

Service Opportunities

CARITAS - Our church will be hosting homeless families in the CFLC August 11-18. We need groups and individuals to prepare meals and donate supplies or money. If you can volunteer a few hours that week to pack lunches, do crafts with the children, or spend the night, please visit the church webpage to signup. Let's open our doors and extend a warm welcome to these families in need. Questions, contact Sharon Macauley at slmacauley@comcast.net.

Community Event - On Sunday, August 19, we'll be engaging our community in a big way – with a community concert and family fun event featuring our own Arise band. The event, Music at Mid-Lo Mines, will be held from 3 to 5 pm at Mid-Lothian Mines Park on Woolridge Road. In addition to the band, we will have a variety of family-friendly activities, including face-painting and crafts for the kids, corn-hole, a raffle with prizes, and refreshments. Can you help us with this event? We need people to work at the event, donate snacks and bottled water, and just join in the fun and invite some friends, pick them up, and bring them along with you to the event. To help, please visit the Signup Genius on the church website. See you at the park on August 19!

Our little ones need some loving! We are seeking 1 person to serve on our Sunday School nursery care team alongside Miss Tami, our nursery supervisor. You will serve on a rotating schedule, approximately once every 6-7 weeks, 9:20 am - 10:35 am. Job responsibilities include rocking babies and playing with toddlers. All nursery care team members must complete a background check. Please contact Kay Adams to express your interest. Our little ones thank you!!

UMCOR School Kits - It's back-to-school time already, and that means Mt. Pisgah will be collecting donations for the UMCOR School Kits from now until September 9. The list of supplies is available in the CFLC, Sanctuary, and on the labeled UMCOR School Kit collection bin in the Gathering Room. You do not need to buy all the items on the list. This is a great way to engage your children in sharing with others. Thank you for helping school children all over the world. If you have any questions, contact June Adams at 379-0096.

Summer Volunteer Opportunity - Belmont UMC's Food Pantry (BCRS) needs your help on Friday mornings this summer. Helpers are needed to distribute food to those in need at Belmont UMC from 9 am to 1 pm every Friday. You can help every Friday, once per month, or whenever you can help out. You do not need to stay for the whole 4 hours, but we do ask that you stay for at least 2 hours. High School or college students, this is a great way to earn community service points for the coming year. Contact June Adams at 379-0096 if you can help out.

Small Groups and Meetings

Healing Touch Ministry will meet Monday, July 23 in room 301/302. For an appointment call Ginger Ripley at 378-8175.

The Rebekah Circle will have a social gathering on Thursday, July 26. Any woman, of any age, is welcome to attend and find out more about our circle. We are having a pool party potluck at Lisa Shipley's house, beginning at 4 pm, with supper served at 6:30 pm. Come stick your toes into the cool water even if you don't swim! The address is 13107 Lady Ashley Rd., Midlothian. If you have any questions contact Lisa Shipley at 794-2892.

Around Mt. Pisgah

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.

Continue Your Generosity

We're so grateful for the generosity of so many people who financially support the mission and vision of Mt. Pisgah. Your support allows us to partner with God and help feed the hungry, provide help to those dealing with natural disasters, spread the gospel in Cambodia through our sponsorship of our missionary, teach our children about Jesus, and so much more. As we head into the summer months, please remember that you have many ways to give, even if you are not in a worship service. We would like to encourage you to consider automating your giving. Our church website allows you to create an account and set up regular, recurring contributions. Online giving is safe and secure. It's a great way to be intentional about honoring God and being generous. **We now have a new way to give. You can text your donation to either the Ministry Fund and/or the Mortgage and Maintenance Fund** (text to 804-294-3493; in the message, type amount you want to give, space, and then type ministry or mortgage). For more detailed information about ways to give, please visit the church website - click on "About Us/Stewardship/Continue Your Generosity." Your giving matters. Your giving makes an eternal difference.

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



The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the move of our parents, Donald and Mary Helen Kennedy, to Brandermill Woods, from their loving and grateful daughters.

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
July 15, 2018
8th Sunday of Pentecost



Gathering for Worship

Welcome

Prelude

* Call to Worship

Leader: Hope in Christ!

People: Hear the word of truth, the good news of our salvation.

Leader: Believe in Christ!

People: We are sealed with the mark of the Holy Spirit.

Leader: Live in Christ!

People: We embrace our inheritance, as children of God.

Leader: Live to the glory of Christ!

