

**Welcome To  
Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church  
June 17, 2018  
4th Sunday of Pentecost**



**Gathering for Worship**

Welcome

Prelude

\* Call to Worship

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

**People: For God's love endures forever!**

Leader: God alone works great marvels.

**People: God's love endures forever!**

Leader: God remembers us when we are cast down,  
and rescues us from our enemies.

**People: God's love endures forever!**

Leader: God gives food to all God's creatures.

**People: God's love endures forever!**

Leader: Give thanks to God of heaven!

**People: God's love endures forever!**

\* Hymn No. 714

*I Know Whom I Have Believed*

\* 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.**

\* The Christian Greeting

**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 in loving memory of Fred Balarzs with love by Mary Ellen Balarzs.

**Service Opportunities**

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

**Peanut Butter Donation** - With the school year coming to a close, this also means that weekend backpack programs, which provide food to children from low-income families, will end. At this time of year, FeedMore needs to increase its food inventory. One of the key staple items is peanut butter. How can you help FeedMore? Please donate peanut butter (any size, either creamy or crunchy) and place it in the designated container in the Gathering Room by July 1. Thanks for caring for and helping feed those less fortunate.

**Tending the Community Garden** - Our FOUR raised bed gardens are producing vegetables for Belmont's food pantry. This is a local mission project of the church. The fresh produce is a wonderful gift to those in need. You can help by signing up to weed, water and harvest on Sundays and Wednesdays. No expertise needed. We will be happy to train anyone who is able to help. Visit the church webpage to sign up. If you have questions or need some instructions, please contact Karen Rush at 794-2704 or Jeff Wing at 317-5929 or jwing23114@yahoo.com.

**Small Groups and Meetings**

**Everyone's Invited to Sunday School!** On June 24, we will gather as a church family for Sunday School. We will meet in the CFLC (B) at 9:30 am. ALL adults, youth, and children are encouraged to participate in these special times of learning and fellowship as we study God's Word together! EVERYONE is welcome!!

**Around Mt. Pisgah**

**Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School is coming again!** Our second session of VBS, this time for rising 1st-6th graders, will be July 9-13, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Cost for VBS is \$15/child with a \$30 family max; 1 CD with all the VBS music is included per family. Online registration for this session is now open! Please visit the church website to register for VBS. For more information about Rolling River Rampage, please contact Kay Adams, Director of Children's Ministries.

**Rolling River Rampage Needs YOU!** We need LOTS of support to help make VBS amazing for all the kids! Please prayerfully consider how you can help with VBS. You don't have to commit to every day - we can use your help throughout the week of July 9-13! We have jobs for every interest - from crafts to recreation to storytelling to snacks - so don't be shy!! Please contact Kay Adams for more information.

**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. Let Kay Smith know how many books you have completed by August 12.

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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Zeb Roberts, *Director of Traditional Music and Worship Arts*

**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 *The Gift of Love* Hopson

Scripture p. 175\*\* *1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

Children's Moment 11:00

\* Hymn No. 419 *I Am Thine, O Lord*

Sermon Series - *Things That Last: Faith, Hope, and Love*

Message *The Power of Love* Kay Adams

Prayer of Confession

**Creator God, forgive our selfish ways. Make us into new beings by molding our hearts into new vessels of love. Transform us from only loving those who love us to loving all. Shape us to be more open to the needs of the world. Smooth out our rough edges. Create in us new ways of loving our neighbors and of working for your justice in the world. In the name of Christ, who makes all things new, we pray. Amen**

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

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

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving

**We Go Forth**

\* Hymn No. 384 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

\* 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.**

**The Greatest of These is Love**

1 Corinthians 13 is the most often-used scripture for weddings, yet it is not about eros-romantic love--at all. Chapters 12-14 of Paul's letter deliver a strong rebuke to the church at Corinth for over-emphasis on two spiritual gifts, to the neglect of others, which was devastating to the health of the body (Corinthian church), and Paul offers the formula to correct their errors. In Chapter 13, Paul explains to them what the ideal Christian life within the church and within our lives will be, if we practice love--the greatest Christian virtue. He is talking about agape--the unconditional, parental love that Christ has for mankind and that we are, therefore, supposed to show toward each other--self-sacrificing love that seeks above all else the welfare of others. Paul shows clearly in these chapters that all spiritual gifts have a place in the Church and all are necessary for the healthy function of the body, but, he emphasizes, none of these gifts are of any value if the person who practices them doesn't do so in love. Christ's love is displayed most often as compassion--deep sympathy and sorrow for those suffering misfortune, along with a desire to help alleviate that suffering, and, further, putting that desire into action, with kind concern and assistance with healing in whatever form is advisable. Compassionate love led Christ to heal the suffering he saw, even when it meant endangering himself, as evidenced by his healing of the man with the withered hand, in the temple on the Sabbath, in the presence of the Pharisees. He was the master who took the role of servant, washing the feet of his disciples, to demonstrate the kind of love he expected of them in their future ministry--in our ministry. His role as suffering servant was to save us from our sinful selves--the shepherd of lost sheep. Our role is to continue his work. Love of God and loving service to our fellow man are Christ's greatest commandments. A rope composed of 3 strong braided segments is far stronger than each one would be separately--equally true of our "spiritual" rope. When the 3 components of our spiritual rope--faith, hope and love--are woven together into a rope anchored in Christ, we are enabled to weather any storm we face in our lives. "Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love." (13:13 MSG)

Marty Hines

**Worship at MPUMC Today** - The word "Love" is one of the most abused words in the English language. Its meaning has been diluted. Is there a fuller understanding of this word that seems so hard to define?

**Next Sunday** - Sharing our faith can be a complicated endeavor. We're afraid of being misunderstood or offending others. We feel unqualified, not up to the task. What if we make a mistake?

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



Scripture for June 24, 2018  
John 4:27-30, 39-42

**This Week At Mt. Pisgah**

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

**Sunday, June 17**

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, June 18**

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  
7:00 pm Staff Parish Meeting - 303

**Tuesday, June 19**

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

**Wednesday, June 20**

12:00 pm Watlington-Bowen Circle - 214  
7:30 pm ARISE Rehearsal - CFLC

**Thursday, June 21**

9:30 am CM Advisors & Friends - CFLC & Kitchen  
8:00 pm NA Meeting - JB Hall

**Friday, June 22**

10:00 am Guitars 4 Vets - JB Hall

**Saturday, June 23**

8:00 am United Methodist Men - 107/109  
9:30 am Richmond Scrappy Quilters - 107/109

**The Mission Box Offering for June** will be given to Camp Rainbow Connection, a week-long respite camp held once in June and once in July for individuals with intellectual disabilities. A ministry of the Commission on Disabilities of the Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church, it has been in operation since 1985. Campers participate in a variety of activities including Bible class, music, arts and crafts, games, dancing, and special activities. Camp Rainbow is a continuation of Christ's ministry where campers and staff of all races and religions experience Christian love. Please give generously to help these often forgotten campers have a great summer experience. 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 rainbow.

**Our Stewardship of Gifts and Presence—June 10, 2018**

	8:15	10:45	11:00	Total
<b>Attendance</b>	73	33	158	264

As of May 31, we have received \$331,262 for the 2018 Ministry Fund budget. Expenses through May total \$297,395 giving us a surplus of \$33,867.

The 2018 Mortgage & Maintenance Fund budget has received \$95,770. This has covered our mortgage payments with the extra principal payments and \$22,170 has been added to the maintenance fund this year.



QR code for online giving