

Service Opportunities

Day of Service - Mt. Pisgah's second Day of Service is scheduled for Saturday, April 28. We will meet at 8:15 am in the Sanctuary for a brief service before we begin our Day of Service projects. There are six different project areas for which you may volunteer and have an impact on our community. Please use the link on the church's website to sign up. If you have any questions, contact George Hudson at gehudson12@gmail.com or 912-3967 or PJ Smith at 370-0408.

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.

Small Groups and Meetings

The Richmond District is hosting an informational gathering on the work of the Commission On a Way Forward on Saturday, April 28 from 9 am to 11 am at Trinity UMC (903 Forest Avenue). Come and receive up-to-date information on the issue of human sexuality, learn to speak together around hard topics, and explore options that help maintain and strengthen the unity of the Church. If interested in attending, please contact the church office by Tuesday, April 24.

There will be a called Church Conference on Sunday, April 29, in the sanctuary at 9:45 am. The purpose of the called Church Conference is to vote whether the church should keep or sell JB Hall. The UMC Book of Discipline states only the professing members of the congregation in attendance are eligible to vote. We urge all members to participate in this vote.

United Methodist Women - May 18-20 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio will be the "When Women Unite, Bold and Courageous Actions Happen." Registration fee is \$330, which includes two healthy lunches for attendees. Plan now to attend! Members of the Virginia Conference are again going by bus. If you are interested in the details of this trip, be in touch with Joyce Winston at buckrowbeach@gmail.com or mail your interest to her at 2411 E. Pembroke Avenue, Hampton, VA 23664. More information and registration forms are available in the Gathering Room on the UMW Bulletin Board.

Around Mt. Pisgah

Mother's Day Booklet - The United Methodist Women will be publishing booklets to honor and remember mothers. To have a name included please fill out a form found in the Narthex, CFLC, or Gathering Room and turn in \$2/name by Sunday, May 6.

Altar Flowers - The 2018 flower signup sheet is located in the Narthex. Contact Marie Strack at 379-1281 for more information.

Wedding Coordinators - Mt. Pisgah is seeking individuals who are interested in directing weddings at the church. Complete training will be provided, and there is compensation (\$200 per wedding) for this service. For more information, contact Ruth Lewandowski at 837-7541 or singandring@verizon.net.

Friday Fun Fest is May 4th!

We can't wait to welcome our local community to our campus for an evening of fun and fellowship! Friday Fun Fest has the potential to be the largest community outreach event at Mt. Pisgah in several years. Many people are needed to serve in order to ensure that this event is fun for everyone and highlights what a wonderful community we have here at Mt. Pisgah. THANK YOU for your wonderful response to date; we have more than half of our volunteer spots already filled!! There are still LOTS of service opportunities remaining, so please consider how you can help. Visit the church website for a complete list of ways to be a part of this special community outreach event. Please be in prayer for Friday Fun Fest between now and May 4. Pray specifically for good weather and for a safe and fun evening for everyone! Don't forget to spread the word to your friends and neighbors about Friday Fun Fest! It's going to be fantastic!!



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

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.

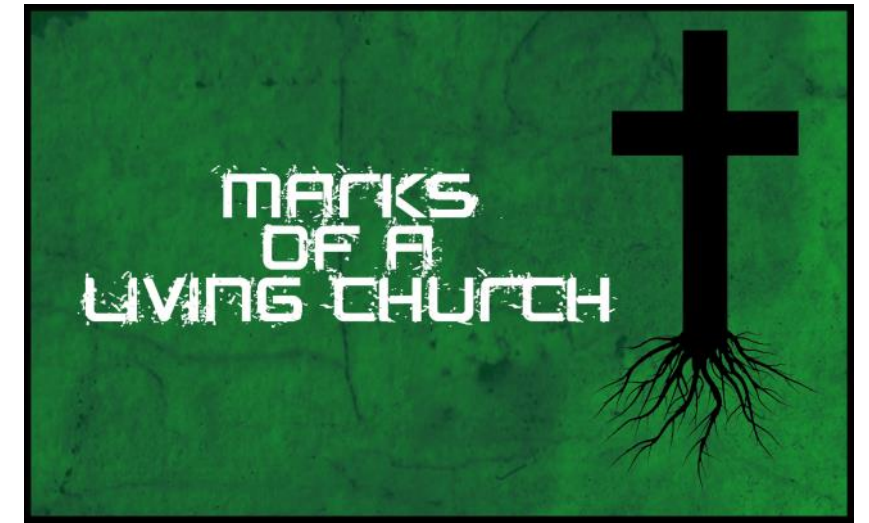
Purpose Statement: To celebrate LIFE.

- Love God
- Invite others
- Fellowship together
- Engage the community



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Welcome To
Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church
April 22 2018
Fourth Sunday of Easter



Gathering for Worship

Welcome

Prelude

* Call to Worship

Leader: Come, walk with the Lord this day.

People: We seek places of peace and rest from the stresses of our lives.

Leader: The shepherd will lead you to places where your soul may be restored.

People: We come, sometimes fearful of the hostilities of the world.

Leader: In the midst of all the turmoil, the shepherd will provide for your needs abundantly.

People: Surely these wonders will heal and restore our spirits. Amen.

* Hymn No. 158

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

* We Affirm Our Faith

A Modern Affirmation

Pastor:

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true Church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

Pastor and People:

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.

