

Service Opportunities

UMCOR Health Kits - Mt. Pisgah will be collecting UMCOR Health Kits in March and April. A detailed list is available in the Gathering Room. Purchase whatever you feel called to donate and place the items in the labeled bin in the Gathering Room. Contact June Adams at jpasea4ever@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Red Bird Mission Opportunity - Douglas Macauley is coordinating a mission trip to Red Bird Mission in Beverly, KY from June 17 to June 23. If interested in signing up or for more information please contact him at ddmacauley@comcast.net or 380-8082.

Fund Raising Opportunity - The Midlothian Ruritan Club is in need of church groups to prepare meals for the following meeting dates: April 26, CFLC; May 23, JB Hall; September 27, CFLC; October 25, CFLC; and November 15, CFLC. The Club will pay \$260 for 28 plates, set up and clean up. Contact Mike Colley at 467-1498 if interested or if you have questions.

Small Groups and Meetings

The Spring Tea will be held Saturday, March 10, beginning at 3 pm. Ladies and girls of all ages are invited to join us for this wonderful afternoon of fellowship. If you would like to host a table for the tea please contact Kay Adams at children@mtpisgahva.org.

Get some exercise and help Mt. Pisgah! If spring is approaching, then it's time for the Westchester Shamrock 5K & Kids' 1K Fun Run, on Saturday, March 17! Mt. Pisgah has fielded a team of runners, walkers and volunteers for the last two years and has won a \$500 prize each of those years for having one of the largest teams. Cost is \$25 to run or walk, \$15 for the kids' fun run, and free to volunteer. You can register at www.westchestersharmrock.com (click Register Now or Volunteer) as part of Team Mt. Pisgah UMC (password: pisgah). Prices go up a bit after February 28, so register soon! For more information, contact Dan Farrell (runners) at dfarrell999@verizon.net or Mary Ellin Scarberry (volunteers) at mary.ellin@gmail.com.

On Saturday, April 7, the UMW of Mt. Pisgah UMC will be hosting the "Richmond Prayer Breakfast". The guest speaker will be Reggie Stewart, Chickahominy Indian Tribe - 2nd Assistant Chief - Tribal Land in Charles City County. Special music by Jack Ryan, Mt. Pisgah's Director of Music for Children & Youth. Registration begins at 8:30 am in the CFLC followed by breakfast and then worship (9 to 11 am). Cost is \$8.00 per person. Registration ends Monday, March 26. If you are interested in attending, please contact one of the circle leaders or pick up a form from the credenza in the Gathering Room.

Richmond Bottle Club - On Wednesday, April 11, at 7 pm, the Richmond Bottle Club will be hosting their monthly meeting in JB Hall. The Richmond Bottle Club is a non-profit organization supporting collectors of historical bottles, jars, and related items. Their goal is to promote the collection, study, and preservation of historical bottles and related artifacts and to share this information with other collectors and individuals. All Mt. Pisgah church members are invited to attend. Guest speaker, Phillip Townsend will be presenting a talk on the history of JB Hall. Feel free to bring any old store item to display and discuss. Hope you can attend.

Time of Prayer - During Lent, the chapel will be open each Wednesday from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm for prayer. There is no set program and you can stay as long as you'd like. A handout of prayers and scriptures will be available for your use. As you focus on spiritual disciplines during Lent, we encourage you to come and pray.

Around Mt. Pisgah

Easter Flowers - You have the choice of a lily or a colorful mum and can dedicate it in honor or memory of someone. The cost is \$12. Order forms are available in the Narthex, Gathering Room, or Christian Family Life Center. Today is the deadline.

Altar Flowers - The 2018 flower sign up sheet is located in the Narthex. There is an opening for March 25. Contact Marie Strack at 379-1281 for more information.

Will you help? Mt. Pisgah is our church home and, like other homes, has to be updated and refreshed. The Trustees need volunteers to help identify and prioritize areas in the buildings and on the grounds that require attention. If you are willing to share your time and talents, please contact Jayne Shultz at j_shultz@verizon.net or 794-0658 by Friday, March 23. Thank you for your support.

The March-April newsletter can be found on the website. Printed copies are located in the Narthex, CFLC Kiosk, and Gathering Room.

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, Fort Lee
Spec Jason Zinn, Army, Fort Bragg



The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bob Duff from Delphine Duff.



With sadness we express **Christian sympathy** to the family of **Linda Pennino** on her passing on February 28.

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
March 4, 2018
3rd Sunday in Lent



Gathering for Worship

Welcome

Prelude

* Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, come to us today and heal our wounds.

People: **Be in our hearts and our spirits, we pray.**

Leader: Give us courage to put aside the greed and selfishness in our hearts.

People: **Heal our spirits and help us to follow you. Amen.**

* Hymn No. 347

Spirit Song

* 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 *You are Mine* David Haas
 * Scripture p. 95** *John 4:7-15, 39-42*

Children's Moment 11:00
 * Hymn No. 298 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Message Sermon Series - *Giving It Up* Bob Cooper
Giving Up Superiority

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Lord, we have cluttered our lives with so many unnecessary things that they have blocked out your healing words of hope and mercy. Forgive us when we have been so preoccupied with other things that we have not listened to your word and followed your way. Clear away our fears and frustrations. Give us clean hearts and spirits. Help us to be confident in your mercy and transformational love. These things we offer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

* 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
 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. 371 *I Stand Amazed in the Presence*
 * 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.

Living in Humble Service

Jesus sought out the woman at the well, who was a "nobody", an immoral woman by Jewish standards, and, as a woman, had no standing in society and shouldn't be taught or spoken to by a Jewish man. Samaritans were despised by Jews, and yet Jesus defied custom and tradition and witnessed to her. The message in this encounter is clear: God expects us to be open to witnessing our faith to all people, regardless of station in life, background or beliefs, with an open mind--without prejudice. He is, in essence, witnessing to all of us, because all people are valuable to God, and we should reach out in love to everyone. As a result of Jesus' witness to this seemingly insignificant woman, she became a believer and brought many others to Jesus, who then believed also, because of Christ's message and humble acceptance of them. We live in a dark world right now, largely due to a lack of governmental concern worldwide for human suffering--an attitude all too often mirrored in society, with leaders much more interested in protecting their wealth and maintaining power than improving the human condition of those whom they govern. Instead of pursuing peaceful coexistence and unity by seeking justice and compassionate care for all, they foster divisiveness and hatred. But, globally, people are realizing increasingly that improvement of internal conditions and international relationships can't be left to governments. I find hope within one group in our society--young people, including our youth in mission, and those graduating from institutions of higher education that offer programs making inroads into bringing the world closer together. Duke University has such a program, funded by the school and open to all students who want to participate during the summer. It's designed to get students out of the classroom and into the real world, using and furthering the skills they've learned. While working through non-profits locally and internationally, they participate in hands-on help, becoming involved in civic and social issues at "street level", working alongside people very different from them--but yet the same, to solve problems and improve conditions. Most return humbled by the realization of the enormity of the problems facing the world's less fortunate, often feeling inadequate, but with a real commitment to bringing about any change they can through service, using their time and resources to make the world a better place. These are tomorrow's leaders, and they are our hope for a brighter tomorrow.

Marty Hines

Worship at MPUMC Today - Jesus broke all kinds of social conventions by speaking to a Samaritan woman. But Jesus brings a message of hope and freedom. By letting go of the artificial lines we draw to make ourselves feel superior to others, we can hear Jesus' call more clearly and respond faithfully.

Next Sunday - Loving our enemies can feel like an idealistic notion. By caring for those who persecute us, we demonstrate a clear course of action based on Jesus' example. Peace isn't a far-off fantasy. We call Jesus the Prince of Peace, but do we really believe and live like peace is possible in our world today?



The scripture for next Sunday is shown here with its QR Code. Scripture for March 11, 2018 Matthew 5:38-48

This Week At Mt. Pisgah

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

Sunday, March 4

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
 4:00 pm Cub Scouts Den 9 - JB Hall
 4:00 pm Youth Group - CFLC & 301-303
 5:00 pm Youth Band - CFLC

Monday, March 5

9:00 am UMW Puppet Team Practice - 304
 9:30 am JB Future Meeting - 214
 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
 7:30 pm ARISE Design Team - 303

Tuesday, March 6

6:30 am Ecumenical Men's Prayer Breakfast - CFLC B, Kitchen
 9:30 am Kindermusik - 209
 6:15 pm Bear Den 8 - 107/109
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 876 - JB Hall

Wednesday, March 7

9:00 am UMW Puppet Team Practice - 304
 11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study - 107/109
 6:00 pm Carol Bells - 206
 6:00 pm Cherub Choir - 209
 6:00 pm Youth Bells - Music Room
 6:15 pm Cub Scouts Pack 876 - JB Hall
 6:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study - 107/109
 6:45 pm kidzJaM - 211
 6:45 pm ECHO - 301/302
 7:30 pm ARISE Rehearsal - CFLC
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir - Music Room

Thursday, March 8

6:00 pm Den 2 Pack 876 - 214
 6:15 pm Tiger Den 4 - CFLC & 301
 7:00 pm Thursday Night Small Group - Kirns' Home
 7:00 pm Rebekah Circle - 107/109
 7:00 pm Chancel Bells - Music Room
 8:00 pm NA Meeting - JB Hall

Friday, March 9

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, March 10

3:00 pm Spring Tea - CFLC

The Mission Box Offering for March is for One Great Hour of Sharing. Your gifts lay the foundation for all of the United Methodist Committee on Relief's (UMCOR) work by covering their administrative costs. This means that every cent of all other gifts received by UMCOR goes directly toward covering the costs of their projects because their basic expenses have been covered. This offering helps deliver hope to those that need it the most. UMCOR is not subsidized by the United Methodist World Service Fund or apportionment funds, so without your gifts, UMCOR could not guarantee that 100% of all other funds raised will be used for a specific cause. Let's work together and **raise \$1,000 for UMCOR** by the end of March. If you'd like to donate, please make your check payable to Mt. Pisgah UMC and in the memo write "March Mission Box." Thanks for helping those who are in need throughout the world.

Our Stewardship of Gifts and Presence—February 25, 2018

	8:15	10:45	11:00	Total
Attendance	72	69	194	335

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8



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