

Service Opportunities

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.

Christmas Gifts - Please consider adopting a family for Christmas from Hopkins Elementary School. The list is posted on the Mission board. Each child should receive a new outfit and their Christmas wish. The gifts need to be returned to the Gathering Room by Sunday, December 10 by 2 pm. This is a special way to show God's love. If you have any questions please contact Kathy Epperson, kathyne2010@gmail.com or 794-6612.

Thanks and Giving - Last weekend our church hosted a luncheon for the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI). The guests were very appreciative. Thank you to everyone who prepared food, donated supplies, and served the meal. Information about NAMI is located on the table in front of the Mission aboard.

Small Groups and Meetings

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

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 are available from the church office. Tickets are \$5/person; children under age 3 are free. For more information, please email Kay Adams at children@mtpisgahva.org.

Richmond Concert Band 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.

Concert Refreshments - Refreshments will be served after the Richmond Band Concert. If you can make or bring cookies or brownies or help with clean-up, please visit the sign-up genius on our website or contact the church office. Thank you!

Decorating the Church for Advent - It is that time once again to decorate the church for Advent. Please meet in the Sanctuary at 9 am on Saturday, December 2. The more help we have, the merrier it will be.

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.

From the Trustees - All of us want Mt. Pisgah to be a welcoming, open, and safe place to worship, play and learn. In light of recent events, the Trustees have decided to begin a review and assessment of our vulnerability and safety. Are there simple steps we can take to improve our security while remaining the warm and open church we enjoy? If you would like to share your thoughts, concerns and ideas, please contact Gwen Turbeville at 379-3671 or email gsturba@aol.com or leave a note in the Trustees mailbox.

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 by an anonymous donor.

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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Welcome To Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church November 26, 2017 Christ the King Sunday



Gathering for Worship

Welcome

Prelude

* Call to Worship

Leader: Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, the one who is, who was and is to come.

People: We come to worship the one who rules justly.

Leader: Come to worship Jesus, Christ, the faithful witness the firstborn of the dead, the ruler of the kings of the earth!

People: Bread of Heaven, God with us!

Leader: Good shepherd, true vine!

People: Eternal word, great I am!

Leader: Wonderful counselor, prince of peace!

People: We come to worship Jesus Christ, king of kings and Lord of lords! To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen.

* Hymn No. 715

Rejoice, the Lord is King

* We Affirm Our Faith

Leader: Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

People: We believe and trust.

Leader: Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

People: We believe and trust.

Leader: Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

People: We believe and trust.

Leader: This is the faith of the Church.

People: This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 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 *Crown Him Lord of All* Marty Parks
Madison Bedell, Celtic fiddle

Scripture p. 195** *Ephesians 5:21-33*

Children's Moment 11:00

* Hymn No. 327 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Message *The Church Resplendent* Bob Cooper

Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, we confess that although we willingly say that "Jesus is King," we often fail to bow our knees before him. Instead, we grant our allegiances to the relationships and material goods of this world. In your mercy, hear our prayer of confession. Grant us the humility to bow before you, the ruler of all nations, so that we may be loyal servants in your kingdom. Through your son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, Amen.

Words of Assurance

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. 176 *Majesty, Worship His Majesty*

* 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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He Has Risen and He Reigns

The celebration of Christ the King, or the Reign of Christ, was instituted by Pope Pius XI, in 1925, when people's loyalties and trust were being shaken by worldwide social upheaval and financial uncertainties, in order to remind Christians that their allegiance was to their spiritual ruler and not to any earthly authority--a call to remember who we are and whose we are. In 1970, its observance was moved to the last Sunday of Ordinary Time and was adopted by many Protestant denominations, including United Methodists. The name appears to be self-contradictory, as we celebrate the rule of an all-powerful king, who came to serve, not to be served, and who taught that we will be judged by our service to the poorest among us. There are many paintings of Christ as King that depict Him with bare feet extending out from all the ornate and kingly robes. In many religions, bare feet are seen as a sign of humility, which reminds us that even as the king of heaven and earth, Jesus Christ is above all a model of servanthood. Christ turned the world's ideas of kingship and authority upside down, and we have been called to model that example of love, service and self-sacrifice in God's kingdom here and now, that we may reap the bounty of the heavenly kingdom. Ephesians 1:20-23 tells us that "God put [his great] power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body...". We are that church--Christ's body. That's who we are and whose we are. This Sunday acts as a bridge between our completed journey in this liturgical year and the beginning of our new journey, as next Sunday we enter Advent--the church's New Year--with its emphasis on hope and expectation. Living as the Beloved of Christ in his earthly kingdom, with our expectations and our longing to share in his coming heavenly kingdom, we prepare to welcome once again the Prince of Peace--the Son of God, who came as a helpless infant, born in the poorest of circumstances.

Marty Hines

We are grateful to Sandy Howells, Sue Moore, and Marie Strack for their work on the altar visuals for Thanksgiving.

Worship at MPUMC Today - What does it mean to be part of the Body of Christ? Many struggle with this passage of scripture. It is viewed as antiquated and out of step with the times. Yet, it paints a beautiful picture of how Christ views and loves the church.

Next Sunday - The Bible says that if we wait upon the Lord, our strength will be renewed (Psalm 27:14). Waiting can be renewing. However, waiting is difficult. It doesn't come naturally. What can we gain this Advent Season by waiting?



Scripture for December 3, 2017

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

Luke 2:22-38

This Week At Mt. Pisgah

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

Sunday, November 26

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 - Music Room
5:00 pm Youth Band - CFLC

Monday, November 27

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 Healing Touch Ministry - 301/302
7:00 pm Church Council - 107/109

Tuesday, November 28

6:30 am Ecumenical Men's Prayer Breakfast - CFLC B, Kitchen
10:00 am MOPS - 107/109
10:30 am Kindermusik - 209
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 876 - JB Hall

Wednesday, November 29

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
6:30 pm Preschool Council - 303
6:45 pm Carol Choir - 211
6:45 pm ECHO (Small Group) - 301-302
7:00 pm District Commissioner Meeting - 214
7:30 pm ARISE Rehearsal - CFLC
7:30 pm Chancel Choir - Music Room

Thursday, November 30

6:15 pm Tiger Den 4 - 107/109
7:00 pm Chancel Bells - Music Room
8:00 pm NA Meeting - JB Hall

Friday, December 1

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, December 2

8:00 am United Methodist Men - 107/109
9:00 am Angel Breakfast - CFLC
9:00 am Decorating for Advent - Sanctuary

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—November 19, 2017

	8:15	10:45	11:00	Total
Attendance	78	37	203	318

Defying Gravity Update - As of November 19, we have received \$494,084 from 131 families for the Ministry Fund and \$164,594 from 104 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). We hope that all families will pledge so we can partner with God to accomplish great things for his glory. We have been blessed by a generous God so we can be a blessing to others.



QR code for online giving