

ORDER OF SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

September 10, 2017

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME

(8:45)

(11:00)

Lindsey Blackwell, worship leader

Jacob Dye, worship leader

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER CONCERNS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song;

People: Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Leader: Let Israel celebrate its maker;

People: Let Zion's children rejoice in their king.

All: Praise the LORD!

* HYMN NO. 131 "We Gather Together"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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 rose 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.

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY NO. 95

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

*† HYMN NO. 2233 "Where Children Belong"

*This, this is where Children belong, welcomed as part of
the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and
cup, prayer and song: this is where Children belong.*

†CHILDREN'S TIME

Brittani Clayman

HYMN NO. 540 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

SCRIPTURE

Romans 13:10-12

Pew Bible p. 1383

*Matthew 18:15-20

Pew Bible p. 1195

†ANTHEM

"I Choose You"

Govenor

Sean Collier, directing

SERMON

"The Gathering of the Church"

(8:45)

Joe Lyle, AUMC Lay Leader

(11:00)

The Rev. Robert Countiss, D. Min.

TIME OF PRAYER

† Call to Prayer

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

Intercessory 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.

* HYMN NO. 559 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"
(Sung to alternate tune)

* BENEDICTION

* SONG OF BLESSING "Go Now in Peace" Price and Besig
Go now in peace; never be afraid. God will go with you each hour
of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He
will guide you in all you do. Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there,
watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
Amen.

* POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able



*The flowers this morning are given to
the glory of God in honor of Grandparents Day
by George and Ann Wright.*

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, September 10

8:45 a.m. Contemporary: Rev. Robert Countiss

8:45 a.m. Traditional: Joe Lyle

Worship Leader: Lindsey Blackwell

11:00 a.m. Traditional: Rev. Robert Countiss

Worship Leader: Jacob Dye

Greeters: Doc and Jennifer O'Neill

Acolytes: Elizabeth Nichols and Ainsley Richmond

Ushers for Traditional Worship: Team D

Offering Stewards: Kenneth and Deanna Reynolds

Children's Church: Brittani Clayman

Flowers: George and Ann Wright

Sound: Tanner Cook, Roger Edwards and Brent Treash

Photographer: Bobby Bolling

Sunday, September 17

8:45 a.m. Contemporary: Glenn Patterson

8:45 a.m. Traditional: Rev. Robert Countiss

11:00 a.m. Traditional: Rev. Robert Countiss

Greeters: Wayne and Judy English

Acolytes: Katie Rankin and Carter Withers

Ushers for Traditional Worship: Team A

Offering Stewards: Tom and Liz Bowen

Children's Church: Brittani Clayman

Flowers: Kari Hull

Sound: Tanner Cook, Roger Edwards and Brent Treash

Photographer: Bobby Bolling

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Robert Countiss, D.Min., Pastor

Glenn Patterson, Director of Music

Lindsey Blackwell, Music Ministry Assistant

Lisa Withers, Organist/Accompanist

Suzanne Rankin, Program Director

Brittani Clayman, Director of Students

Michele Carpenter, Office Manager

Bill Gibson, Contemporary Music Director

Moises Martinez, Student Intern

Kitty McCormick, Infant Nursery Worker

Jessica Hawks, Infant Nursery Worker

Wendy Long, Toddler Nursery Worker

Laken Price, Toddler Nursery Worker

Butch and Peggy Jones, Custodians

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by Salvador Dali.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun. Sept. 10 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Service
 8:45 a.m. Traditional Service
 9:45 a.m. Kidstuff
 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
 9:45 a.m. Bible Study Walking in the Light
 9:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School
 9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
 6:00 p.m. Youth Lip Sync Battle

Mon. Sept. 11 9:30 a.m. Lake Perry Wesley Circle at Feeding America

Tues. Sept. 12 10:00 a.m. Response Circle
 2:00 p.m. Lake Perry Wesley Circle
 7:00 p.m. Lillian Bondurant Circle
 7:00 p.m. WOW Circle at Cathy Lowe's home
 6:30 p.m. Scouts
 7:00 p.m. Bible Study Walking in the Light

