

**4th Sunday after Pentecost
June 25, 2023**

PRELUDE/GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Buddy Butler

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON, 89 1

Almighty and most merciful God, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful God, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of thy holy name. Amen. All pray in silence. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **Thanks be to God.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE, 158

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 883 A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE : PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER, 895

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

HYMN STORY, 191

Jesus Loves Me

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.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Genesis 21:8-21

Linda Day

PSALTER, 749

Psalms 17

April Butler

SECOND READING

Romans 6:1b-11

Garry Day

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 10:24-39

*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.

SERMON

“God’s Promise”

Buddy Butler

*HYMN OF INVITATION, 374

Standing on the Promises

*SENDING FORTH

*FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD, TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO OUR COMMUNITY

*POSTLUDE

*Congregation standing, as able

Today is “Undie Sunday.” The UWF are collecting children's underwear and diapers to donate to Fannin Foster Families. All sizes are needed. Items can still be brought to the church tomorrow, 9—3.

The United Women in Faith are invited to attend the Holston Conference Mission U at Cokesbury UMC in Knoxville, TN on July21-22. (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.

The Son Seekers have begun a new study: *Getting Involved with God*. See insert for more details.

Sound System Update: If you are in need of a hearing-assist device to use in conjunction with our sound system, please call Ann Rymer (423) 241-9023 before July 15 so we can place our order. Feel free to leave a voicemail. 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.

Do you use size p312 hearing aid batteries? We have some available FREE in the church office.

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.

The Community Meal is held on Mondays, 4 to 5:30 p.m. 141 free “to go” meals were served last week. If you would like to help, contact Community Meal volunteers at 423-241-2282.

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 fumcc-copperhill.org.

Our Vanco giving page can also be accessed at: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YJXP/home>



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.*

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: *Sally Patterson, 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: *^Don Loudermilk (brother in law of Loretta), 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

28 Sharon Dunton 29 Glenda Simonds

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.

My daughter is starting a pollinator garden. If anyone is willing to share any little butterfly bush seedlings, or any other flowering perennial plants, please contact Heidi Rule. Thanks!

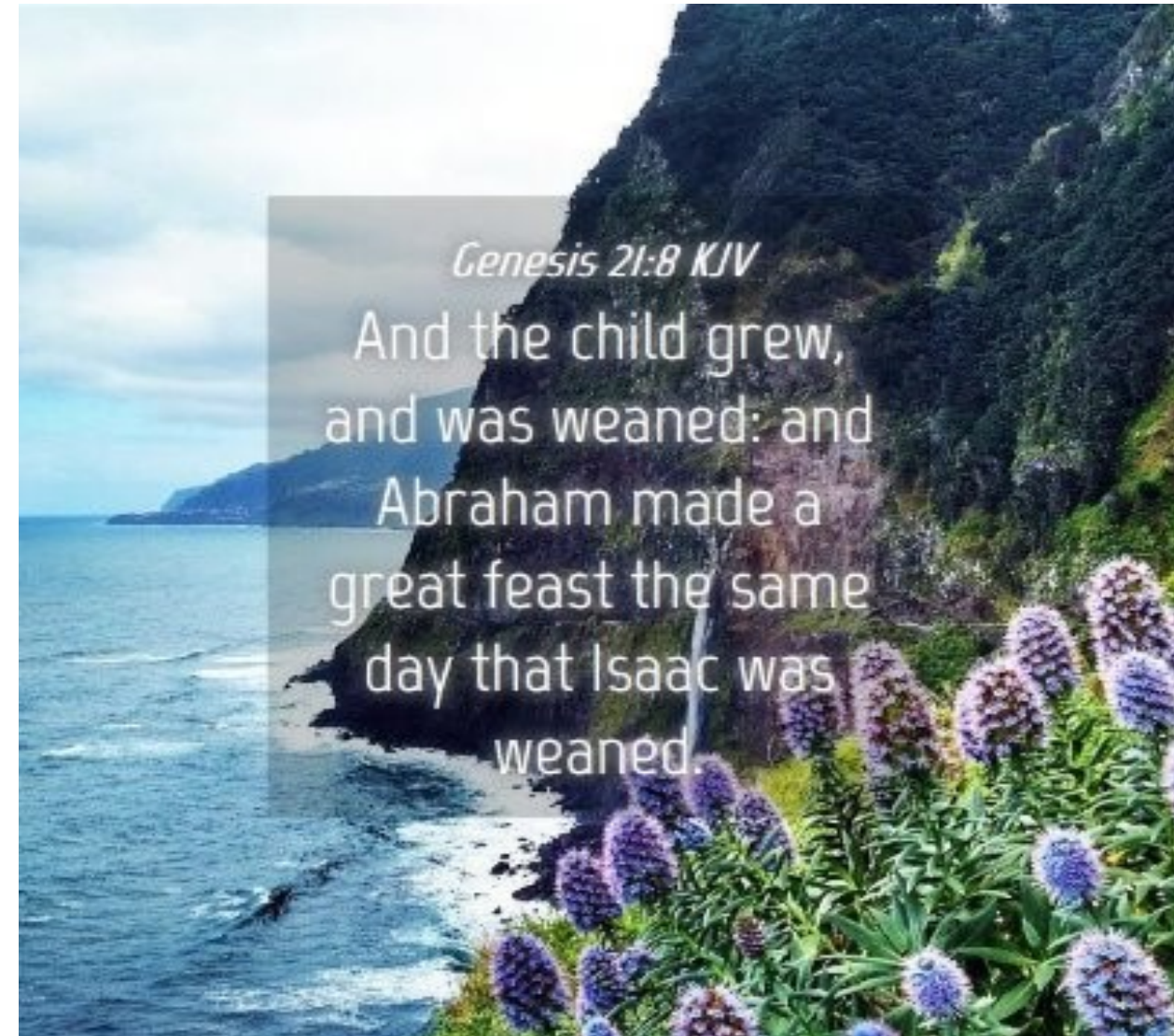
Calendar

Today
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
6:00 pm Life Group Meeting

Monday
4-5:30 pm Community Meal "To Go"

Wednesday
No Choir Practice in June

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Everyone Welcome!