* Hymn No. 145

Morning Has Broken

* 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

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 *Be Not Afraid* Courtney

* Scripture p. 105** *John 11:17-27*

Children's Moment 11:00

* Hymn No. 371 *I Stand Amazed in the Presence*

Sermon Series - *Top 10 Women of the Bible*

Message *Martha (#7)* Bob Cooper

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, as we come into the presence of your divine holiness, we confess our many shortcomings. Our hands are not clean; our actions do not glorify you; our hearts are not pure; our motivations do not glorify you; our words are not true; our deceitfulness does not glorify you; our allegiance is fickle; our idolatry does not glorify you. By your mercy, O God, give us hands that are clean, hearts that are pure, tongues that are true, and souls that worship you alone, that our whole lives may glorify you. 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. 310 *He Lives*

* 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.

Martha-Practical and Spiritual

There was a hospitable home in Bethany to which Jesus retreated when he needed to rest from the ever-present crowds, where his friends--siblings Martha, Mary and Lazarus--lived. Scripture doesn't reveal their story, but obviously Martha is in charge of the home--the organized hostess, always attending to her guests' welfare. When Jesus arrived, Martha rushed to greet him and busied herself preparing a special meal, while Mary sat at the feet of Jesus, receiving spiritual food. Martha, unhappy over Mary's constant attention to Jesus, while she was distracted by food preparation, voiced her objections to Jesus, asking that he instruct Mary to assist her, but Jesus gently rebuked Martha instead, saying that Mary had chosen the only truly necessary pursuit (Lk10:38-42). Jesus encouraged and valued the presence and participation of women in his ministry, eager to teach them. The next time we see Martha, her brother Lazarus had been dead for four days. Jesus hadn't come immediately when notified of Lazarus' illness, aware Lazarus would die, but knowing his divinity would be displayed to many when he resurrected Lazarus. When Jesus finally arrived, Martha ran to meet him, rebuking him for his tardiness, but affirming her faith that even now Lazarus could be saved if Jesus asked God. When asked if she believed that he was the resurrection and the life, she replied "Yes, Lord... I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world" (Jn11:27), and her faith was rewarded that day as she witnessed her brother's resurrection. Interestingly, we don't hear Mary speak except to tearfully reproach Jesus for delaying his arrival too long, and "Jesus wept."(Jn11:35) Lazarus receives only third person references: he died, was resurrected and later sat at table with Jesus. The final time Martha appears is just days before Jesus' crucifixion, when he once again retreats to her home (Jn12). Martha has prepared a meal in Jesus' honor, while Mary sits by Jesus and pours expensive perfume over his feet, but this time we don't hear Martha complain about her sister's actions, understanding now that it's most important to give attention to Jesus' teachings--which we can assume Mary would share later with Martha. Martha's spiritual nature had been awakened by Jesus' revelation of his divinity, although she's still committed to serving him as his hostess too. We learn from these sisters the importance of having unquestioning faith and focused attention while serving and worshipping our Lord.

Marty Hines

Communion Servers are needed for the 8:15 am service on August 5. Please contact Carol Harris at carol23113@verizon.net or text/call 804-405-3754.

Worship at MPUMC Today - Tragedy can cloud our vision, but faith finds a way to bring us the clarity we need. Instead of staying in a place of confusion and frustration, Martha reaches for hope found in the resurrection.

Next Sunday - There are moments in life that are significant, but we rarely recognize them. These opportunities present themselves but the cost is high. The risk seems so great.

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



Scripture for July 22, 2018
Esther 4:9-17

This Week At Mt. Pisgah

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

Sunday, July 15

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, July 16

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

Tuesday, July 17

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, July 18

9:00 am CM Advisors & Friends - CFLC
12:00 pm Watlington-Bowen Circle - 214
7:30 pm ARISE Rehearsal - CFLC

Thursday, July 19

8:00 pm NA Meeting - JB Hall

Friday, July 20

10:00 am Guitars 4 Vets - JB Hall
5:30 pm Richmond Modern Quilt Guild - CFLC

Saturday, July 21

3:00 pm Eagle Scout Court of Honor - Sanctuary & CFLC

The Mission Box Offering for July is for CARITAS. Its mission is to provide immediate assistance to those in need through the help of over 185 congregations in the Richmond area. Through its three programs – Shelter, Furniture Bank, and Works – CARITAS provides material needs, shelter, food, job training, and school enrollment for children of CARITAS recipients. The final goal is to break the cycle of homelessness and restore stable, productive lives. Mt. Pisgah will host CARITAS August 11-17. Please give to this important local mission and participate in hosting and welcoming our families in August. 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 CARITAS.

Our Stewardship of Gifts and Presence—July 8, 2018

	8:15	10:45	11:00	Total
Attendance	81	33	148	262

As of June 30, we have received \$373,814 for the 2018 Ministry Fund budget. Expenses through June total \$354,022 giving us a surplus of \$19,792.

The 2018 Mortgage & Maintenance Fund budget has received \$107,468. This has covered our mortgage payments with the extra principal payments and \$22,649 has been added to the maintenance fund this year.



QR code for online giving