Wed. Sept. 13 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast JMH
 10:30 a.m. Faith Lift
 5:15 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Dinner
 6:10 p.m. Handbells
 6:15 p.m. Bingo for all ages
 7:00 p.m. Choir

RECEPTION AFTER THE 11 A.M. SERVICE TODAY

The Gardner family invites you to stay after the service today to enjoy a 60th Wedding Anniversary Celebration for Jim and Karen. Light refreshments will be provided.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY RETURNS ON SEPTEMBER 13

Our Wednesday dinner and family night is returning! We'll have a great meal for you each week starting at 5:15 p.m. each Wednesday. The cost of the meal is \$7 per person with a family max of \$17 per family. There will also be a program each week for all ages starting at 6:15 p.m. We are also happy to have Carla Countiss back as our Kitchen Assistant/Cook for this upcoming year! Reservations for dinner are expected by Tuesday at Noon. **Coming Soon:** the 9th Annual Lemon Auction on September 27 at 6:15. Start gathering all of your LEMONS for this fun event.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Number Attending: _____

Would you like to have a standing Reservation?: Yes

MENU: Steak & Gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, salad, rolls, dessert Krew #1

Please return to church office by Tuesday at Noon.

PRAYER LIST

In an effort to keep the Prayer List updated and current, requests will be removed from the Prayer List after 4 weeks. Please let us know of any corrections, updates or additions you may have.

New Request: Jim Cole

Military Deployment: Dr. Aaron Cook (Sarah Armbrister)

Prayer List: Conner Bartz (Sandra Jonas), VT Carr, Nadine Farmer (Denny/Cindy Farmer), French Moore, Jr.

Treatment Pending/Continuing: Rusty Cline, June Donch (Marsha Demase), Mike Ferrell, Ellee Large (Becky Matney), Audrey Salazar (Roger and Alta Edwards)

AUMC STUDENT AND FAMILY CREEPER TRAIL BIKE RIDE

Join us Sunday, September 17th at 2pm for a family bike trip down the Creeper Trail! We will meet at The Virginia Creeper Trail Bike Shop on Pecan Street and from there; we will take a shuttle ride up to Whitetop. We will then ride from Whitetop to Damascus. A shuttle will bring us back to Abingdon.

This trip is open to all AUMC students and their families. The cost for the trip and bike rental is \$25 for an adult, and \$22 for a child (12 and under). If you already have a bike, the cost is \$12 for an adult, \$8 for a child. Bike trailers and trail-a-bikes are available for rental at \$15.

There are limited spots for this trip, so please email Brittani Clayman by September 13 if you would like to participate.

CLEANING BUCKETS AND HYGIENE KITS NEEDED

Your Holston Disaster Response Team & UMCOR have issued an urgent plea requesting Cleaning Buckets and Hygiene Kits to assist in the cleanup for those in areas affected by Hurricane Harvey. AUMC is collecting for both. Many people prefer to donate money so that the items can be picked up by someone else. The cost for the kits are: cleaning bucket \$66.50 each; hygiene kits \$14 each. Both amounts include shipping costs. We will be collecting these items now through Sept. 24. Monetary donations should be made by Sept. 17. The list of items can be found at the church office or can be found at <http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies>.

SOCIAL CLUB AT AUMC IN SEPTEMBER

Our fall meeting of The Social Club is Thursday, September 21. Our guests, local mentally-challenged folk, really look forward to their church outings consisting of a meal followed by Bingo. We also hand out "goodie bags" at the end of the evening. Look for the donation box outside Michele's office. Suggested goodie bag items: sample-sized lotions & shampoos, deodorant, toothbrushes & toothpaste, combs, brushes, jewelry for both men & women, small note books, ball caps. Suggested Bingo prizes: word-search books, colored pencils & lined notebooks, hand/body creams (full-sized), playing cards, key rings, plastic water bottles, small calculators, purses. Please—NO candy, gum, razors or sharp objects. DEADLINE: Monday, September 18.

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