

**14th Sunday after Pentecost
September 11, 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, 892
SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
OPENING PRAYER
*HYMN OF PRAISE, 514

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Jerrie Sue Massengale
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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 886 The World Methodist Social Affirmation
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER, 895
*HYMN, 189

Fairest Lord Jesus

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
PSALTER, 785
SECOND READING
*GOSPEL READING

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Psalm 51
I Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

Dura Montgomery
Ben Sexton
April Butler

*GLORIA PATRI, 70
ANTHEM

It Is Well with My Soul

Choir

SERMON

"The Searching God"

Buddy Butler

*HYMN OF INVITATION, 2108 *O How He Loves You and Me*
O how he loves you and me! O how he loves you and me! He gave his life. What more could he give? O how he loves you; O how he loves me; O how he loves you and me!
Jesus to Calv'ry did go; his love for sinners to show. What he did there brought hope from despair. O how he loves you; O how he loves me; O how he loves you and me!

*SENDING FORTH

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

*POSTLUDE

May the Road Rise to Meet You

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 United Women in Faith are collecting food supplies during the month of September for Copper Basin Elementary School to send home with children for the weekend. Some suggested foods are: juice boxes, macaroni and cheese cups, ramen noodles, pop tarts, instant oatmeal, fruit cups. and individual servings of cereal. Please put donations in the labeled box in the Narthex.




Choir Practice is held on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Now is a great time to join our choir!

Upcoming events: The **Mission Committee** will meet on Tuesday, September 20, at 6:30 p.m. The **Worship Committee** will meet on Wednesday, September 21, at 5 p.m. The **Church Council** will meet on Tuesday, September 27, at 6:30 p.m.

Our **133rd Homecoming** will be held on Sunday, September 25, with a potluck lunch following in Legacy Hall.

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 and all the bills associated with our new air conditioner have been paid. 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

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Please donate nonperishable food items in the Narthex box - **canned meat, jelly, peanut butter, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, rice, soup, chili, oatmeal, canned vegetables**, etc. We have plenty of macaroni and cheese, tuna, and breakfast cereal at this time. *Thanks to all who contribute - the families are always grateful.*



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



Church Leadership

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

Sunday Servants

Ushers Elaine Morgan Bill Simonds
Ron Singleton
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: The family and friends of Ruth Womack, The family of Judy Holloway, Ben Key (lung cancer), Joseph Harvey, covid (son of Catherine Lange), Judy Jones, ALS (friend of Cathy Turner), 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 or Rehab ^Assisted Living/Nursing Home ~ Hospice

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

Birthdays

13 Bettye Collis 16 Juline Mixon

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

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.

Calendar	Today	Monday	Thursday
	10:00 am Sunday School	4-6 pm Community Meal "To Go"	6:00 pm AA Meeting (Legacy Hall)
	11:00 am Worship	Wednesday	
	6:00 pm Life Group Meeting	6:00 pm Choir Practice	

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