

Order of Worship

July 16, 2017 6th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m.

Gathering of God's Children		
Welcome and Announcements		
Prelude		William Elliott
Bringing in the Light of Christ		Acolytes
Choral Call to Worship "Let Us Come Into the House of the Lord"		Chancel Choir
*Hymn "Spirit of the Living God"		UMH 393
*Affirmation of Faith "Nicene Creed"		UMH 880
*Gloria Patri "Glory Be To the Father"		UMH 70
Children's Time		
Special Music "Didn't I Walk On the Water"		Donnie Hagy
Receiving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings		
Offertory		William Elliott
*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"		UMH 95
Special Music "I Go To the River" and "He's In the House"		Donnie Hagy
Scripture	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	
Sermon "Preach the Word!"		Rev. Dr. Jay Ferguson
Invitation to Follow Jesus		
*Hymn "Here I Am, Lord"		UMH 593
*Dismissal with Blessing		
*Choral Benediction "May the Road Rise to Meet You"		Chancel Choir
*Taking out the Light of Christ		Acolytes
*Postlude		William Elliott
*People Stand as Able		

Acolytes: Randall Hash and Janice Busic

Welcome to First United Methodist Church! We are glad you came. Please feel welcome to take part in any of the activities we list in the bulletin or announce from the pulpit. We are here to help you grow in your faith in Jesus Christ. If you have questions or needs, please tell us. Also, please use the attendance registration pads located in each seat, and share those with folks sitting near you. Your presence is a blessing!

Prayer Requests

IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Fran **Alba**, **Carly Rich** Allen, **Alaya** Allen, Rudy **Austin** (Vera Lee Austin's Brother), Chance **Bailey**, Becky **Betts** (Bronwyn Owen's Mother), Sarah **Bowling**, Lynn **Burnette**, Judy **Cassady**, Betty **Chandler** (Jessi Terry's Mother), Ulysses **Cundiff**, Blair **Deskins** (Jean Miller's Granddaughter), Richard and Patty **Dillon**, Richard **Dillon Jr.**, Terri **Dodson**, Darlene **Dolin**, Linda **Douthat**, Jonathan **Du**, Doris **Englmeier** (Patti Wilkinson's Aunt), Cathy **Fuller**, Vicki **Furrow**, Amanda **Griffith**, Mable **Gum**, Pat **Hartley**, Jerry **Hickman & Family**, Owen **Howard** (Brownie and Beverly Browning's Great Grandson), Joe **Kessler**, Rev. Jim **Kestner**, Diana **Kilber**, Gloria **Lowery**, Dennis **McClanahan**, Mary **Martin**, Rick **Mabry**, Roy **Mitchem**, Rachel **Mullins**, Lynne **Phelps**, Johnny **Puckett**, Patty **Ramage**, Deb **Sarver**, Marguerite **Smith**, Jeanie **Starcher**, Doug **Thompson**, Will **Thompson**, Dalia **Vidot**, Patsy **Welch**, Betty **White**, Raymond **Wymer**

OUR MILITARY

Ryan **Shott**, Lucas **Graham**, Jeremy **Woody**, Jerome **Moody**, Michael **Cox** and those serving our country

LONG TERM ILLNESS

Marie **Anderson**, Barbara **Bailey**, Bobbie **Bellamy** (Margaret Elam's Sister), Smokey **Blaylock**, E. C. **Browning**, Richie **Childress**, Joe **Davidson**, Leon **Devor**, Ethel **Earls**, Syd **Ellison**, Margaret **Farmer**, Russell **Garrett**, Tom **Hodge** (Shelby Clendenen's Brother), Mary Virginia **Lester** (Linda Hash's Sister), Charles **Miller** (Pam Rose's Father), Gary **Pardue**, Gerrie **Porter**, Wilma **Shay**, Nancy **Trenton**, Irma **Webb**.

Children's Bulletins are available in the Narthex. One for ages 3-6 and one for ages 7-12.

CONSECRATION
TO BE SET APART

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

What does it mean for someone to be consecrated, ordained, or sanctified? These are important terms representing deep spiritual truths for United Methodists. They inform our lives together as clergy and lay. They also reveal the singlemindedness necessary to serve God in a world competing for our allegiance. What did the Apostle Paul mean when he taught the early church to be in the world but not of it? Join me as we reflect on God's call to consecrate his people for joyful obedience beginning July 16th through August 13th.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 16	
Worship Service	8:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, July 18	
TOPS	5:30 p.m.
Evangelism Team	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 19	
Men's Breakfast	7:30 a.m.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

July 2017

2017 Monthly Budget	\$23,721.00
Monthly Tithes & Offerings to Date	\$10,887.23
Monthly Unbudgeted Receipts to Date	\$ 515.00

ATTENDANCE: July 16

8:30 a.m. Service	24
10:30 a.m. Service	137
Total Worship	161
Sunday School	44

MEN'S BREAKFAST Wednesday, July 19 at 7:30 a.m. in Palmer Hall.

Devotions: Rev. Ray Petty **Cooks:** John White and Crew

The Mission Team is sponsoring **A MISSION PROJECT AT THE WADE CENTER**. They will provide a meal for 75 mission workers on Monday, July 24. Please see Myra Yates or Tom Graham if you would like to volunteer for this local mission opportunity. Donations for purchase of food would be appreciated. Please mark envelope or check for Wade Mission.

The plans are in motion.... the 2017 **SONSHINE CELEBRATION** will be held August 16, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Registration and school supplies will be in the Farmer's Market while the hot dog dinner will be served in Palmer Hall.

Now...the work begins. We need monetary donations to cover the cost of this community outreach. Last year, our expenses totaled over \$4,000. We don't have a reserve to start this campaign so we have a long way to go in a short time. The countdown begins now, mark your calendar, set your budget, and plan to join in the mission trip we are taking right here in downtown. **We need your prayers, contributions, and participation to allow God to use us in this endeavor.** More news and updates to follow!

BIBLE STUDY will resume on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Bring your Bible and come join us as Pastor Jay leads us in the study of the Gospel of Matthew. The Bible Study will be a time of fellowship and learning – growing through the sharing and understanding of God's word.

Pastor Jay challenges the regular attendees of the Wednesday night Bible Study to bring a friend. We will learn more about Jesus' messianic purpose, what Jesus taught about his kingdom and discipleship. A sign-up sheet for Bible Study has been placed on the bulletin board outside the church office. Please sign if you plan to attend.

CIRCLE PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS will begin on Sunday, September 10 at 9:30 a.m. You will need to purchase the book "Moravian Daily Texts" at a cost of \$10.00 which will be available in the church office. A sign-up sheet for this class has been placed on the bulletin board outside the church office. Please sign if you plan to attend.

Dr. Dyer's office across the street from the Tazewell Avenue Entrance has requested that their parking lot not be used by anyone attending our church services. Their parking lot needs to be accessible to their staff at all times.



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