

15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 5, 2021

PRELUDE/GATHERING Jerrie Sue Massengale
ANNOUNCEMENTS Buddy Butler
A TIME OF CENTERING *Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus* Jerrie Sue Massengale
CALL TO WORSHIP Buddy Butler

Those who trust in God are like the mountains, immovable and abiding.

God shelters the people: today and for eternity.

Rich or poor, God creates us to pursue justice and to care for one another.

Be a blessing, O God, to those who are good and upright in heart.

God calls us to be rich in faith, to honor our heritage as heirs of the Kingdom.

We are blessed when we share our blessings, that peace may be upon the people.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE, 384 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*PSALTER, 858 Psalm 146

*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, 354 *I Surrender All*

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 *I'm Thankful* Choir

SCRIPTURE READING James 2:1-17

SERMON "A Partial Faith" Buddy Butler

*INVITATIONAL HYMN, 334 *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE *Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus, reprise* Jerrie Sue Massengale

*Congregation standing, as able

Love and sympathy is expressed to the family of James Sheffer, who passed to the new life on Thursday, September 2. Please keep Shirley and the rest of his family in your prayers.

GriefShare has been suspended due to the increase in local Covid cases. The decision to resume meeting will be reevaluated on a weekly basis.



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

The church office will be closed tomorrow in observance of Labor Day.



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>

The Community Meal is held on Mondays, 4—6 p.m. Meals are “to go” only. There is no charge for meals but donations are accepted and appreciated. If you would like to help, please contact Sheppie Dunn or Evelyn Stemann. 104 meals were served on Monday. The Community Meal phone number is 423-241-2282.

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

The women and men of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Blue Ridge will hold their annual yard/barn sale Friday and Saturday, September 10 and 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds benefit community programs of the church. Call 706-632-8245 for more information.

Please donate nonperishable food items in the Narthex box - peanut butter, jelly, breakfast cereal, oatmeal, canned meat, tuna, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, **rice, soup, chili, canned vegetables**, 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 Elaine Morgan Bill Simonds
 Ron Singleton*
 *Team captain
Sound Techs Randy Loudermilk, Ann Rymer
Webmaster Marti Lane

Our Prayer Concerns

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

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

Others in our prayers: *Mary Louise Landrum, 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.

Birthdays

9 Tim Nicholson

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

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.



Calendar

Today

10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship

Monday

4:00 pm Community Meal "To Go"

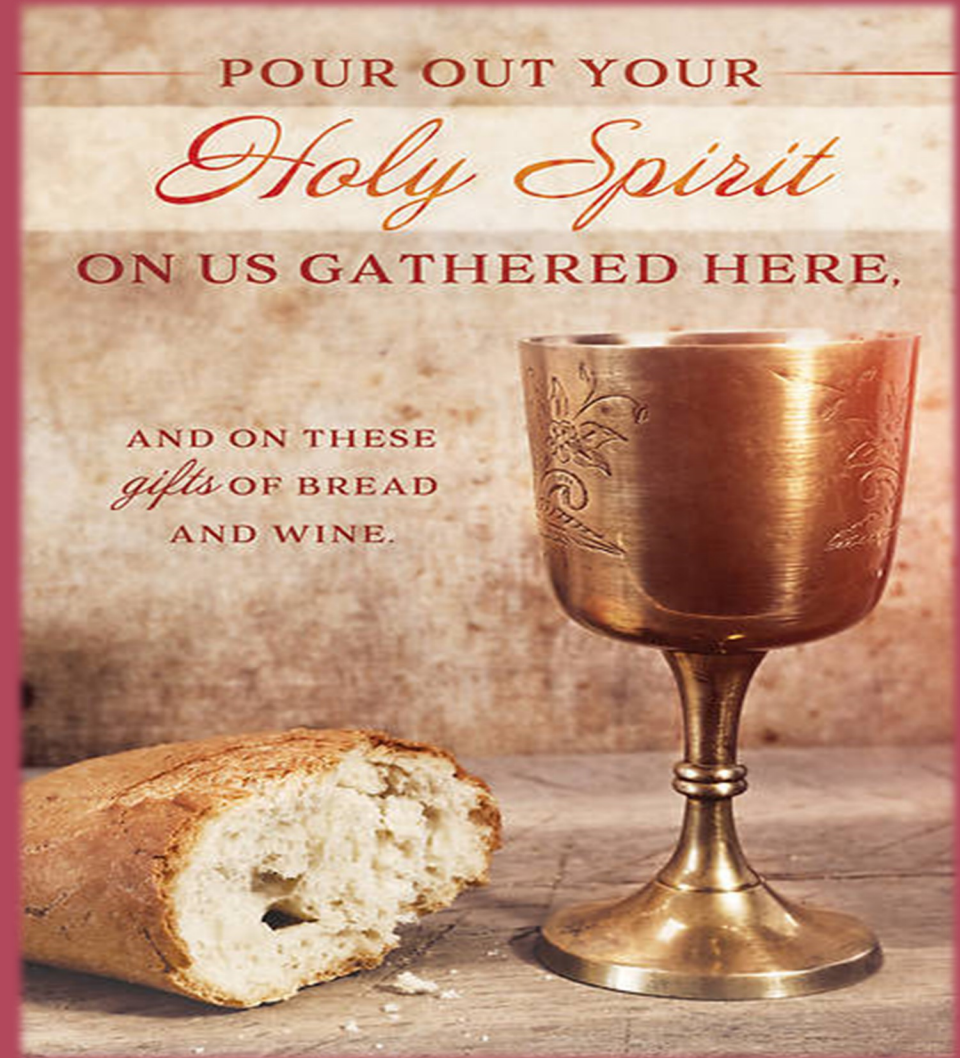
Thursday

6:00 pm AA Meeting (Legacy Hall)

Saturday

GriefShare is suspended

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Everyone Welcome!