

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: June 4, 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

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.

Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care (VIPcare) - Mt. Pisgah is excited to be partnering with VIPcare as a satellite location to provide affordable counseling to our community. Darla Renshaw will begin her counseling services later in the month. For more information about VIPcare and Darla, please see the insert in your bulletin.

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.

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.

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.

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 last week were given by Clair Cosby in loving memory of our military personnel who fought and died to bring peace around the world.



The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Rebekah's graduation from Midlothian High School. Congratulations to all our Graduates! From George and Kay Adams.

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
June 3, 2018
2nd Sunday of Pentecost



Gathering for Worship

- Welcome
- Prelude *Trumpet Voluntary* Clarke
- * Call to Worship
 - Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you,
 - People: and also with you.**
 - Leader: Jesus Christ is Lord and the light of the world. Come to the light
 - People: Come to the light that shines out of darkness.**
- * Hymn No. 451 *Be Thou My Vision*
- * 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 *Lord, I Stretch My Hands To You* Althouse
 * Scripture p. 63** *Luke 5:17-26*

Children's Moment 11:00
 * Hymn No. 420 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Sermon Series - *Things That Last: Faith, Hope, and Love*
 Message *The Power of Faith* Bob Cooper

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

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. 707 *Hymn of Promise*
 *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.

Our Faith-Impacting Others

The story of the paralyzed man, who was lowered through the roof by friends who brought him to Jesus to be healed, appears in all 3 synoptic gospels: Luke 5:17-26, Matthew 9:1-8, Mark 2:1-12. Jesus is teaching in Capernaum, in a home overcrowded with listeners, including Pharisees and teachers of the law, who have come there hoping to gather evidence to condemn him. Jesus, knowing their intentions, and aware of the sick man's sinfulness, said to the man, "Friend, your sins are forgiven.", considered a blasphemous statement, because only God can forgive sins. Intentionally, Jesus said to them, "But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." (Lk 5:24). Jesus knew that he must confront their blindness so that the truth of his identity and mission could be seen. The paralytic's friends were believers in Jesus, and Jesus, seeing this, healed the man. They had fearless, persistent faith that God had given Jesus the power to heal, faith demonstrated by the efforts they expended to bring him and place him before Jesus-- opening a hole in the roof through which to lower him. The paralytic wasn't forgiven and cured because of his own faith, but because of theirs. We may have faith that something will happen, but sometimes we have to make an actual effort to make it happen--take that extra step. When we find ways to show our love and compassion to people who need help, then we are like those men who allowed God's power to work through them. The man walked out of the house that day unimpaired by physical or spiritual disability, with his life changed forever--and more were brought to belief--because of their faithfulness. In today's world, we are charged with bringing people to Jesus through our faith, so, unlike the Pharisees, we must not be blinded to evidences of divine power at work in our world. They apparently took no note of the miracle they had witnessed, so focused were they on discrediting Jesus and formulating a plan to get rid of him and his influence on the people, which threatened to undermine their authority. The message to us is: don't sit idly by, but address pressing problems as evidence of our faith--going where God would send us. The closer we draw to the source of our faith (Jesus), the better we can witness for him and the deeper we can feel his power.

Marty Hines

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.

Worship at MPUMC Today - 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.

Next Sunday - We've all been disappointed in others, in ourselves, even in God. Life has a way of being underwhelming sometimes. So where does hope fit into all of this?



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

Scripture for June 10, 2018
 Romans 5:1-5

This Week At Mt. Pisgah

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

Sunday, June 3

8:15 am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
 9:15 am Fellowship Time - CFLC
 10:30 am Sunday School for all ages
 10:30 am Fellowship Time - CFLC
 10:45 am ARISE Worship - CFLC
 11:00 am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
 1:00 pm Elbe Band Practice - JB Hall
 4:00pm Cub Scouts Den 9 - JB Hall

Monday, June 4

10:30 am Caring and Sharing - Clair Cosby's Home
 11:00 am Staff Meeting - 303
 11:00 am UMW Board Meeting - 214
 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, June 5

6:30 am Ecumenical Men's Prayer Breakfast - CFLC B, Kitchen
 9:30 am Kindermusik - 304
 6:15 pm Bear Den 8 - 107/109
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 876 - JB Hall
 7:00 pm Financial Class - 214

Wednesday, June 6

6:00 pm Children's Council - 211
 7:30 pm ARISE Rehearsal - CFLC
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir - Music Room

Thursday, June 7

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry - 217
 1:00 pm Martha Circle - 107/109
 7:00 pm District Roundtable - CFLC, 301-303
 8:00 pm NA Meeting - JB Hall

Friday, June 8

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, June 9

3:00 pm Eagle Scout Court of Honor Troop 876 - Sanctuary & CLFC

This morning we are celebrating our graduates! Congratulations and good luck!

High School

Rebekah Adams	Midlothian High School
Robert Austin Bodtke	Salem High School (Virginia Beach)
Madison P. Bruster	James River High School
Sarah Gundlach	Monacan High School
Sarah Harkness	Midlothian High School
Sierra Nicole Hines	Clover Hill High School
Will Johnson	Midlothian High School
Caitlin Lucas	James River High School
Riley Meyers	Clover Hill High School

College

Helen Ferguson	University of Virginia
Matthew Maslink	George Mason University
Gene Maslink	United States Military Academy West Point
Dayna Scarberry	Christopher Newport University

Our Stewardship of Gifts and Presence—May 27, 2018

	8:15	10:45	11:00	Total
Attendance	60	25	108	193

As of May 27, we have received \$508 for our May mission box, the Annual Conference mission offering. This offering will support recovery efforts in Cuba and Puerto Rico, volunteers in mission with Haiti and Native American ministries, students in Brazil and at Moscow Seminary, and development for churches in Cambodia and Mozambique.

Thank you for your generous support of our missions.



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