

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
June 18, 2023**

PRELUDE/GATHERING  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST  
CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON, 890

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.** *All pray in silence.* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
OPENING PRAYER

Charles Ferguson  
Buddy Butler

SERMON

“Laughing All the Way”

Buddy Butler

\*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

Charles Ferguson

\*Congregation standing, as able

A meeting of the Mission Area Work Group will be held on Wednesday, June 21, at 6 p.m. in the Older Elementary Classroom. Anyone who is interested in Missions is invited to join us.

The United Women in Faith are invited to attend the Holston Conference Mission U at Cokesbury UMC in Knoxville, TN on July 21-22. (Also presented virtually.) The study will be "Living the Kin-dom: Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation". Registration deadline is Friday, June 30. Please call Flora Grindstaff at 706-632-5979 for questions or if you are interested in attending.

**Sunday, June 25, will be “Undie Sunday.”** The UWF will be collecting children's underwear and diapers to donate to Fannin Foster Families. All sizes are needed. Please help us with our donation.

Join the **Son Seekers** Adult Sunday School Class in the Parlor at 10 a.m. for *Getting Involved with God*. Author Ellen F. Davis: “This is a book about getting, and staying, involved with God—what it takes, what it costs, what it looks and feels like, why anyone would want to do it, anyway.” All are welcome.

**Sound System Update:** We have spoken with a company about some problems with our sound system and the fact that we need to add some hearing-assist devices. If you are in need of a hearing-assist device, please call Ann Rymer (423) 241-9023 and let her know. Feel free to leave a voicemail at that number. If you have a hearing aid with T-coils, let her know that as well. Those type of hearing aids would only need to wear a lanyard with a device to amplify the sound. We would like to place our order by July 15, so please call before then.

If you can help a grandmother who will be taking care of a newborn baby boy—donations of diapers, baby supplies, a car seat, etc., are desperately needed. Contact Elaine Minor at 561-795-0313 for info.

**Scan here to give:** when you scan this image with a smartphone's QR decoder, it will connect you to the mobile version of the FUMCC web page—a quick and easy way to access it. You can also donate securely online at [fumc-copperhill.org](https://secure.myvanco.com/YJXP/home).

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

PSALTER, 837

SECOND READING

\*GOSPEL READING

\*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.**

Genesis 18: 1-15

Psalms 116: 1-2, 12-19

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Adam Turner

April Butler

Lynn Turner

HYMN STORY, 701

*When We All Get to Heaven*

Dura Montgomery

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY

\*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.**

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**Church Leadership**  
**Pastor** Gilbert "Buddy" Butler  
**Secretary** Heidi Rule  
**Custodian** Christine Dowlin

**Sunday Servants**  
**Ushers** Shirley Starling, Charlie Stemmann,  
 Joy Turner  
**Sound Techs** Randy Loudermilk, Ann Rymer  
**Webmaster** Marti Lane



**Our Prayer Concerns**

**Our Congregation:** the family of Aleece Pickelsimer, the family of Jimmie Rymer (mother of Leland), Ed Massengale, Cathryn McCarter, Jeane Kalchik, Bill Simonds, Glenda Simonds, Louise Arp, Barb Bender  
**Homebound/Assisted Living:** ^Shirley Sheffer (back surgery), ^Elaine Crowe: *new address is: 1010 North Glenwood, Griffith, IN 46319.*

**Others in our prayers:** Major Andy Lai (stationed in Taiwan, son-in-law of the Callihans), +Lee Womac (Copperhill Postmaster in rehab after motorcycle accident), McKinley Majors (requested by Tonya Callihan), Ann Record. multiple broken bones after car accident (very good friend of Dura Montgomery), Emily Martin Bryant (niece of Joy Turner), Earthquake victims in Syria/Turkey, Kimberly Curcio (friend of Neila Pace), Bee Hicks, Junior Gwynn, ^Tom Reed, Kerry and Cindy Hicks, Hannah Geren, 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**

20 Lisa Loudermilk 23 Abby Butler

**Anniversaries**

19 T.J. and Kathy Thompson 51<sup>st</sup>

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

Upper Rooms for July—August and some Daily Guidepost books are available in the Narthex.

The Community Meal is held on Mondays, 4 to 5:30 p.m. 184 free "to go" meals were served last week. If you would like to help, contact Community Meal volunteers at 423-241-2282.

If anyone is willing to share any little butterfly bush seedlings, please contact Heidi Rule. Thanks!

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| <b>Calendar</b> | <b>Today</b>               | <b>Monday</b>                    | <b>Wednesday</b>  |
|                 | 10:00 am Sunday School     | 4-5:30 pm Community Meal "To Go" | 6:00 pm Mission Work Area Meeting<br>(Older Elementary Classroom) |
|                 | 11:00 am Worship           |                                  | No Choir Practice in June   |
|                 | 6:00 pm Life Group Meeting |                                  |   |

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



<sup>10</sup> Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son."

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him.  
<sup>11</sup> Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. <sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

<sup>13</sup> Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?'"

<sup>14</sup> **Is anything too hard for the LORD?**

Genesis 18:10-14a

*Everyone Welcome!*