

**Christ the King/Reign of Christ  
November 20, 2022**

PRELUDE/GATHERING ANNOUNCEMENTS LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST		Jerrie Sue Massengale Buddy Butler
A TIME OF CENTERING CALL TO WORSHIP PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON, 890 SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST OPENING PRAYER	<i>Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart</i>	Jerrie Sue Massengale Buddy Butler
*HYMN OF PRAISE, 131	<i>We Gather Together</i>	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 884 A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE THE LORD'S PRAYER, 895 HYMN, 694	<i>Come, Ye Thankful People, Come</i>	
WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES *DOXOLOGY, 95	<b>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.</b>	
PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION FIRST READING PSALTER, 807 SECOND READING *GOSPEL READING *GLORIA PATRI, 70 ANTHEM	Isaiah 43:8-13 Psalm 89 Colossians 4:2-6 John 4: 28-30, 39-41  <i>In the Presence of Jehovah</i>	Garry Day Ben Sexton Linda Day  Choir
SERMON	"Committed to Christ: Can I Get a Witness"	Buddy Butler
*HYMN OF INVITATION, 2036	<i>Give Thanks</i>	
	<i>Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. And now let the weak say "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." And now let the weak say "I am strong"; let the poor say "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." (Repeat)</i>	
	<i>Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.</i>	
*SENDING FORTH *FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD, TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO OUR COMMUNITY		
*POSTLUDE	<i>May the Road Rise to Meet You</i>	Jerrie Sue Massengale

\*Congregation standing, as able



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. Please place in Narthex box.

The United Women in Faith would like to thank you for all the items donated for the residents at Life Care. We will deliver them to Life Care in December.

Some of the pecans have arrived. Pecans may be picked up after church on Sundays. Thank you to all of you that ordered pecans and support the UWF mission work.

The United Women in Faith will have a Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 12:00 p.m. at Dellon Ash's restaurant, 5830 Old Hwy. 76, Blue Ridge. He will prepare two meats, salad, 3-4 different vegetables and dessert. It will be served family style and you can eat all you want. The cost plus tax and tip will be \$22.50. Instead of exchanging gifts we will bring a wrapped gift for a resident at Life Care. Please tag your gift with what it is and if it is for a woman or man. Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend our Christmas luncheon or call Flora Grindstaff at 706-632-5979.

**Operation Christmas Child: thanks to your generosity 32 children will receive a shoebox!**

## 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. 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.

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

The **Missions Committee** will be meeting with Louise Bain from the Chattanooga Area Regional Food Bank on Tuesday, November 29, at 4 pm in the parlor. Any others interested in finding out what is needed for setting up a food pantry are invited to attend this information session.

The **Church Council** will meet on Tuesday, November 29, at 6:30 p.m.

We will receive the **United Methodist Student Day Offering** on the first Sunday in Advent—Nov. 27.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church Concert Series: **Carols by Candlelight** will be held on Sunday, November 27, at 5 p.m. Free admission—a love offering will be received.

**Brasstown Ringers Handbell Concert: Sunday, December 4, 5 p.m. in Legacy Hall**

Invite your friends and neighbors to this festive beginning of the Advent season. Free admission, a love offering will be received to help with the expenses of the group.

**Our Choir Cantata "Angel's Song" will be presented on Sunday, December 11, at 11 a.m.**



**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:** Hannah Geren, Bill Simonds, Glenda Simonds, The family of Jerry Dunton, The family of Carolyn Weese, +Elaine Crowe, Louise Arp, Sheppie Dunn, Barb Bender

**Homebound/Assisted Living:** Emily Yaxley, ^Warrene Alexander

**Others in our prayers:** +Byron Sexton (brother of Ben), Junior Gwynn (home from hospital after long stay—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, 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**

