

Service Opportunities

CARITAS Volunteers Needed - Our church will be hosting homeless families in the CFLC August 11-18. Can you help pack lunches, lead activities, or spend the night at church? You will never work alone, there is always a CARITAS staff member on site and either Doug or Sharon Macauley will be present to supervise. Please go to the church website to sign up. If you cannot work a whole shift, perhaps you can spare a few hours. Questions, contact Sharon Macauley at 739-1616 or slmacauley@comcast.net.

CARITAS Donations - If you took an index card with needed items for CARITAS, please return it to the CFLC on Friday, August 10 between 9 am-6:30 pm.

Music @ The Mines - On Sunday, August 19, we'll be engaging our community in a big way – with a community concert and family fun event featuring our own Arise band. The event, Music at Mid-Lo Mines, will be held from 3 to 5 pm at Mid-Lothian Mines Park on Woolridge Road. In addition to the band, we will have a variety of family-friendly activities, including face-painting and crafts for the kids, corn-hole, a raffle with prizes, and refreshments. Can you help us with this event? We need people to work at the event, donate snacks and bottled water, and just join in the fun and invite some friends, pick them up, and bring them along with you to the event. To help, please visit the Signup Genius on the church website. See you at the park on August 19!

UMCOR School Kits - It's back-to-school time already, and that means Mt. Pisgah will be collecting donations for the UMCOR School Kits from now until September 9. The list of supplies is available in the CFLC, Sanctuary, and on the labeled UMCOR School Kit collection bin in the Gathering Room. You do not need to buy all the items on the list. This is a great way to engage your children in sharing with others. Thank you for helping school children all over the world. If you have any questions, contact June Adams at 379-0096.

Do you enjoy working with children? Do you have the gifts of serving and hospitality? If so, we have an opportunity for you to use these gifts by serving as the church's liaison with J.B. Watkins Elementary School, with which Mt. Pisgah has an active, ongoing partnership. The volunteer liaison works with Watkins principal and staff to coordinate needed assistance and hospitality several times during the school year (e.g. helping teachers prepare classrooms for the start of school, arranging volunteers to help kindergartners at lunchtime, and showing appreciation to teachers by coordinating and delivering baked goods). This opportunity would be ideal for anyone with interest in our schools, especially a Watkins' parent already involved at the school or a retired teacher. For more information, contact Mary Ellin Scarberry at mary.ellin@gmail.com or 852-3557.

Small Groups and Meetings

Two Bible Study and Prayer Groups this Fall - The Monday Group will be studying William Barclay's *New Daily Study Bible: Luke*. The Friday Group will be studying Maxie Dunnam's *Workbook of Living Prayer*. Each group will meet from 10:30 am to 12 pm to discuss weekly readings and create a prayer list. Please contact Clair Cosby at 501-6961 or dr.clair@comcast.net for further information about either of these groups.

Grief Support Group Forming - A new opportunity for those who have had personal losses will soon be available. There will be 8 sessions from 5:30 to 7 pm on Fridays, starting on September 14. There is no special timetable or progression for grief. Some of us seem to muddle through; some may get stuck. Just as God made each of us to be unique, our mourning will be different for each person and every loss. For many of us, sharing memories with understanding friends helps the healing. These group meetings will be held at Dr. Cosby's home. Please contact Clair for further details at 501-6961 or dr.clair@comcast.net.

The Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Women invite you to join them for some upcoming events. More information and registration forms on these and other UMW events will be available in the Gathering Room and the CFLC Bulletin Board. If you have any questions or cannot find forms, please contact Kay Smith at ksbridge@comcast.net or 370-1591 or Sue Townsend at ttonysue@yahoo.com or 379-0902. **Saturday, August 18** – Richmond District UMW trip to Shalom Farms; **Saturday, September 8** – Richmond District UMW Mini Mission Encounter - Sacred Spaces: Encounters with God and Neighbor Through Mission; **Saturday September 27 and Sunday September 28** – Second On the Road In the Mission Express to The Eastern Shore of Virginia; **Saturday, October 13** – Mt. Pisgah UMW General Meeting: Memory Lane

