

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 3, 2021**

PRELUDE/GATHERING		Jerrie Sue Massengale
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Buddy Butler
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST		
A TIME OF CENTERING	<i>Lamb of God</i>	Jerrie Sue Massengale
CALL TO WORSHIP		Buddy Butler
OPENING PRAYER		
*HYMN OF PRAISE, 368	<i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i>	
PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION		
OLD TESTAMENT READING	Job 1:1, 2:1-10	
PSALTER, 743	Psalm 8	
EPISTLE READING	Hebrews 1:1-4,2:5-12	
*GOSPEL READING	Mark 10:2-16	
*GLORIA PATRI, 70	<b>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.</b>	
ANTHEM	<i>At the Table of the Lord</i>	Choir
SERMON	“Jesus Is...”	Buddy Butler
*HYMN OF INVITATION, 189	<i>My Hope Is Built</i>	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH , 881	The Apostles’ Creed	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON		
SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST		
WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES		
*DOXOLOGY, 95	<b>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.</b>	
*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING		
THE LORD’S PRAYER		
HOLY COMMUNION		
*HYMN, 2226	<i>Bind Us Together</i>	
	<i>1. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love. 2. There is only one God, there is only one King; There is only one body, that is why we sing. Repeat verse 1.</i>	
*SENDING FORTH		
*POSTLUDE	<i>Lamb of God, reprise</i>	Jerrie Sue Massengale

\*Congregation standing, as able

Today we celebrate **World Communion Sunday**. Your donation changes the world one life at a time. Together our reach is beyond measure. Please write “World Communion” on the memo line of your check (made payable to First UMC) or on your offering envelope.

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



All ladies are invited to a **UMW Meeting** on Thursday, October 7, 1:30 p.m. in Legacy Hall. UMW Officers and leaders of our groups are especially asked to attend.

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex for the UMW's workshop on making greeting cards. The workshop will be on October 21, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. Cindy Mishtal, the District UMW President will be leading the workshop. We will have lunch and then make cards using the iris folding technique. We hope you can join us.

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

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

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. Please have kits back at First UMC next Sunday, October 10.



**Operation Christmas Child** shoeboxes and brochures with age/gender labels are available in the Narthex today. See the bulletin board for detailed packing suggestions for each age group. Please bring packed shoeboxes and \$9.00 for shipping back to First UMC by Sunday, November 14. Please do not tape shoebox shut—they have to be inspected before international shipping.



**Church Leadership**

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

**Sunday Servants**

**Ushers** Shirley Starling Charles Stemmann  
 Joy Turner  
 \*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 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 (in remission), David Queen (brain tumor), Jessie Lebo (grandmother of April Butler), Ricky Callihan, Kerry and Cindy Hicks, first responders, our armed forces  
 \*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**

3 Mindy Nicholson 4 Cathryn McCarter 8 Randy Loudermilk 9 Fay Norwood

**Anniversaries**

6 Alex and Lisa Loudermilk 21<sup>st</sup>

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

**NewsLetter DEADLINE**

All news and calendar items for the November issue of *The Copperhill Courier* are due in the church office by Friday, October 15.

**Calendar**

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

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