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February 16, 2020

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: Mary Gugler, Music Director

*INTROIT: "Surely The Presence of the Lord"

* REPEAT INTROIT ANNOUNCEMENTS/VISITORS/FAMILIES OF THE WEEK/BIRTHDAYS: Many happy returns on the day of your birth May sunshine and gladness be given, and may the dear Father Prepare us on earth for a beautiful birthday in heaven.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: This is the day the Lord has made!

C: We come rejoicing and giving thanks.

L:This is the day God invites us to love and to live.

C: We seek to dwell in God's love as we turn our hearts toward God.

L: This is the day to worship our creator ad redeemer.

C: We worship the God of life.

*OPENING PRAYER:

Almighty God, we gather in this space to praise your name. Help us lay aside our worries, our fears our frustrations, and our anxieties, that we may be free to truly worship you. Through the power of your Spirit, empower us to seek your ways, walk in the footsteps of Christ, come before you with our whole heart, and live as your faithful servants. We seek your help this day, O God, that the world may know your abundant love and your amazing grace. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: #555 "Forward Through the Ages"

*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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 119: 1-8 Page 436 in pew Bible Vicky Goforth

ANTHEM - "Angels Watching Over Me"

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*OFFERTORY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CHILDREN'S TIME

*HYMN OF PREPARATION #389 "Freely, Freely"

*SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

WITNESS TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: #430 "O Master Let Me Walk With

Thee"

BENEDICTION: "Spirit of the Living God"

*Denotes please stand if you are able.

TODAY'S THEME

Today's scriptures remind us of the blessing it is to choose the ways of God. We are given the invitation to follow God's commandments. Deuteronomy tells us to "choose life." The psalmist tells us to be blameless and walk in the ways of God. Paul reminds us that it is God who gives growth and empowers us to be servants. And Matthew offers us commandments to follow that lead to life

Prayers for our Families of the Week:

Paul Carroll; Luke and Megan Compton; Jackie Dove; Tyler, Elizabeth, Rylee, Kenzie and Lainee Horne; Larry Larson; Betty Lett; Barbara Sublett; Judy Wise; R. C. and Sandy Woolfender

Please update your prayer requests. Share the good news of healings and update those in need.

Our Ministry in Prayer:

Prayers for our country, state and local leadership, areas of war,

Disasters. Famine, unrest, the homeless, those who are searching.

Prayers for our Active Duty their families and friends:

James Bartran II, USAF, Timothy Keen USA, Michael McClennon USMC

Scott Moore USCG, Aerick Paxton, USAF David Plessinger, USA

Andrew Manning, USMC

Prayers for our EMS, Fire Departments, First Responders, Teachers

Membership and Budget

Membership 185

Attendance last Sunday 73

Monthly Budget \$12,290.75

Monthly Total \$5,540.77

Offering last Sunday \$2,596.07

Future Scripture Readers and Greeters

February 16 th	Vicky Goforth	Psalm 119 1-8
February 23 rd	Cindy Lamn	Psalm 99
March 1st	Lynn Graves	Psalm 32
March 8 th	Dorinda Paxton	Psalm 121
March 15 th	Barbara McCaughey	Psalm 95
March 22 nd	Norma Jean Matthews	Psalm 23
March 29 th	Gary Ayers	Psalm 130

We are always looking for volunteers to be readers and greeters. This is a great opportunity to get to meet and greet your church Family as they enter the door, and to get an opportunity to read God's Word to the church. We ask that on the Sunday you are to greet and read, that you be at church at 8:45, so that you can say "Good Morning" to everyone as they enter the building. Wear your best smile and welcome your neighbors!!

Sunday Snacks

February 16th Gerry Cluett

February 23rd Birthday Cake and Covered Dish Luncheon

March 1st Linda May March 8th Ed Clark

There is always coffee and snacks in the social hall after worship service.. Please come and join us!!

LECTIONARY TEXT FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

This Week at PUMC

Wednesday

Sunday Worship 9:15am
Adult Sunday School 10:45am

Valentine Lunch following church services. Provided by UMM.

Monday Golf at Tanglewood 9:30am
Tuesday Hand Bell practice 5:00pm

Choir practice 6:30pm Bible Study (French's House) 7:00pm

Al-Anon meeting 7:00pm

Quilting Group 9:00am

1st, 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays

Woodcarving at Ron Seward's 6:00pm

Thursday (Rev. Ken's day off)

UMM 6:30 pm

Friday Exercise Classes in Social Hall 7:30 & 8:40am

Walk with Ken at Golf Shop. 7:30 am Bible Study at Golf Shop 8:00am

Monthly Events

1st Sunday Communion with Service
 1st Wednesday
 WATCH Night
 6:00pm
 2nd Monday Journey Forward Grief Support

at Dowling home 4:00pm

3rd Monday (Every other month) Council Meeting 5:00pm

3rd ThursdayUMM6:30pm4th MondayUMW10:00amLast SundayLunch and Birthday Cake in Social Hall

After Service

Looking Ahead

February 25th **Shrove Tuesday** 12:00 Noon

Pancake Lunch provided by UMM.

February 26th **Ash Wednesday** 7:00 pm

March 2nd Game and Music Night 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

March 29th **PUMC choir, bell choir and local churches will**

perform. More information to come.

April 4th Spring Clean Up Day at PUMC 9:00 am until....

April 12th Easter Sunrise Service and Church Service

Easter Egg hunt after services

April 27-29 **Springtime Jubilee at Myrtle Beach, SC.** Anyone

interested in more information, please see Jan Thrasher.

The website is www.jubileeconferences.com/spring/index.html

Farmville District Listening Post/Information Sessions

February 25th Crewe United Methodist Church 6:30 pm

March 9th South Hill United Methodist Church 6:30 pm

Web information is found at:

https://www.vaumc.org/SeparationAgreement

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Our church directory is being updated. If you have changes that need to be made or need to be included, please contact Annette Jones

FYI

If you are a friend of Prospect and would like to be included on the membership and friends list, please get in touch with Annette Jones, cajones@buggs.net or 434-636-2297. If you are interested in joining our fellowship please talk to Rev. Ken 434-955-0253. Annette Jones, Membership Secretary.

Our United Methodist Women and Men would like to invite you to consider joining them in a time of fellowship each month. The UMW and UMM are involved in many local and international mission projects. They are also a great opportunity to get to know some of the people who attend church at a much deeper level. Please pray about allowing God to use you to spread the gospel to the world.

Stewardship is our commitment to God. It involves not only our tithe, it also involves our gifts, our talents, and our time. As God devotes His time to you, let us devote the time and talents to make disciples to truly transform the world. Please note the increase in our budget for 2020. Our budget has increased by \$220.75 per month.

Need Your Help!! The food box/wagon in the front entrance is in need of filling. Please remember to bring your non-perishable food items for **Holly Haven**. Monetary donations are also welcomed and appreciated. Make checks payable to PUMC, Holly Haven in memo.

Trustees for 2020

Patricia Conner - Chairperson

Gary Ayers - Vice Chairperson

Lynn Graves – Secretary

Kate Moreen, Gerry Cluett, Ray Barden, Will Ford, Peggy Donochod and Chris Ruch

BUDGET FOR 2020

The yearly budget of 2020 will be \$147,489.00. That's \$12,290.75 per month which is \$220.75 more per month than last year. Please be in meaningful prayer about your stewardship for your church.