

**18th Sunday after Pentecost
October 9, 2022**

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

Jerrie Sue Massengale

A TIME OF CENTERING

*My Tribute
To God Be the Glory*

Jerrie Sue Massengale

OPENING PRAYER

Dura Montgomery

*HYMN OF PRAISE, 371 *I Stand Amazed in the Presence*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 881 The Apostles' Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER, 895

Dura Montgomery

*HYMN, 513 *Soldiers of Christ, Arise*

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.

FIRST READING Luke 17:11-19

Garry Day

SECOND READING Ephesians 6:10-18

Ben Sexton

THIRD READING Romans 12:3-8

Garry Day

*GLORIA PATRI, 70

ANTHEM *God Will Make a Way*

Choir

SERMON "Many Leaves; One Tree"

Dura Montgomery

*HYMN OF INVITATION, 389 *Freely, Freely*

*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



United
Women
in Faith

The UWF will have their special **United Women in Faith Sunday** on October 16. Our guest speaker will be Donna Tisdale from First UMC of Cleveland.

Donna is an active member of United Women in Faith and has been an officer in the Holston Conference UMW and Hiwassee District UMW for many years. We hope you will join us for our special Sunday.

It's time to order your pecans! Please place your order on the Narthex sign up sheet.

During the month of October the United Women of Faith will be collecting items for Life Care residents. Requested are: 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, and other entertaining items.

Thank you to everyone who donated food supplies for Copper Basin Elementary Students. A "Blessing of the Gifts" will be held on UWF Sunday and then the supplies will be delivered to the school.

We welcome Dura Montgomery to the pulpit today. The Butler family will be on vacation through October 15. UMF Sunday will be held on October 16.

Bishop Wallace-Padgett will be in the Hiwassee District tomorrow for a **Day with the Bishop**. She will be attending meetings in the afternoon and will be at Keith Memorial UMC in Athens, Tennessee, at 7 p.m. to meet with laity and clergy who are interested in information concerning disaffiliation. She will share information and dialogue at that time.

The **Mission Committee** will meet on Tuesday, October 11, at 6:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, October 18, the **Nominations Committee/Lay Leadership** will meet at 6 p.m. and the **Finance Committee** will meet at 7 p.m. Our Charge Conference will be Oct. 30 at noon.

UMCOR Advance #901670 will aid Florida Hurricane Victims.

Individually wrapped candy for the Halloween Safe Zone can be brought through Oct. 23.

The **Youth Harris University Choir Vocal Ensemble** will perform at 3 p.m. today at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Blue Ridge. Everyone is invited to attend.

Friends of the Library Book and Media Sale: Sunday, 12—5 p.m. : Blue Ridge United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (enter at rear of church), 235 Orvin Lance Drive. Mountains of books (including collectible, rare, signed, local authors), DVDs, CDs are available. Bag sale and 50% off select items today.



Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and gift suggestions lists are available in the Narthex. Filled shoeboxes, along with \$10 each for shipping, are due back at First UMC on Sunday, November 13.



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
 Joy Turner
Sound Techs Randy Loudermilk, Ann Rymer
Webmaster Marti Lane

Our Prayer Concerns

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

Homebound/Assisted Living: Emily Yaxley, ^Warrene Alexander

Others in our prayers: *+~Pam Russell (wife of McCaysville Methodist pastor, ovarian cancer), +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

13 David Turner

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. 150 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, 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.*



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

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Everyone Welcome!