

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
June 26, 2022**

PRELUDE/GATHERING  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST  
A TIME OF CENTERING  
CALL TO WORSHIP  
PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON, 893  
SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Jerrie Sue Massengale  
Buddy Butler

*If My People Will Pray*

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OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PRAISE, 89

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 888 Affirmation from I Corinthians...

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, forever. Amen**

\*HYMN, 261

*Lord of the Dance*

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

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 3:14-20a

Dura Montgomery

PSALTER, 824

Psalms 103

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-13

Joy Turner

\*GOSPEL READING

Luke 8:4-8

\*GLORIA PATRI, 70

ANTHEM

*Holy Ground*

Choir

SERMON

"Working on It"

Buddy Butler

\*HYMN OF INVITATION, 347

*Spirit Song*

\*SENDING FORTH

\*FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD, TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO OUR COMMUNITY

\*POSTLUDE

*If My People Will Pray*  
(based on II Chronicles 7:14)

Jerrie Sue Massengale

\*Congregation standing, as able

Today we celebrate our Scholarship Recipients! Faith Scholarship Recipients: Aidan Garcia, Copper Basin High School and Sydney McGill, Fannin County High School and Tommy Mitchell Memorial Scholarship Recipients: Lyndsay Turner, McCay Turner.

**A Life Group Meeting** is being held on Sundays at 6 p.m. This is an exploration of the early Methodist class meetings. Everyone is invited.

The **Trustees** will meet on Tuesday, June 28, at 7 p.m.

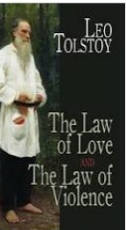
Mission U will be held in Knoxville July 22-23. The Theme is "Who Can We Be Together? Building Communities of Hope and Joy." See the United Women in Faith bulletin board for more information or contact Flora Grindstaff.

It has been decided that Fellowship Suppers will not be held in June, July, or August. Also, Choir Practice will not be held in June and July - resumes in August.

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.

Vacation Bible School for ages 3 and up will be held at Williamstown UMC June 27—July 1, 9 a.m. to noon. Registration forms are available in the Narthex.

The Son Seekers Adult Sunday School Class have begun a study of "The Law of Love and the Law of Violence" by Leo Tolstoy. (Unlike War and Peace, this is only 128 pages long!) It costs \$8 in paperback. (The Kindle edition is \$6.12 from Amazon.) Tolstoy wrote this near the end of his life. He refers to verses from Matthew, John and John's epistles throughout the book. There are many similarities between the world then (just before World War I) and now. Join us, as we consider together, what we can learn from the author about Jesus' call to love others as God loves us.



Dear Church Family, the Finance Committee would like to thank everyone for their generous contributions to our various designated categories like the community meal, scholarships and air conditioning fund. As of now we are well funded for our meal and our scholarships. The air conditioning fund is still short about \$1,000.00 to pay the remaining balance along with some additional duct work that will need to be finished. What we really need now are your generous contributions to our budget/general fund. We are underfunded in that category and we need to be able to pay our employees and our bills to carry out God's work. If you feel so led, any extra you can give to get us back to where we need to be would be greatly appreciated.  
-Finance Committee

If you would like to make a contribution to help pay the cost of the new Legacy Hall AC unit, please mark it "AC Fund." \$3,210.00 has been received to date. All contributions are appreciated!

**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 Shirley Russell  
**Sound Techs** Randy Loudermilk, Ann Rymer  
**Webmaster** Marti Lane

**Our Prayer Concerns**

**Our Congregation:** \*Elaine Crowe, \*Janice Burger, Jerry Dunton, Louise Arp, Sheppie Dunn, Jack Dunn, Jr., Donna Sexton, Ed Massengale, Barb Bender, Hannah Geren

**Homebound/Assisted Living:** Emily Yaxley, ^Warrene Alexander

**Others in our prayers:** Tom Reed, Kerry and Cindy Hicks, first responders, armed forces members, the people of Ukraine

\*new to concerns +Hospital ^Assisted Living/Nursing Home ~ Hospice

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

**Birthdays**

28 Sharon Dunton 29 Glenda Simonds

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

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. 103 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.

Please donate nonperishable food items in the Narthex box - **canned meat, tuna, jelly, peanut butter, breakfast cereal, oatmeal**, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, rice, soup chili, canned vegetables, etc. We do not need any macaroni and cheese at this time. *Thanks to all who contribute - the families are always grateful.*



<b>Calendar</b>	<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>Tuesday</b>	
	6:00 pm Life Group Meeting	7:00 pm Trustee Meeting	

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**Luke 8: 4-8**

**4** While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: **5** "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. **6** Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. **7** Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. **8** Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown."