

20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 10, 2021

PRELUDE/GATHERING Jerrie Sue Massengale
ANNOUNCEMENTS Buddy Butler
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST
A TIME OF CENTERING *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* Jerrie Sue Massengale
CALL TO WORSHIP Buddy Butler
OPENING PRAYER
*HYMN OF PRAISE, 64 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*
PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 40:28-31
PSALTER, 854 Psalm 139
EPISTLE READING Hebrews 4:12-16
*GOSPEL READING John 5:30-47
*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.**
ANTHEM *It Is Well with My Soul* Choir
SERMON "A Heart-Piercing Word" Buddy Butler
*HYMN OF INVITATION, 522 *Leave It There*
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 889 Affirmation from I Timothy
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON
SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
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.**
A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
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, forever. Amen.
*HYMN, 328 *Surely the Presence of the Lord*
*SENDING FORTH
*FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD, TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO OUR COMMUNITY
*POSTLUDE *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* Jerrie Sue Massengale
*Congregation standing, as able

Our **Annual Charge Conference** will be held immediately following the Worship Service.



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 (everyone is asked to bring a sack 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, cinnamon, chocolate pecan clusters, 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. 137 meals were served on Monday. The Community Meal phone number is 423-241-2282.



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.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Blue Ridge invites everyone to “**An Afternoon of Chamber Music**” on Sunday, October 17, at 3 p.m. Faculty and students from Young Harris College will perform in vocal and instrumental ensembles.

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.





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), Ed Massengale, Janice Brooks, Barb Bender, Hannah Geren, Delon Ash

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

Others in our prayers: +Carrie Collis (Covid and pneumonia), Weldon Self, Jr.,), 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

13 David Turner 16 Billie Ash

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

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
12:00 pm Charge Conference	6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	3:00 pm GriefShare

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Everyone Welcome!