

Service Opportunities

Rolling River Rampage VBS - May 29-31! We still need help with our preschool-only session of VBS. If you can help 1 day, 2 days or all 3 days (9:30 am to 12:30 pm), please contact Sarah Johnson at fsj_va@yahoo.com or 405-4867. You will be blessed by your time with these little ones!

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: June 4, July 2, and August 6. Visit the church webpage to sign up or contact the church office.

CARITAS Prep - We will be hosting CARITAS August 11-18. To welcome our guests, we will be assembling 40 hygiene kits. Toiletry donations are needed including "travel size" shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, and razors. Please deposit items in the labeled collection bin located in the Gathering Room. If you have any questions, contact Sharon Macauley at 739-1616.

Scripture Readers Needed - The reading of God's Word is a vital part of our worship experience! We are actively seeking people who are interested in reading scripture at the 8:15 am and 11 am worship services. If you would like to be placed on a schedule to read scripture in worship, please contact Doug Wagner at doug.wagner66@gmail.com.

Small Groups and Meetings

Financial Classes - Want to learn more about taking control of your finances? Please join us on Tuesday, June 5 and Tuesday, June 12 for two free financial classes. Both classes will be held from 7 pm to 8 pm in Room 214. The first class will be on basic financial management. The second class will be on spending habits and debt management. The classes will be taught by Jane Henderson from the Virginia Tech Extension Office. Please call the church office to register.

Holy Land Presentation - On Sunday, June 10, Amy Crisp will share with us about her Holy Land Tour at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary. Join us for photos, videos, and stories of her experience as she walked through and visited the places of the Bible.

Around Mt. Pisgah

Graduate Recognition - Are you or a loved one graduating this year? Whether from high school, college, or beyond we would love to recognize your graduate in worship on June 3. Please submit the person's name and the name of the school from which they are graduating to office@mtpisgahva.org today to be included in the bulletin.

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 June 10.

Friday Fun Fest Donations Report - We're so pleased to share that we collected \$350 and 276 pounds of food during Friday Fun Fest to benefit FeedMore, Central Virginia's core hunger-relief organization. So not only was Friday Fun Fest a wonderful evening of fellowship and community, but the impact of the event continues to reach far beyond our campus to serve others! Thank you again for your generous support of Friday Fun Fest!

What can you do to enhance worship at Mt. Pisgah? Join the Tech Team! We need additional volunteers to run the sound board and Pro-Presenter software for each of our services. No knowledge or experience is necessary to provide this vital service—we'll teach you everything you need to know. Please contact John Kim at kirmva@gmail.com or 378-5772 for further information.

Altar Flowers - The 2018 flower signup sheet is located in the Narthex. 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
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 to celebrate the 48th wedding anniversary of David and Shirley Bruster on May 24.



The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our military personnel who have fought and died to bring peace around the world.

Welcome!

This morning at the 11:00 am service we are welcoming Philip and Melissa Robinson and Tammy Johnston 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



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Welcome To
Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church
May 27, 2018
Trinity Sunday



Gathering for Worship

Welcome

Prelude *This is The Day That The Lord Hath Made* Kirk

* Call to Worship

Leader: To God be all glory, the one who visits us in three persons, the Holy Trinity of hope and love.

People: There is no place which is without you, God the Father, and no time when you are not there. You are the beginning and the end, the source of all that is in the wonder of universal life.

Leader: You take us by the hand and lead us, as God the Son walks our human way and shows us the way of life.

People: In God the Holy Spirit, we are gifted, again and again, and are called onwards toward a future in which we are surrounded with love and grace.

Leader: We praise and worship you, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for there is no other God like you.

* Hymn No. 697 *America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee)*

* 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, bom 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 *Lord, Here am I* Beck

Scripture p. 635** *Isaiah 6:1-8*

Children's Moment 11:00

* Hymn No. 64 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

Message *The God who Calls* Bob Cooper

Prayer of Confession

Holy and triune God, you alone live in perfect relationship, One God in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You have called us to live in your completion, yet we confess that our relationships are imperfect and we are incomplete without you. We are selfish and greedy. We are anxious and resenting. We feel the shame of our behavior and brokenness. We have allowed sin to drive us apart from one another and from you.

