

**4th Sunday after Pentecost
July 3, 2022**

PRELUDE/GATHERING
ANNOUNCEMENTS
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST
A TIME OF CENTERING
America the Beautiful
Jerrie Sue Massengale
Buddy Butler
Jerrie Sue Massengale

CALL TO WORSHIP
OPENING PRAYER
Buddy Butler

*HYMN OF PRAISE, 529
PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
FIRST READING
PSALTER, 741
SECOND READING
*GOSPEL READING
How Firm a Foundation
I Chronicles 16:28-36
Psalm 4
I Thessalonians 5:15-25
Luke 11: 1-3
Marti Lane
Ben Sexton
Donna Ratzlaff

*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, 622
SERMON
There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood
"Teach Us to Pray"
Choir
Buddy Butler

*HYMN, 467
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 8 87
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER
PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON, 8
SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
Trust and Obey
Affirmation from Romans

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.**

HOLY COMMUNION
(Offerings left on the communion rail will go to the Pastor's Benevolence Fund to help people in our community.)

*HYMN OF INVITATION, 593
*SENDING FORTH
*FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD, TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO OUR COMMUNITY
Here I Am, Lord

*POSTLUDE
America the Beautiful
Arranged by Dino Kartsonakis
Jerrie Sue Massengale

*Congregation standing, as able

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 Church Office will be closed on Monday, July 4 and Thursday, July 7. Office Hours the week of July 4—8 will be: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 6 and Friday, July 8.

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.

The Son Seekers Adult Sunday School Class has 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. (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 \$800.00 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

Fellowship Suppers will not be held in July, or August. Choir Practice will not be held in July - resumes in August.

The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, July 26, at 6:30 p.m. in Legacy Hall.

There is a list of needs for Mission U available in the Narthex. If you would like to provide any of these items for UMF Missions, please bring them to FUMC by Sunday, July 17. Contact Flora Grindstaff for more info.

Our Social Principles call us to love our enemies, seek justice, and serve as reconcilers of conflict. We insist that the first moral duty of all nations is to work together to resolve by peaceful means every dispute that arises between or among them. We will receive the **Peace with Justice Sunday Offering** on July 10. Fifty percent of the offering remains in the Holston Conference to support our own Peace with Justice Coordinator in the developing of local social justice ministries.

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." \$3,435.00 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 Shirley Starling Charlie Stemmann
 Joy Turner
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: *Samuel Jones (deployed in Eastern Europe) nephew of Jerrie Sue Massengale, *Jeff and Danielle Jones (parents of Samuel), 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

7 Jennifer Clamon, Emily Yaxley

Anniversaries

7 Buddy and April Butler 28th

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. 111 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.*



Calendar

Today
 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
 6:00 pm Life Group Meeting

Monday—Church office closed
 4:00 pm Community Meal "To Go"

Thursday— Church office closed
 6:00 pm AA Meeting (Legacy Hall)

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