gravity Update - As of October 29, we have received \$415,984 from 115 families for the Ministry Fund and \$149,994 from 93 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.



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