Forgive us and restore us, draw us close, and bind us together in your mercy. May we long for wholeness and peace, may we strive toward gratitude and grace through the love of God the Father, in the saving name of God the Son, by the power of God the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Reception of New Members 11:00

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory *Holy Is The Lord* Schubert

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

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Go Forth

* Hymn No. 593 *Here I Am, Lord*

* Dismissal and Benediction

Postlude

**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.

Trinity--The Fullness of God

Today is Trinity Sunday, the only day in the Christian calendar when we celebrate a doctrine rather than an event, as the church honors the eternal God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the fullness of God and the marvelous works that God, in all three persons, has performed--not in one event, but throughout history. Belief in the Trinity is the foundation of Christianity, written as a statement of faith in the Nicene Creed (#880,UM Hymnal), first adopted by the Christian church in 325 AD, and later in the Apostles' Creed (#881UMH). The Trinity did not come into existence in stages, but, rather, all three persons of the Trinity have existed from the beginning of creation, and all are of equal importance, each having served a distinct role: God the Father--benevolent Creator; God the Son--healer and teacher; God the Holy Spirit--comforter and guide. The complex interrelationships of the persons of the Trinity are known only to God--a mystery unfathomable by the human mind. During roughly half of the liturgical year, we celebrate the birth, life, death and resurrection of Christ, in the Christmas cycle (Advent, Christmas and Epiphany) and the Easter cycle (Lent and Easter). During these cycles, we follow God's presence in the great events of our Christian history. With the celebration of Pentecost last Sunday--the birthday of the church--we were reminded that our mission as Christ's body in the world has begun--to go into all the world and spread the Gospel, thus fulfilling our role by continuing God's work. These next few months don't contain major celebratory events of our faith, but are equally important to our Christian development, because we have a chance to reflect on God's continuing presence in our world and in our lives every day, and on the transforming power of God's grace, seen in our interactions with the earth and with our fellow man, lived out with love, in God's name. The three shorter arms of the Celtic cross on our altar are surrounded by a circle, representing the three persons of the Trinity joined together eternally, and the longer, lower arm signifies the undivided rule of the One God emanating from this union. The three candles arranged in a triangular design are symbolic of the Celtic triad that was used by early Christians to depict the connectedness of the three persons of the Trinity within the confines of one geometric shape.

Marty Hines

Worship at MPUMC Today - The vision Isaiah has is of God who is majestic, mighty, and holy. The presence of the Lord is overwhelming. Yet the irony of this picture is a God who seeks an answer, rather than issuing a command.

Next Sunday - Can our faith impact the lives of others? Can faith do the impossible? Jesus meets a man and his friends who are desperate for a miracle.

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



Scripture for June 3, 2018
Luke 5:17-26

This Week At Mt. Pisgah

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

Sunday, May 27

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
1:30 pm Elbe Band Practice - JB Hall
3:00 pm Troop 876 - 214

Monday, May 28

Church Office Closed
10:30 am Caring and Sharing - Clair Cosby's Home
6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 897 - JB Hall
6:30 pm Healing Touch Ministry - 301/302
6:30 pm Cub Scouts Den 3 - 303

Tuesday, May 29

6:30 am Ecumenical Men's Prayer
Breakfast - CFLC B, Kitchen
9:30 am Kindermusik - 304
9:30 am Preschool VBS
7:00 pm Sunday AM Taskforce - 107/109

Wednesday, May 30

9:30 am Preschool VBS
1:30 pm Special Gifts Meeting - Library
7:30 pm ARISE Rehearsal - CFLC
7:30 pm Chancel Choir - Music Room

Thursday, May 31

9:30 am Preschool VBS
7:00 pm Chancel Bells - Music Room
7:00 pm District Commissioner Meeting - 214
8:00 pm NA Meeting - JB Hall

Friday, June 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

The Mission Box Offering for May will go to the Annual Conference mission donation which hopes to raise \$200,000 from the Virginia Conference churches. Bishop Sharma Lewis is requesting contributions to support the following eight ministries: Cambodia: \$50,000 - Church Growth and Development and Community Health & Agriculture Development; Brazil: \$25,000 - Shade and Fresh Water Ministry with Children; Mozambique: \$25,000 - Lay Leadership Development; Native Americans: \$10,000 - Support for Volunteers in Mission teams working with Native American Ministry and Tribal Youth; Cuba Recovery: \$25,000 - Hurricane Recovery for Churches in Cuba; Haiti: \$25,000 - Funds to support Volunteers in Mission teams to Haiti; Puerto Rico Recovery: \$25,000 - Hurricane Recovery support for Puerto Rican churches; Moscow Seminary: \$15,000 - Support for student scholarships. You can write a check to Mt. Pisgah UMC and write May Mission Box in the memo. 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 annconf.

Our Stewardship of Gifts and Presence—May 20, 2018

Attendance - One Service at 10:30 (325)

As of April 30, we have received \$281,224 for the 2018 Ministry Fund budget. Expenses through April total \$209,851 giving us a surplus of \$71,373. The 2018 Mortgage & Maintenance Fund budget has received \$84,816. This has covered our mortgage payments with the extra principal payments and \$22,034 has been added to the maintenance fund this year.

In the month of April we received \$84,459 for the Ministry Fund and \$28,369 for the Mortgage & Maintenance Fund. Thank you for your generous support of the mission and ministries of Mt. Pisgah!



QR code for online giving