Around Mt. Pisgah

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. Contact Kay Smith at ksbridge@comcast.net or 370-1591 and let her 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
Sarah Reed
Bill Smith
Marie Strack
Diane Treadway
Millie Webb

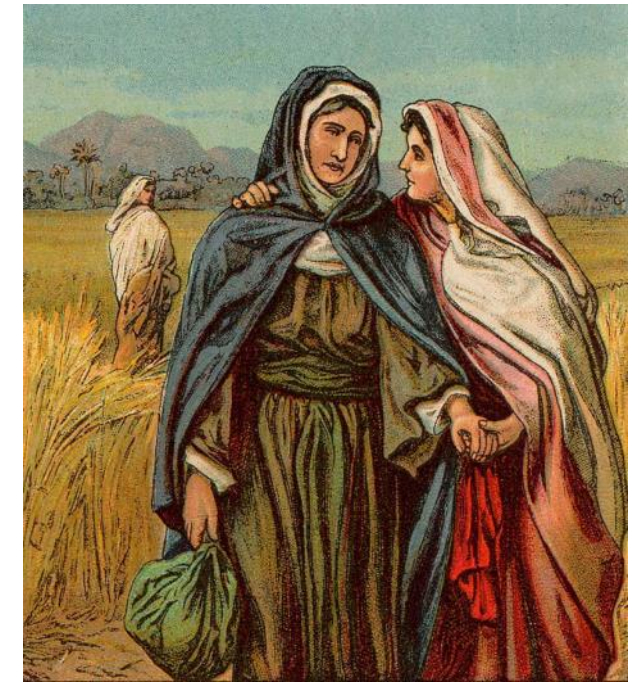
Military Members

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 celebration of the 40th anniversary of Kaleidoscope Worship Arts and Missions Camp by George and Kay Adams.

Welcome To Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church August 5, 2018 11th Sunday of Pentecost



Gathering for Worship

- Welcome
Prelude *Pastorale in B-flat* Canales
* Call to Worship
Leader: Throughout all our lives God is with us.
People: Praise be to God for God's mercy and love.
Leader: Even when we are faced with difficult decisions, God's presence is near.
People: When we don't know which way to go, God will guide and lead us.
Leader: Open your hearts today to God's gently leading
People: We open our lives to God, that we may faithfully serve God all our days. Amen.
* Hymn No. 451 *Be Thou My Vision*
* We Affirm Our Faith

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God
We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

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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Proclamation and Response

Anthem *Whither Thou Goest* Singer
 Scripture p. 241** *Ruth 1:14-18*
 Children's Moment 11:00
 * Hymn No. 508 *Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom*
 Sermon Series - Top 10 Women of the Bible
 Message Ruth: At the Crossroads (#4) Amy Crisp
 Prayer of Confession

How often, O Lord, have we believed that the greatest commandment is our love for ourselves solely. We have not heard the cries of those in need; we have turned our backs on opportunities to serve you by serving others. Many times we have thought only of our own wants and desires and ignored the needs of others. Help us to truly understand the commandments to love you with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind. Let us care for our neighbors both far and near. Bring us back to your loving light. For we ask these things in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

* The Peace
 Receiving our Tithes and Gifts
 Offertory *I Surrender All* Van der Pol
 * 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
 Giving the Bread and the Cup
The serving team at the far left has gluten-free elements
 Prayer following Holy Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending Forth

* Hymn No. 521 *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*
 * Dismissal and Benediction
 Postlude *Postlude on "Hanover"* Birchwood
**Please Stand as You Are Able*
***Old 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.

