

18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021

PRELUDE/GATHERING		Jerrie Sue Massengale
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Buddy Butler
A TIME OF CENTERING	<i>In the Sweet Bye and Bye Medley</i>	Jerrie Sue Massengale
	Arranged by Dino Kartsonakis	
CALL TO WORSHIP		Buddy Butler
OPENING PRAYER		
*HYMN OF PRAISE, 61	<i>Come, Thou Almighty King</i>	
*PSALTER, 846	Psalm 124	
*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, 526	<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	
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>There Is a Redeemer</i>	Choir
SCRIPTURE READING	James 5:13-20	
SERMON	"Praying..."	Buddy Butler
*INVITATIONAL HYMN, 474	<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i>	
*SENDING FORTH		
*POSTLUDE	<i>In the Sweet Bye and Bye Medley</i>	Jerrie Sue Massengale
*Congregation standing, as able		

Due to the increased number of local Covid cases, it was decided not to hold **Homecoming** this year.

The **Son Seekers Sunday School Class** have begun a study of the first few chapters of The Revelation. Then we probably will finish off the year with an Advent study. If you are not currently in an adult Bible study class, why not join us? (10 - 11 a.m. in the Church Parlor.)

GriefShare has resumed. This weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close meets Saturdays, 3-5 p.m. Please call Lonney McDonald at 706-455-8249. for more information.

The **Hiwassee District Conference** is scheduled for today, 3:00 pm, at Keith Memorial UMC located at 600 W Madison Ave, Athens, TN 37303. The following are the Local Church Officers who are voting members: Chair of Admin Board/Council, Lay Leader, Presidents of UMM, UMW, and UMY, Annual Conference Lay Members, Finance Chairperson/Treasurer, Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Chairperson, all clergy (active and retired).

A **Nominations Committee** meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 28, at 5:30 p.m. The **Finance Committee** meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m.

The **Church Council** will meet on Thursday, September 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

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 Stemmann. 120 meals were served on Monday. The Community Meal phone number is 423-241-2282.

We will celebrate **World Communion Sunday** on October 3. Our offering will support racial and ethnic students in achieving their educational goals while also transforming communities. Fifty percent provides scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries, thirty-five percent supports ethnic scholarships for undergraduates, fifteen percent funds In-Service Training Programs for racial and ethnic persons.

Our **Annual Charge Conference** will be held on Sunday, October 10, immediately following the Worship Service.

The United Methodist Women will sell pecans the first week of November. Halves, medium pieces, and small pieces of plain pecans and both milk and dark chocolate pecans will be ordered.

The UMW are planning a workshop on making greeting cards. Cindy Mishtal, our Hiwassee UMW District President will teach us to make cards using the iris folding technique. Our workshop will be on Thursday, October 21. We plan to have lunch at 11:30 a.m. followed by making cards. There will be a sign up sheet for the workshop. All women in our church are invited to join the fun and we welcome friends! Questions, please call Flora Grindstaff at 706-632-5979

In response to the recent flooding in Holston and Middle Tennessee, the Hiwassee District is collecting **Hygiene Kits** and **Cleaning Kits**. If you would like to assemble a kit, instructions and material lists are available in the Narthex. The Hygiene kits cost around \$12.00 for materials (additional \$2 for each kit for S/H and added toothpaste). The Cleaning Kits cost around \$75.00 for materials (additional \$3 for each kit for S/H and added sponges). Assembling a Cleaning Kit would be an excellent Sunday School Class Project.



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: Todd Geren (Covid), 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: *+Carrie Collis (Covid and pneumonia), Weldon Self, Jr., The family of Charlene Swanson (mother of Frank Swanson), The family of Hope Silvani (grandmother of Dominic Silvani), Katrina Center (Covid—daughter of Alan Abernathy), Cheryl Tipton, 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), Marti Lane's cousin Bill Rider (undergoing chemo and radiation), David Queen (brain tumor), 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

27 Janice Burger, Diane Pellington, Adam Turner

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

Choir Rehearsal held Wednesdays at 6 p.m. All are welcome!



Calendar

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

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Everyone Welcome!