

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 2021

PRELUDE/GATHERING

Jerrie Sue Massengale

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Buddy Butler

A TIME OF CENTERING

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Jerrie Sue Massengale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Buddy Butler

Every generous act of giving is a tribute to God's love for us.

**Lord, let us be people of generous and abundant gifts for others.**

Be ready to listen and slow to react in anger.

**Lord, prepare us to be peaceful people.**

Keep your hearts and spirits ready to serve the Lord.

**Lord, open our hearts to hear and respond to your words of life in ministries of hope and peace. AMEN.**

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PRAISE, 77

*How Great Thou Art*

\*PSALTER, 795

Psalm 72

\*GLORIA PATRI, 70 **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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, for ever. Amen.**

\*HYMN, 57

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

\*DOXOLOGY, 95 **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*Hold to God's Unchanging Hand*

Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

James 1:17-27

SERMON

"Enough Religion to Be Useful"

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\*INVITATIONAL HYMN, 2152

*Change My Heart, O God*

**Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you. You are the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray. Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.**

\*SENDING FORTH

\*POSTLUDE

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness, reprise*

Jerrie Sue Massengale

\*Congregation standing, as able

Holston Home for Children **Fifth Sunday Offering** will be received today. "Holston United Methodist Home for Children provides hope and healing for a brighter future by sharing the love of Jesus with children and families struggling with life's challenges."



**All are welcome!** Rehearsals resume on Wednesday, September 8, 6 p.m.

All are welcome to attend the Son Seekers Class study of Philipians. Bring your Bibles, your questions, your reflections--and maybe a pen and paper for note-taking.

**The Reading Room is back open for your reading adventures!** Now is the time to read, read, read!!! UMW members will find reading program books in the church library, on the table and on the UMW bookshelf. Any book labeled 2015 - 2020 will count towards a certificate for 2021. Son Seekers Class, please note that *How Is It with Your Soul?* can be counted for 2021 in the Spiritual Growth category. You do NOT have to be a woman or a UMW member to read any book on the UMW shelves. But we do ask that ALL sign out UMW books, leaving the cards in the card catalog box or on the table. Thank you! Questions? See Marti Lane or go to <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram>

**Ladies Water Exercise** will be held at the home of Linda Day. Call Linda at 706-632-3884 for the date and starting time if you plan to attend.

Know someone who might be interested in learning violin? Private instruction by Glenda Wattenbarger flyers are available in the narthex—feel free to take one and pass it along.



A 13-week session of GriefShare is being held through November 6, Saturdays 3—5 p.m. Contact Lonney McDonald for more information—706-455-8249.

Please donate nonperishable food items in the Narthex box - peanut butter, jelly, breakfast cereal, oatmeal, canned meat, tuna, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, rice, soup, chili, etc. *Thanks to all who contribute - the families are always grateful.*





**Church Leadership**

**Pastor** Gilbert "Buddy" Butler  
**Choir Director** Ben Sexton  
**Accompanist** Jerrie Sue Massengale  
**Secretary** Heidi Rule  
**Custodian** Christine Dowlin

**Sunday Servants**

**Ushers** Smokey Brooks Larry Collis  
 Shirley Russell\* Leland Rymer  
 \*Team captain  
**Sound Techs** Randy Loudermilk, Ann Rymer  
**Webmaster** Marti Lane

**Our Prayer Concerns**

**Our Congregation:** \*Ed Massengale, Jim Sheffer, Janice Brooks, Barb Bender, Hannah Geren, Dellon Ash

**Homebound/Assisted Living:** Fay Norwood, Emily Yaxley, ^Warrene Alexander

**Others in our prayers:** Sandra Williams (sister-in-law of Joy Turner), Tinsley Jones (nephew of Jerrie Sue Massengale), Bill Grindstaff, Maria Ruark (mother of Evelyn Stemmann), Lacey Burnette and family, Sandy Graham, Judy Potter (cancer treatments), Phoebe Ann Smith (therapy after car accident), Bob and Sherry Welch, Wilma Sexton (mother of Ben Sexton). Alexis (seizures, granddaughter of Pamela Gamble), Marti Lane's cousin Bill Rider (undergoing chemo and radiation), Weldon Self, Jr., David Queen (brain tumor), Hoot and Gwen Skelton (Covid), Jessie Lebo (grandmother of April Butler), Ricky Callihan, Jill Chatham Anderson – chemo treatments (step-daughter of Brenda Chatham), Kerry and Cindy Hicks, first responders, our armed forces, victims of hate crimes and their families and perpetrators of hate crimes and their families

\*new to concerns +Hospital ^Assisted Living/Nursing Home ~ Hospice

**If you would like to add someone to our Prayer Concerns, please call the church office.**

*If your birthday or anniversary has not appeared in our listings please call the church office so we can update our records.*

The Community Meal "To Go" is held on Mondays, 4—6 p.m. 106 meals were served on Monday. There is no charge for meals but donations are accepted and appreciated. If you would like to help, please contact Sheppie Dunn or Evelyn Stemmann. The Community Meal phone number is 423-241-2282.

**Scan here to give:** when you scan this image with a smartphone's QR decoder, it will connect you to the mobile version of the FUMCC web page—a quick and easy way to access it. You can also donate securely online at [fumc-copperhill.org](http://fumc-copperhill.org).



**Calendar**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
10:00 am Sunday School	4:00 pm Community Meal "To Go"	3:00 pm GriefShare
11:00 am Worship	<b>Thursday</b>	
	6:00 pm AA Meeting (Legacy Hall)	

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**Secretary's Office Hours: Monday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