Be a Part of God's Plan

The Bible contains many stories of true friendships, and they can serve as valuable instructions for our own friendships. Due to a terrible famine in their land, Naomi and her husband moved to Moab from Bethlehem in Judah with their two sons, who eventually took Moabite wives, and the Moabites were idol-worshippers. Naomi's husband and sons died, and Naomi, in her grief, and hearing that the famine had ended, decided to return to her homeland, telling her daughters-in-law to return to their families. But one of them, Ruth, was committed to Naomi and to her God, and insisted on returning with her. It was a brave decision for her to leave her family and move to a foreign land with a different culture and religion, as an impoverished widow with no prospects. We are familiar with the oath she pledged to Naomi, "Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried." (Ruth 1:16-17). Such friendship signifies a loving commitment--being loyal, trustworthy, dependable, self-sacrificing and forgiving. After their return, in order to provide food for Naomi and herself, Ruth was gleaning in a field belonging to a man named Boaz, who was related to her husband. He was very kind to her and soon took her as his wife, as a "kinsman-redeemer"--a Jewish custom of the time that directed a relative of a dead husband to marry his widow to continue his lineage through her. Boaz and Ruth had a child, Obed, who became the father of Jesse, King David's father and ancestor of Jesus. God delivered a caring, godly husband to provide for Ruth and Naomi, and, in doing so, chose a gentile to become the ancestor of his son, demonstrating that he wanted to be the God of all people--not just the Jews. This is an example of God involving marginalized people in accomplishing his redemption plan. God places good people in our lives, often showing His love for us through the love and caring of unlikely people. Ruth committed herself to helping another and to serving a new God, and God greatly rewarded her devotion and faith. 1 Peter 4:10 says, "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." God blesses us to be a blessing to others.

Marty Hines

Kaleidoscope Worship Arts & Missions Camp Invites You!

Mt. Pisgah is honored to be the host for the 40th anniversary of Kaleidoscope! The campers invite you to join them for dinner & two special times of worship. On **Wednesday, August 8**, food trucks will be at Mt. Pisgah, beginning at 5:15 pm. The food trucks are open to the public, so come have dinner with the Kaleidoscope campers! You are encouraged to join us following dinner for an evening vesper service and Holy Communion at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. On **Thursday, August 9**, camp will conclude with a worship service and concert at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. The campers will lead the worship service, which will feature a beautiful concert of choral singing, including the premier of a new song commissioned for the 40th anniversary of Kaleidoscope. You'll be amazed at what the kids can do after only 4 days together! Invite your friends and neighbors for this special night of worship through music!

Worship at MPUMC Today - Life is about making hard choices and choosing priorities. For Ruth, the choice she was about to make would change her life in dramatic ways.

Next Sunday - "Is anything too wonderful for the Lord?" Well, maybe. Sometimes the claims of scripture surprise us, even disturb us. We find all of this hard to believe.



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

Scripture for August 12, 2018
 Genesis 18:9-15

This Week At Mt. Pisgah

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

Sunday, August 5

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

Monday, August 6

Kaleidoscope Music Camp
 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 897 - JB Hall
 6:30 pm Trustees Branch - 304
 7:30 pm ARISE Design Team - CFLC

Tuesday, August 7

Kaleidoscope Music Camp
 6:30 am Ecumenical Men's Prayer
 Breakfast - 107/109
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 876 - JB Hall

Wednesday, August 8

Kaleidoscope Music Camp
 5:15 pm Food Trucks - Rear Parking Lot
 6:30 pm Kaleidoscope Worship - Sanctuary
 7:30 pm ARISE Rehearsal - CFLC

Thursday, August 9

Kaleidoscope Music Camp
 7:00 pm Kaleidoscope Worship & Concert - Sanctuary
 8:00 pm NA Meeting - JB Hall

Friday, August 10

10:00 am Guitars 4 Vets - JB Hall

Saturday, August 11

CARITAS Guests Arrive - CFLC

The Mission Box Offering for August is for scholarships for Mt. Pisgah Preschool.

Over the last several years there has been an increase in the number of need-based scholarship applications for children attending our preschool. The preschool program is a ministry branch of our church that reaches out to the Midlothian community. It is the preschool's goal to make the program affordable to as many families as possible. Each year the preschool designates a portion of its overall budget for scholarship funding. However, the increase in applications has surpassed the funding. Your donation could help a child attend a quality, faith-based preschool program. You can write a check to Mt. Pisgah UMC and in the memo write preschool scholarships. 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 preschool.

Our Stewardship of Gifts and Presence—July 29, 2018

	8:15	10:45	11:00	Total
Attendance	50	43	124	217

As of July 29, we have received \$602 for our July mission box, CARITAS. We will be hosting CARITAS, Richmond's largest emergency shelter, from August 11-18. Thank you for your generous support of our missions.



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