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 *You Are My All In All/Fairest Lord Jesus* Shackley

Scripture p. 120** *Acts 2:43-47*

Children's Moment 11:00

* Hymn No. 310 *He Lives*

Sermon Series - *The Early Church: Presence, Power, Purpose*

Message *Marks of a Living Church* Bob Cooper

Prayer of Confession

We are weary, O God. We hear the loud clamor of the world. We witness the terror and trauma all around us. We long for the moving of your spirit in our midst. We have come to this time of worship, seeking your peace and hope, quietness and comfort for our thirsty souls. Lord Jesus, the good shepherd, you know our name and our needs. You listen for our cries and respond in love. We have offered today the names and situations of illness, mourning, stress, and concern which touch our lives and our souls. Open our hearts this day, O Lord, and enter into our lives. In Jesus' name, 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. 156 *I Love to Tell the Story*

* 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.

A Distinctive Faith

What made the early Christian church different from other religions? "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread in holy communion and to prayer. (Acts 2:42) They were baptized, ate together, encouraged one another in faith, fellowshiped together and gave up their possessions to help the needy. Their fellowship--from the Greek word koinonia--means that they gathered for worship and to share their concerns and joys with each other and to share how God was working in their lives, in addition to sharing food--offering an extended family. That concept may not sound radically different enough to attract so many people, but you have to consider the world in which they lived. Greco-Roman cities were filled with misery, chaos, brutality and fear. There were hordes of impoverished people, widows and orphans, living in the midst of violent ethnic and political strife--under the rule of a government that didn't care about their citizens' suffering. The early churches had their internal struggles--both power struggles and theological differences, but in the first three centuries after Christ's resurrection, their attributes represented a way of life totally different in the world. In an effort to unify the churches, The Council of Nicaea, convened in 325 AD by Emperor Constantine, stated the key affirmations of the Christian faith, in the Nicene Creed. It is the second oldest creed in the Christian church, following the Apostles Creed, and is frequently used as a statement of faith in UMC Churches. Briefly stated, it says that we believe in one Triune God-Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one baptism for the forgiveness of sins, resurrection of the dead and life in the hereafter. The creed's statement that "We believe in one holy catholic (meaning universal) and apostolic church" is said to contain the four marks of the Christian faith: One Body, made holy by Christ, for all people, following the Biblical teachings of Christ, through the Apostles. Preaching of the Word, administration of the sacraments, and church discipline (for correcting faults) are sometimes called the marks of the Protestant church, but there have been many differences of opinion among denominations and church leaders over the centuries: Martin Luther listed 7, John Calvin-2, Catholic and Orthodox-4 and Billy Graham-8, to name a few. Regardless of numerical differences, unquestionably, the rise of Christianity brought about the most amazing transformation of social and religious cultures ever achieved by peaceful means in the history of the world.

Marty Hines

Worship at MPUMC Today - A new community is being birthed. It is marked by certain traits that make it stand out. To be people of this new community is to live distinctly.

Next Sunday - In the culture around us, there's nothing money can't buy. But for followers of Jesus, there is something they have that is greater than money. It is someone they are happy to tell you about.



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

Scripture for April 29, 2018
Acts 3:1-10

This Week At Mt. Pisgah

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

Sunday, April 22

- 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 Boy Scout Troop 876 - 214
- 3:00 pm Youth Choir - Music Room
- 4:00 pm Youth Group - CFLC & 301-303
- 5:00 pm Youth Band - CFLC

Monday, April 23

- 9:00 am UMW Puppet Team Practice - 304
- 10:00 am Security Meeting - 214
- 10:30 am Caring and Sharing - Clair Cosby's Home
- 11:00 am Staff Meeting - 303
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts Den 3 - 303
- 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 897 - JB Hall
- 6:30 pm Healing Touch Ministry - 301/302
- 7:00 pm Vision Council - 107/109

Tuesday, April 24

- 6:30 am Ecumenical Men's Prayer Breakfast - CFLC B, Kitchen
- 9:30 am Kindermusik - 209
- 10:00 am MOPS - 107/109
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 876 - JB Hall

Wednesday, April 25

- 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 Carol Choir - 211
- 6:45 pm ECHO - 301/302
- 7:30 pm ARISE Rehearsal - CFLC
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir - Music Room

Thursday, April 26

- 6:00 pm Den 2 Pack 876 - 214
- 6:15 pm Tiger Den 4 - 107/109
- 6:30 pm Midlothian Ruritan Club - CFLC
- 7:00 pm Chancel Bells - Music Room
- 8:00 pm NA Meeting - JB Hall

Friday, April 27

- 10:00 am Guitars 4 Vets - JB Hall
- 10:30 am Prayer Group - Clair Cosby's Home
- 12:30 pm CJW Bridge - CFLC
- 5:00 pm Scrapbook Night - CFLC
- 5:30 pm Drama Kids - 107/109

Saturday, April 28

- 8:00 am Cub Scout Leaders CPR/First Aid Training - JB Hall
- 8:15 am Day of Service - Sanctuary
- 9:00 am National Scrapbook Day - CFLC
- 9:30 am Richmond Scrappy Quilters - 107/109

The Mission Box Offering for April will help more children attend summer camp at Westview on the James. Many families cannot afford to send their children; at least not pay the entire fee. By our donations to the "care and connect" scholarship fund, more children will be able to experience a great week at camp this summer. You can write a check to Mt. Pisgah UMC and in the memo write *April Mission Box - Camp Scholarship*. 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 westview.

Our Stewardship of Gifts and Presence—April 15, 2018

	8:15	10:45	11:00	Total
Attendance	75	46	130	251

As of March 31, we have received \$196,692 for the 2018 Ministry Fund budget. Expenses through March total \$157,060 giving us a surplus of \$39,633. Recall we received \$40,000 in 2017 for 2018 which would normally be given throughout the entire year.

The 2018 Mortgage & Maintenance Fund budget has received \$56,597. This has covered our mortgage payments with the extra principal payments and \$8,128 has been added to the maintenance fund this year.



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