

**22nd Sunday after Pentecost
November 6, 2022**

PRELUDE/GATHERING
ANNOUNCEMENTS
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST
A TIME OF CENTERING *Blest Be the Tie That Binds/Make Us One* Jerrie Sue Massengale
Buddy Butler

CALL TO WORSHIP
OPENING PRAYER
Buddy Butler

*HYMN OF PRAISE, 400 *Come, Thou Found of Every Blessing*
PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
FIRST READING Proverbs 4:1-10 Marti Lane
PSALTER, 750 Psalm 19 Ben Sexton
SECOND READING James 1:19-25 Donna Ratzlaff
*GOSPEL READING Matthew 7:21-28
*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 *Come and Feast* Choir
SERMON "Committed to Christ: Learning to Read" Buddy Butler
*HYMN, 618 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 882 The Apostles' Creed
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER
PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON, 892
SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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, 399 *Take My Life, and Let It Be*
*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

During November the UWF are 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.

Operation Christmas Child: Filled shoeboxes, along with \$10 each for shipping (cash or check made out to FUMC with OCC Shipping on the memo line), are due next Sunday.



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. 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 **Monday, November 7, at 6 pm** (in the Parlor) to provide more information regarding how to set up a food pantry.

Christmas Food Bags Shopping List

The Missions Work Area of FUMC Copperhill, plus other churches who partner with us in local mission outreach, are spearheading this project to provide food bags to needy families in our area. You can help by purchasing the following items and bringing them to First UMC each week.

- **Week of Nov. 1:** canned green beans (14.5 oz.)
- **Week of Nov. 7:** canned corn or creamed corn (14.75 oz.)
- **Week of Nov. 14:** canned jellied cranberry sauce (14 oz.)
- **Week of Nov. 21:** box of *StoveTop* stuffing or bag of *Pepperidge Farm* stuffing
- **Week of Nov. 28:** package of *Idahoan* mashed potatoes and a can or package mix of gravy



CASH donations will go towards IGA gift certificates, so families can buy meat or a special dessert. Make checks out to FUMC of Copperhill & put Missions-Christmas in the memo. You can mail checks to First UMC, P.O. Box 538, Copperhill, TN, 37317. **Thursday, December 1,** is the last day to bring items to church.

We thank each of you for your loving care for "the least of these."

The **Church Council** date has been changed to Tuesday, November 29, at 6:30 p.m.



The family of Carolyn Weese would like to sincerely thank everyone for their prayers, cards, flowers, food, and phone calls. Your kindness during our loss is so appreciated. Mother loved her church and her church family. She will be missed by all.

If you brought food for the family, you may pick up your container in Legacy Hall.



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

Our Prayer Concerns

Our Congregation: *Bill Simonds, *Glenda Simonds, 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: +Byron Sexton (brother of Ben), 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.

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

The *Copperhill Courier* will have a combined December/January issue. All news and calendar items for this next issue are due in the church office by Thursday, November 17.

NewsLetter DEADLINE

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	6:00 pm Food Bank Presentation (Parlor)	
	6:00 pm Life Group Meeting	Wednesday	
	6:00 pm Choir Practice		

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Everyone Welcome!