24 Dellon Ash 25 Mary Mills

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

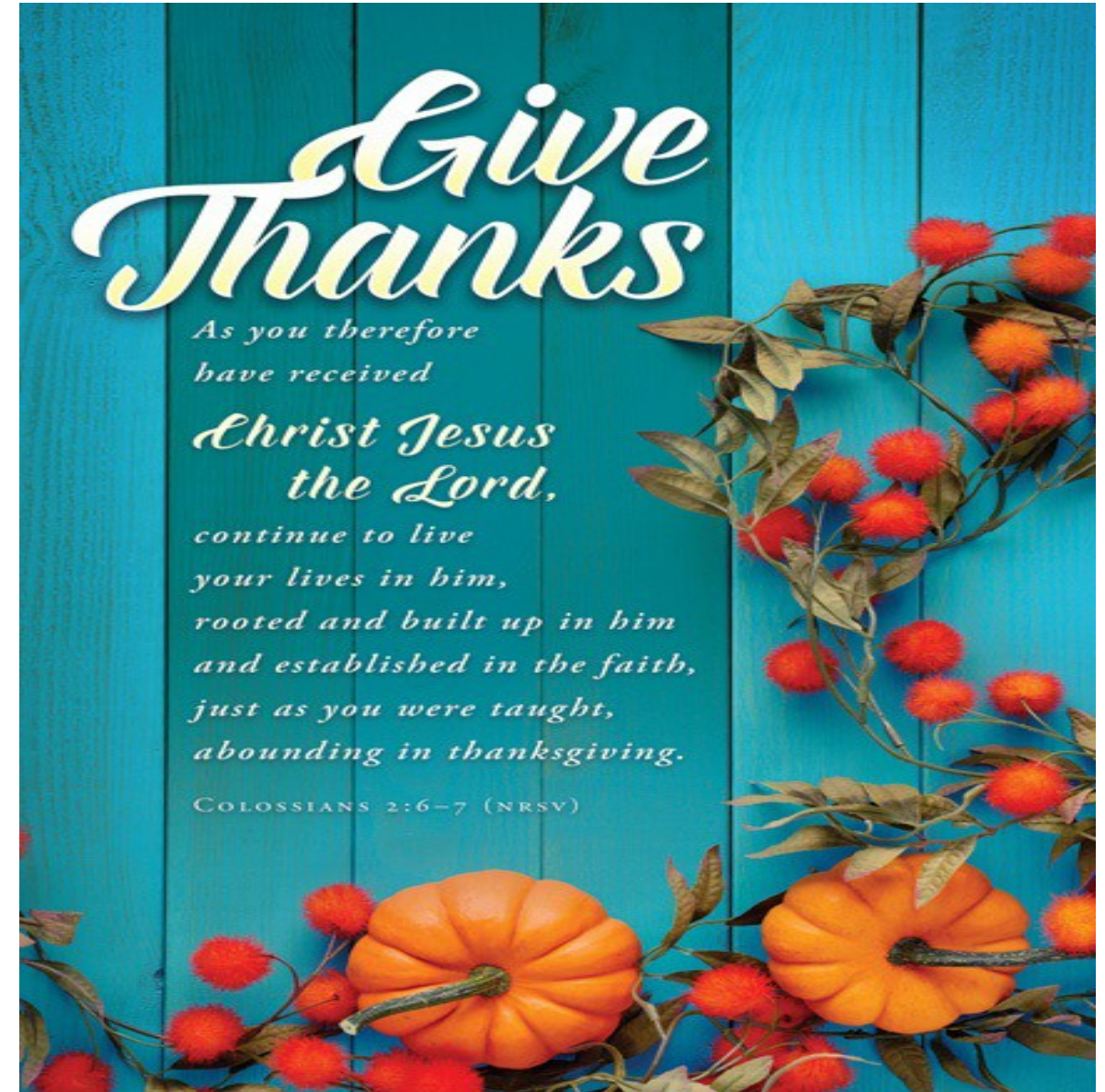
The Community Meal is held on Mondays, 4—6 p.m. 179 free "to go" meals were served last week. If you would like to help, contact Community Meal volunteers at 423-241-2282.



We will decorate the First UMC for Advent following the worship service today. You are invited to stay and help make your church beautiful! Lunch provided for volunteers.

<b>Calendar</b>	<b>Today</b>	10:00 am Sunday School	<b>Monday</b>	4-6 pm Community Meal "To Go"	<b>Thursday</b>	Church Office closed for Thanksgiving
		11:00 am Worship				6:00 pm AA Meeting (Legacy Hall)
		12:00 pm Decorate for Advent	<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00 pm NO Choir Practice		
		6:00 pm Life Group Meeting				

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 Secretary's Office Hours: Monday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.



*Everyone Welcome!*