

**7th Sunday after the Epiphany
February 20, 2022**

PRELUDE/GATHERING		Jerrie Sue Massengale
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Buddy Butler
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST		
A TIME OF CENTERING	<i>Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus</i>	Jerrie Sue Massengale
CALL TO WORSHIP		Buddy Butler
PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON, 893		
SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST		
OPENING PRAYER		
*HYMN OF PRAISE, 176	<i>Majesty, Worship His Majesty</i>	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 882	The Apostles' Creed	
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, 593	<i>Here I Am, Lord</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.	
PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION		
OLD TESTAMENT READING	Genesis 45:3-11, 15	Linda Day
PSALTER, 772	Psalms 37	
EPISTLE READING	I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50	Evelyn Stemmann
*GOSPEL READING	Luke 6:27-38	
*GLORIA PATRI, 70		
ANTHEM, 370	<i>Victory in Jesus</i>	Choir
SERMON	"Sharing the Peace of Christ"	Buddy Butler
*HYMN OF INVITATION, 378	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	
*SENDING FORTH		
*FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD, TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO OUR COMMUNITY		
*POSTLUDE	<i>Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus</i>	Jerrie Sue Massengale

*Congregation standing, as able

The Son Seekers adult Sunday School class are studying the United Methodist curriculum recommended by some of the church board —please join us.



The UMW will meet on Wednesday, March 2, at 11:00 a.m. with a program on the observance of Ash Wednesday. Lunch will be soup and muffins. All ladies are invited to attend. Mark your calendar for the UMW Plant Swap on Saturday, April 2. More details will be announced when available. The Hiwassee District UMW "Call to Prayer Service" has been scheduled for Saturday, March 5, at Tasso UMC from 9 a.m. to noon. Deaconess Cindy Campbell will be speaking on Romans 14:19. Please contact Flora Grindstaff if you are interested in attending. The United Methodist Women would like to thank all supported their pecan fundraiser. Remaining dark chocolate, medium and small pieces are reduced to \$10.00.

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close. You'll find it to be a warm caring environment and learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life. Please pass the word along to those who may benefit from this program. A new 13-week session begins on Saturday, February 26, 3-5 p.m. Call Lonney McDonald at 706-455-8249 for more information.



The new air conditioning unit for Legacy Hall has arrived. If you would like to make a contribution to help pay the \$3,000.00 cost please mark it "AC Fund."

If you would be willing to read scripture on Sunday, please put your name and contact information on the Liturgist Sign-Up Sheet in the Narthex. Participants will be called in advance with the readings.

All news and calendar items for the **March** issue of *The Copperhill Courier* are due in the church office by **Monday, February 21**, at 2 p.m.

Upper Rooms for March-April are available in the Narthex today.



Our Ash Wednesday Service will be held on March 2 at 6 p.m.

You are invited to celebrate the retirement of Dr. Garry Day, DVM, Saturday, February 26, 2—4 p.m. at Ocoee Animal Hospital, 88 All Creatures Place, Blue Ridge. Please RSVP by February 21st to retiredgday@gmail.com. Cards and well wishes only—no gifts, please.





Church Leadership

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

Sunday Servants

Ushers Randy Loudermilk* Bill Simonds
 Charlie Stemmann
 *Team captain
Sound Techs Randy Loudermilk, Ann Rymer
Webmaster Marti Lane

Our Prayer Concerns

Our Congregation: Donna Sexton, Ed Massengale, Barb Bender, Hannah Geren

Homebound/Assisted Living: Emily Yaxley, ^Warrene Alexander

Others in our prayers: *The family of Glenda Pierce, Tom Reed, Bud Chastain (in ICU in Gainesville with Covid complications), the family of Ann Coffey (friend of the Massengales), Judy Jones (friend of Cathy Turner), Gabriel Montgomery, twin great-nephews of Lisa Loudermilk—surgery went well, Jeff Bunch (uncle of April Butler), Michelle Nerney (multiple myeloma—friend of Ann Rymer), the family of Joanne McKibben, Richard Meyers (surgery complications—brother of Elaine Minor), Kerry and Cindy Hicks, first responders, armed forces members
 *new to concerns +Hospital ^Assisted Living/Nursing Home ~ Hospice

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

If your birthday or anniversary has not appeared in our listings please call the church office.

Roy McKibben has a new address: Brickmont of West Cobb, 2782 Dallas Hwy., Room 234, Marietta, GA 30064



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

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. 183 meals were served on Monday. If you would like to help, please contact Sheppie Dunn or Evelyn Stemmann. The Community Meal phone number is 423-241-2282.

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!