

**United Women in Faith Sunday
20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 15, 2023**

PRELUDE/GATHERING	Charles Ferguson
GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Flora Grindstaff
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST	Linda Day
A TIME OF CENTERING	Charles Ferguson
OPENING PRAYER	Linda Day
UWF PRAYER CALENDAR AND UWF PURPOSE	Cathryn McCarter

Purpose: United Women in Faith is a community of women whose purpose is to know God and experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

*HYMN OF PRAISE, 128 *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 881 The Apostles' Creed Cathy Turner
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*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.**

MORNING PRAYER Flora Grindstaff
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, for ever. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM *Glory to His Name*
By Elisha A. Hoffman and John H. Stockton; Arranged by Penny Bennett

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.**

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER Flora Grindstaff
MESSAGE Dura Montgomery

*HYMN OF INVITATION, 139 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*SENDING FORTH Dura Montgomery
*FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD, TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO OUR COMMUNITY

*POSTLUDE *May the Road Rise* Charles Ferguson
May the road rise to meet you, May the rain fall softly on your field,
May the wind blow at your back, And until we meet again, Until we meet again,
May the sun shine warmly on your face, May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen

*Congregation standing, as able

Our Annual Pecan Sale is in progress. Please place your order on the Narthex sign-up sheet. Today is the last day for placing orders.



Hiwassee District United Women in Faith's Annual Meeting will be Saturday, November 4, at Keith Memorial UMC in Athens, TN. If you would like to attend, please call Flora Grindstaff at 706-632-5979.



Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and gift suggestions lists are now available in the Narthex. Filled shoeboxes, along with \$10.00 each for shipping, will be due back at First UMC on Sunday, November 12.

A **GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays Seminar** will be held on Saturday, October 21, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Legacy Hall. Contact Lonney McDonald at 706-455-8249 for more information.



NewsLetter DEADLINE All news and calendar items for the **November issue** of *The Copperhill Courier* are due in the church office by **October 19**.

The **Community Meal** is held on Mondays, 4 to 5:30 p.m. 193 free "to go" meals were served last week. If you would like to help, contact volunteers at 423-241-2282.

We will receive our Fifth Sunday Offering for Holston Home for Children on October 29.



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

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Sound Techs Randy Loudermilk, Ann Rymer
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Prayer Concerns

Our Congregation: *Marti Lane, *Donna Ratzlaff, *Juline Mixon, *Billie Ash (temporary address: c/o Laura Ash, 1600 North Oak Street, Unit 825, Arlington, VA 22209), *Kathy Panchyshyn, Elaine Minor, Jerry Panchyshyn, Tonya Callihan (knee surgery), +T.J. Thompson (recovering from knee surgery), Sally Patterson, Ed Massengale, Cathryn McCarter, Jeane Kalchik, Louise Arp, Barb Bender

Homebound/Assisted Living: ^Shirley Sheffer (cancer diagnosis), ^Elaine Crowe

Others in our prayers: *Noah West (student of Chloe Cook), *the people of Israel, *the Stamey family, *Ron Keeler (uncle of Ron Wray), Barbara Keppler (covid), Deanna Sharell (covid), Melvin Wilcox, JoAnn Whitlow, stroke (niece of Loretta Loudermilk), Brenda Turner, surgery (sister in law of Joy Turner), Norma Bean, Richard Wagner (heart surgery), Tiffany Deaver, Stewart Haslam (rare cancer), ^Don Loudermilk (brother in law of Loretta), Major Andy Lai (stationed in Taiwan, son-in-law of Rick and Tonya Callihan), +Lee Womac (Copperhill Postmaster—motorcycle accident), McKinley Majors (requested by Tonya Callihan), Emily Martin Bryant (niece of Joy Turner), Kimberly Curcio (friend of Neila Pace), ^Tom Reed, Kerry and Cindy Hicks, Hannah Geren, first responders, armed forces members, the people of Ukraine, victims of natural disasters worldwide

**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

16 Billie Ash, Kenny Cook 17 Laura Ash, Crystal Ash 21 Lyndsay Turner, McCay Turner

Anniversaries

17 Garry and Linda Day 42nd
 20 Dellon and Billie Ash 43rd

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

Calendar	Today	Monday	Saturday
	10:00 am Sunday School	4-5:30 pm Community Meal "To Go"	3:30-5:30 pm GriefShare Seminar
	11:00 am Worship	Wednesday	Surviving the Holidays
	6:00 pm Life Group Meeting	6:00 pm Choir Practice	

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Everyone Welcome!