

**ORDER OF SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

**September 3, 2017**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**11:00 a.m.**

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER CONCERNS

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 105)

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,

**People: Make known his deeds among the people.**

Leader: Sing to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

**People: Glory in his holy name;**

**All: Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.**

\* HYMN NO. 158 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Isaac Watts, arr. Martin

\* 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

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:9-18

Pew Bible p. 1382

\*Matthew 16:21-28

Pew Bible p. 1193

\* HYMN NO. 415 “Take Up Thy Cross”

SERMON

“The Work of the Church”

The Rev. Robert Countiss, D. Min.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Liturgist: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him and earnestly repent of their sin, therefore let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

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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.**

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

\* HYMN NO. 2241 “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

\* 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

Communion in the United Methodist Church is open to all.

If you wish to receive Communion in your seat, please tell an usher.

If you prefer a gluten-free option, it is available on the right side.

**The front cover** is *Christ of St John of the Cross* (1951) by Salvador Dali.

**OUR VOLUNTEERS**

**Sunday, September 3**

**8:45 a.m. Contemporary:** Glenn Patterson

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

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

*Greeters:* Ed Clark and Roberta Hylton

*Acolytes:* Ellie Ruble and Josie Thiessen

*Ushers for Traditional Worship:* Team Communion

*Offering Stewards:* Carter and Kate Garrett

*Hospitality Team:* Wade and Sondra Blevins

*No Children’s Church*

*Flowers:* None- Communion

*Sound:* Tanner Cook, Roger Edwards and Brent Treash

*Photographer:* Bobby Bolling

**Communion is observed in the 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service**

**Sunday, September 10**

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

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

*Greeters:* Doc and Jennifer O’Neill

*Acolytes:* Elizabeth Nichols and Ainsley Richmond

*Ushers for Traditional Worship:* Team D

*Offering Stewards:* Kenneth and Deanna Reynolds

*Hospitality Team:* Wade and Sondra Blevins

*Children’s Church:* Brittani Clayman

*Flowers:* George and Ann Wright

*Sound:* Tanner Cook, Roger Edwards and Brent Treash

*Photographer:* Bobby Bolling

**Our Communion offering will go to UMCOR Disaster Response for Hurricane Harvey.**

**Our Communion food will be Canned Meats such as beef stew (small cans please), ravioli, spaghetti and meatballs and large canned chicken.**

**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



**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

**Sun. Sept. 3** 8:45 a.m. ....Contemporary Service  
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 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  
 5:45 p.m. ....Confirmation Class

**Mon. Sept. 4** Church Office Closed  
 9:30 a.m. .... Response Circle at Feeding America

**Tues. Sept. 5** 3:30 p.m. .... UMW Executive Meeting  
 6:30 p.m. .... Scouts  
 7:00 p.m. ....Bible Study Walking in the Light

**Wed. Sept. 6** 6:30 a.m. ....Men’s Prayer Breakfast JMH  
 7:00 p.m. .... Choir

**WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY RETURNS ON SEPTEMBER 13**

Our Wednesday dinner and family night is returning soon! 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!

**Coming Soon:** September 13: Menu: Steak and Gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, salad, rolls, dessert. Krew #1.

At 6:15 p.m. we will have BINGO for all ages.

**Coming Soon:** the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Lemon Auction on September 27 at 6:15. Start gathering all of your LEMONS for this fun event.

**DINNER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Kitchen Krew members are always needed to help on one of our 4 Kitchen Krews. The Kitchen Krews help set the tables and set out the food for the meal. They also help clean up and put away the food and dishes after the meal. This is a great way to meet new people and to serve your church at the same time! Sign up with Suzanne if you would like to be a part of a Kitchen Krew.

**NEW MUSICAL OPPORTUNITY FOR KIDS/YOUTH**

Coming this fall, we will begin offering an exciting new opportunity for our children and youth! Starting on September 20<sup>th</sup>, Wonderful Wednesdays will be getting musical with the addition of an AUMC Children’s Choir and an AUMC Youth Choir! We will meet for dinner according to schedule and then at 6:15 the children and youth will be invited downstairs for their evening activities with Miss Lindsey and Miss Brittani! In addition to lessons and fun each week with Miss Brittani, the children and youth will also be invited to participate in our Choir programs with Miss Lindsey, culminating in special opportunities in our Worship services here at AUMC. Don’t miss these wonderful new experiences for your family!

**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.

**Condolences to Andy Stockner** in the death of his uncle Donald Mitchell from Roanoke, Virginia on August 28.

**New Request: VT Carr**

**Military Deployment:** Dr. Aaron Cook (Sarah Armbrister)

**Prayer List:** Conner Bartz (Sandra Jonas), Nadine Farmer (Denny/Cindy Farmer), Mike Ferrell, French Moore, Jr., Tony Rudolph (Ann Wright)

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

**Homebound, Independent Living/Retirement, Assisted Care and Rehab Facilities:** Harry Arnold, Delcie Boyd, John and Phyllis Deadmore, Peggy Donaldson, Carol Hearl, Bob Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Annabelle Keener, Bill Sutherland, Jan Thrasher, Mae Turner, Mary Ruth Vaught (Judy Casey’s mother), Madge Via, Gene Widener, Millie Woody

**AUMC STUDENT AND FAMILY CREEPER TRAIL BIKE RIDE**

Join us Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 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. Just imagine the fun and fellowship we can have together!

**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 would like to collect for these two items. 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 the shipping costs. We will be collecting these items now through September 24. All monetary donations should be made by September 17. The list of items can be found at the church office or can be found at <http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies>.

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