

MEMORIAL GIFTS

September and October Memorials Were Made in Honor of:

Herbert Mills

Hope Meade

September and October Memorials Were Made By:

Ben & Dotty Allen

Noah & Pauline Webb

Bill Cole

Big Stone Gap District Ministers

Wesley Foundation

Kathleen Gillespie

Ruben & Nancy Allman



Christmas Tree Ladders

Jack Williams is making Christmas Tree Ladders to help raise funds for our ministries dealing with children. The ladders will be available in red or white and the cost is \$20. If you would like to have an elf on your ladder, they are \$5 each. Please contact Jack Williams if you are interested in purchasing one of these ladders. If you are paying with a check, please make it payable to Trinity UMC and in the memo line put "Christmas Tree Ladders".



November

Van Drivers and Riders

5—Christy Smith, Donna Mahan
12—Kenny & Martha Spurlock
19—Pat Bowden, Diane Botts
26—Christy Smith, Cathy Galyean

Money Counters

5—Bill Cole, Ashley Turner
12—Chris Higgins, Paul Clark
19—Pat Bowden, Kim Parsons
26—Kenny & Martha Spurlock

Children's Message

5—No Children's Message
12—Mary Beth Allen
19—Nancy Toney
26—Diane Botts

Greeters

Jack Williams
Ruben Allman

Announcements

Christy Smith

Ushers

Patty Robbins, Sandra Rich,
Kathleen Gillespie, Nancy Allman



"I HAVE NOT STOPPED GIVING THANKS FOR YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS."
EPHESIANS 1:16, NIV

For Those with Cancer:

Robin (Rita Nash's Daughter); Denise Qualls;
Kathy Hirsch (Larry & Teddy Bland's daughter);
David Burke (Bubba Burke's Dad); Karrie
Compton (Randy & Phyllis Compton's
daughter); Zack Carter; Carey Mills; Steve Clark;
Robert Holbrook; Kamyryn (Patsy Mutter's great
granddaughter's sister); Karen Owens

Facing/Recovering from Surgery/Hospital Stay

Helen Cochran; Mary Warner; T.R. Davidson;
Melanie Sturgill; Mark Nickels; Ronnie Phillips
(Patty Robbins' brother); Elizabeth White; Terry
Goodman; Karen West; Dotty Allen; Dell
Williams; Peggy Beverly; Marjorie Blevins

Non-Specific Prayers for:

Geneva Allen; Jennie Shupe; Matt Carroll; Bill &
Jean Hendrick; Peggy Bates; Marion Kocher;
Bob Horne; Beth & John Hagan; Debbie
Goodman; Sarah Shores; Elmer Lowe; Louise
Wright; Joyce Ann Harver; Jim Cooper

- Pray for our Pastor and the Leaders of our church.
- Pray for the Leaders of the United Methodist Church.
- Pray for those in the Church in need.

If you know that someone on the prayer list has passed away, please contact the church office.

You can sponsor a bulletin. For \$15, we can put color on one side and for \$25 we can put color on both sides. Contact the office to

This Bulletin is
sponsored
by...

Bill Cole
In Loving Honor of
Andrew Holyfield & Alexis Hood

The Trinity Companion Sunday November 12, 2017

*... as for me and
my household,
we will serve
the LORD.*

Joshua 24:15, NRSV



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Sunday November 12, 2017

Greeters: Ruben Allman and Jack Williams

**Please welcome the UVA Wise Bluegrass Band
and Chris Rose to our worship service this morning**

Announcements: Christy Smith

Call to Worship: —

What a beautiful thing to be called to worship!

What a gift to come together in praise!

We are different people with different lives and different stories.

But, in Christ, we are one.

So, as one, we come and worship our God.

As one, we set aside our differences, and focus on our shared identity in Christ.

Let us come together in worship.

Let us come together in praise.

Let us come together because we are one in him.

Join now in worship.

Prelude:

Choral Call to Worship: UVA Wise Bluegrass Band

***Opening Hymn:** “Stand Up and Bless the Lord” No. 662

A Time for Prayer

Call to Confession

Leader: Faith is not for the faint hearted. We are called to speak up for the oppressed and to be quiet and listen to the stories of the suffering. Let us come together and confess before God the countless times we have failed to tell the difference between the two.

Prayer of Confession

How easy it is to forget, loving God, that we are all created in your image. How quickly we judge people by what they wear or what they do rather than who they are. How easy it is to lift our voices in criticism rather than lift our hands in compassionate care. How fast we are to dodge reality rather than face what is -- and make it better.

Forgive us, O God. Grant us the wisdom to listen with love and the courage to speak out for those who have lost their voices to hopelessness and despair. We ask in the name of Jesus the Christ, who came to show us what a life of love looks like. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Leader: Hear this good news: God loves you into life -- again and again. Go therefore and do likewise!

A Sharing of Our Joys, Concerns, and Thanksgivings

(Please raise your hand and an usher will come by with a microphone so that everyone will be able to hear your joy, concern or thanksgiving.)

Story-telling God, you weave your tales of love and wonder into our world. You leave chapters in every rose petal and in every senior's walk. You hide your paragraphs in every sunset and each wave. Only we don't see. Some of us have no time to dwell with the unfolding story of creation. Our days are blurs and our nights are restless and our calendars are double-booked. Some of us have substituted the quick romance story for the eternal love story. We try to substitute fast cars, quick investments, gated houses, new computers and temporary relationships for the pervasive, enduring love of God. We let lesser choices crowd out time for the community of faith.

Loving God, write us into your ongoing love story. Open us to wonder and tears, laughter and grief, for you are the author of life and the keeper of stories. Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer
Gloria Patri**

**(as found at No. 895)
No. 70**

Children's Message:

Mary Beth Allen

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Ushers: Patty Robbins, Sandra Rich, Kathleen Gillespie, Nancy Allman

Offertory: “Trumpet Voluntary” - John Stanley, AD 1712-1786

***The Doxology:** No. 95

Special Music: “Ring the Bell” - UVA Wise Bluegrass Band

The Presentation of God's Word

Scripture: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Paul Clark

L: The Word of the Lord for the People of the Lord P: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon: “Stories of the Saints”

Closing Hymn: “Old Time Religion Medley” - Sing along with the UVA Wise Bluegrass Band (See next panel for lyrics)

Pastoral Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude

*** Indicates that you may stand, as you are able**

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Old Time Religion Medley

I'll Fly Away

Some glad morning when this life is o'er,

I'll (fly a-way) fly a-way (fly a-way)

To a home on God's ce-les-tial shore,

I'll (fly a-way) fly a-way (fly a-way)

I'll (fly a-way) fly a-way, O glo-ry, I'll (fly a-way) fly a-way
(in the morn-ing)

When I die, hal-le-lu-jah, by and by

I'll (fly a-way) fly a-way (fly a-way)

I Saw the Light

I wan-dered so aim - less, life filled with sin,

I would-n't let my dear Sav-ior in;

Then Je-sus came like a strang-er in the night-

Praise the Lord!----- I saw the light.

I saw the light,----- I saw the light,-----

No more in dark - ness, no more in night;-----

(And) now I'm so hap-py, no sor-row in sight—

Praise the Lord!----- I saw the light.----- light.-----

Will the Circle Be Unbroken?

There are loved ones in the glo-ry, Whose dear forms you oft-en miss,

When you close your earth-ly sto-ry, Will you join them in their bliss?

Will the cir-cle, be un-bro-ken, By and by, O by and by?-----

Is a bet-ter home a-wait-ing, In the sky, O in the sky?-----