

**20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 23, 2022**

PRELUDE/GATHERING
ANNOUNCEMENTS
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST

Jerrie Sue Massengale
Buddy Butler

A TIME OF CENTERING *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Jerrie Sue Massengale

CALL TO WORSHIP
PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON, 890
SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
OPENING PRAYER

Buddy Butler

*HYMN OF PRAISE, 64 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 880 The Nicene Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER, 895

*HYMN, 452 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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 Deuteronomy 8:17-20

PSALTER, 739 Psalm 2 Dura Montgomery

SECOND READING Philippians 2:12-13 Dura Montgomery

*GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:13-16

*GLORIA PATRI, 70

ANTHEM *How Great Thou Art and Majesty* Choir

SERMON "Committed to Christ as a Way of Life" Buddy Butler

*HYMN OF INVITATION, 405 *Seek Ye First*

*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

Love and sympathy is expressed to the family of Jerry Dunton who passed to the new life on Wednesday, October 19. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Our November United Women in Faith's November meeting will be on Wednesday the 2nd at 11:30 a.m. Debbie Hill, retired Deputy Sheriff Crime Prevention Specialist from Palm Beach County, FL, will be our speaker. She will talk to us about safety for women. We will also have a lunch of soup, sandwiches and desserts. We invite all women of the church to join us and bring friends, too.



The Hiwassee District United Women in Faith's Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 5, at Ooltewah UMC in Ooltewah, TN. Registration and a light breakfast will be at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Reverend Debbie Stokes will be the guest speaker and the Hyberger Family from Ooltewah will have special singing. We will need to leave from First UMC at 8 a.m. Please let Flora Grindstaff know if you would like to attend.

During October and November the UWF will be collecting items for Life Care residents: gripper socks, XL sweatpants/sweatshirts, peanut butter cracker packs, popcorn, soft peppermints, baby dolls, magazines, word search/puzzle books, coloring books, crayons, markers, colored pencils & other entertaining items.

Today is the deadline to place your pecan order on the Narthex sign up sheet.

A called Church Council meeting to approve documents for the Charge Conference will be held immediately following worship today. Our **Charge Conference** will be Sunday, October 30, at noon.

Food insecurity has been a problem for a significant number of people the last several years, even in our country. According to statistics from the USDA, household food insecurity affected 12.5% of the U.S. households with children in 2021. While several church members volunteer and work hard to prepare and serve the community meal on Monday evenings, perhaps we can help more with food insecurity. There is a need for a food pantry in the Copper Basin area, and the Missions committee has invited Louise Bahn from the Chattanooga Food Bank to come speak to our committee and anyone else who is interested in helping our community in this manner. She will be at our church on Wednesday, October 26 at 5 pm to provide more information regarding how to set up a food pantry. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to attend this information session.

Individually wrapped candy for the Halloween Safe Zone can be brought through Oct. 24.



Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and gift suggestions lists are available in the Narthex. Filled shoeboxes, along with \$10 each for shipping (cash or check made out to FUMC with OCC Shipping on the memo line), are due back at First UMC on Sunday, November 13.

We will receive the 5th Sunday Offering for Holston Home for Children on October 30. Your gifts will support this vital ministry.





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
Sound Techs Randy Loudermilk, Ann Rymer
Webmaster Marti Lane

Our Prayer Concerns

Our Congregation: *The family of Jerry Dunton, The family of Carolyn Weese, Joy Turner, +Elaine Crowe, Janice Burger, Louise Arp, Sheppie Dunn, Ed Massengale, Barb Bender

Homebound/Assisted Living: Emily Yaxley, ^Warrene Alexander

Others in our prayers: The family of Pam Russell (wife of McCaysville Methodist pastor), +Junior Gwynn (car accident—friend of the Massengales), +Bill Luke (father of Lance Luke), +Jennifer Robertson (sister of Sharon Luke), Jackie Flowers (attacked by dog), Ben Key (lung cancer), 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, Hannah Geren, 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

23 Neila Pace 25 Ed Massengale

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. 159 free "to go" meals were served last week. If you would like to help, contact Community Meal volunteers at 423-241-2282.

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.*

Today

10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
12:00 pm Called Church Council Meeting
6:00 pm Life Group Meeting

Monday

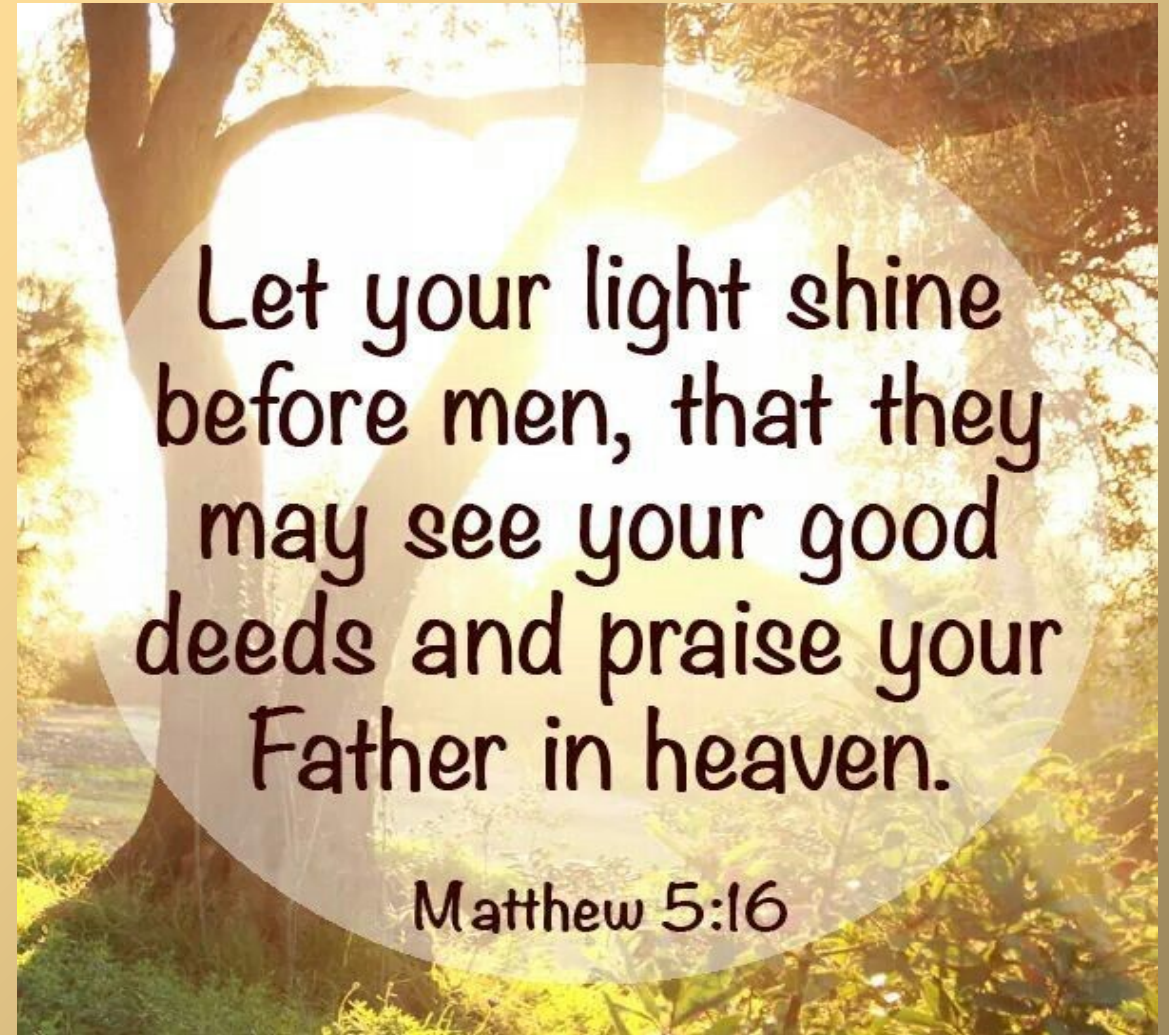
4-6 pm Community Meal "To Go"
Wednesday
5:00 pm Food Bank Presentation
6:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday

6:00 pm AA Meeting (Legacy Hall)

Calendar

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Everyone Welcome!