

Confirmation Classes to be Offered

Pastor Goodman will be beginning confirmation classes next month. Children ages 11 to 14, or in grades 5 to 8, are invited to be a part of these sessions. The first session will be September 11 from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall. If you know a child that may be interested in participating, please contact Pastor Goodman. The full schedule for these classes is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.



Cards for Robert Holbrook

If anyone would like to send a card to Robert Holbrook, our pianist who was recently diagnosed with Follicular Lymphoma, his address is: 11430 Woodrow Strange Rd., Pound, VA 24279. Please help show him he is in our thoughts and prayers.

Office will be Closed Monday

The church office will be closed Monday, September 5, in observance of Labor Day, but will be open on Wednesday, September 7.

NOW Team Meeting

The NOW Team will meet on Tuesday, September 6 this month instead of Monday due to Labor Day. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone and everyone is invited to participate in this meeting. If you would like to help with the ministries in the church that reach out to the community, please mark your calendar to attend this meeting.

September Fellowship Supper

Wednesday, September 7, is our fellowship dinner beginning at 6:30 pm. Joe and Nancy Toney will be hosting this dinner. Come join us for great food and wonderful fellowship. Remember to invite a FRAN (friend, relative, associate or neighbor) and bring along your favorite dish to share with everyone!

Update on My Health

I went to the wrist specialist this week. He says that the very small bone holding the tendon in place has broken off from my ulna. The tendon is now rubbing across the bone instead of being held in a stable position. He gave me a steroid injection. I will go back in a month to see if this has helped. If it has not, then surgery may be the solution.

50 Tips on Reaching Beyond Our Walls Part 4

Churches can no longer open their doors and expect that people will come in. Effective congregations go into the world to encounter those in need of the gospel. The Lewis Center for Church Leadership provides 50 tips on reaching beyond the walls of our church with worship, community events, ministries, and service. This is the final installment of these "tips". I hope you have found them thought provoking.

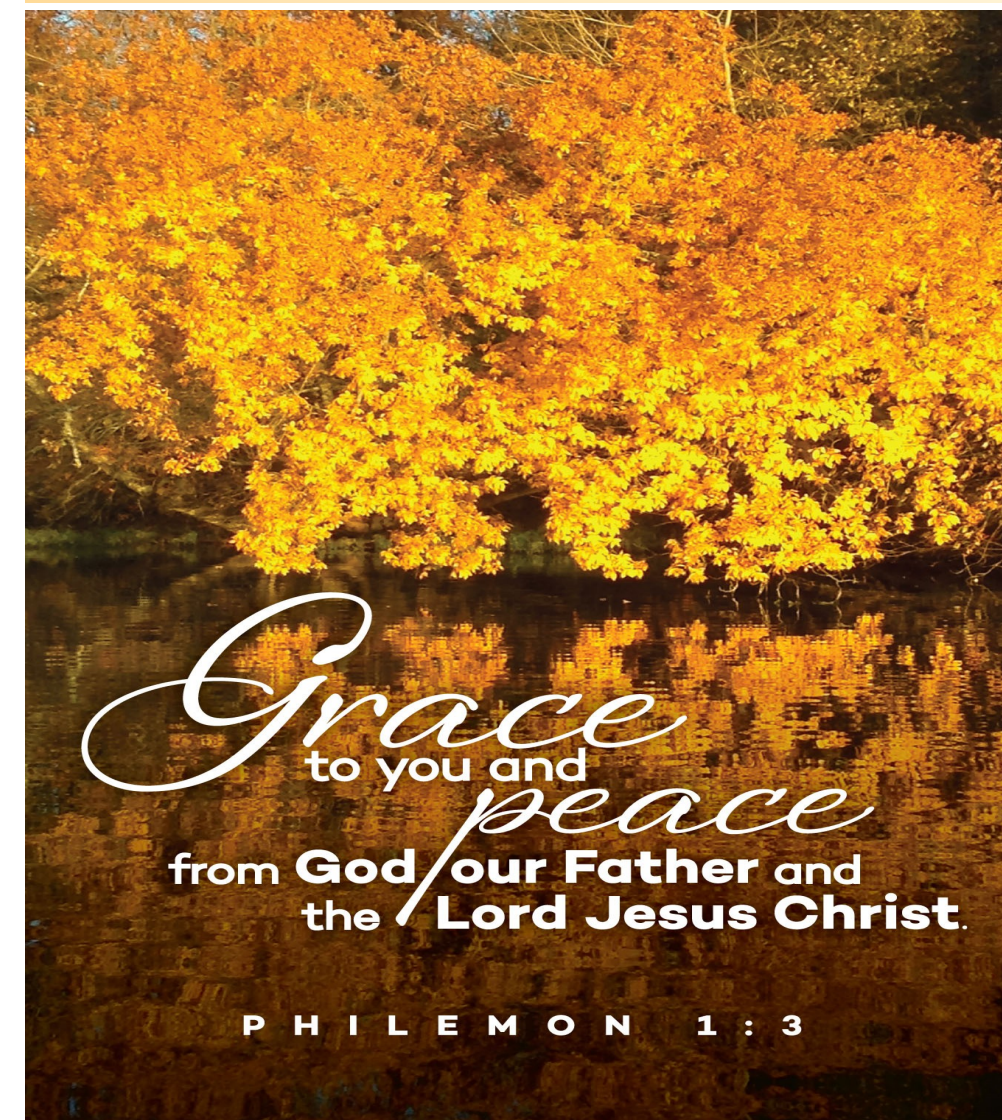
Extend your congregation's spiritual presence beyond church walls (continued)

42. Hold your Vacation Bible School in a local park or recreation center. Canvas nearby neighborhoods to invite families. Reach out to local media. Community outreach is often newsworthy, and reporters are often looking for religiously themed stories around the holidays.

Connect spiritual outreach to community service

43. Acknowledge that many served through feeding and clothing ministries, justice ministries, weekday children's services, and other ministries of community service have no other connections with our churches.
44. Ask if these ministries inadvertently convey an "us and them" attitude or communicate that "you are not worthy of joining us."
45. Identify aspects of church life, such as characteristics of the building or how people dress, that may make some feel unwelcome. Are there alternatives that may reduce barriers for some to enter?
46. Treat everyone as a person of dignity who deserves respect.
47. Extend genuine hospitality to those you serve.
48. Focus first on building relationships of understanding and trust.
49. Consider adding a spiritual or discipleship element to community service activities but without any sense of expectation or requirement. For example, have a service or study following ESL classes for any interested. Seek to conduct each activity in a way that connects people to God and the church.
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The Trinity Companion Sunday September 4, 2016



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Let me tell you how glad we are to have you at our worship service today. We hope that you will encounter the presence of the risen Christ. We'd really like to get some contact information. Would you please text your email and name to 80123 and we'll get back in touch with you.

Greeters: Ben Allen and Ruben Allman

Announcements, Welcome, and Introduction : Martha Spurlock

***Prelude:**

***Call to Worship:** "Surely the Presence of the Lord"

***Opening Hymn:** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" No. 400

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

(You will be given an opportunity to share joys and prayer concerns. Please raise your hand and wait until an usher comes to you with a microphone.)

***Gloria Patri** No. 70

Children's Message: Mary Beth Allen

The Presentation of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Ushers: Christy Smith, Jackie Mainous, Donna Mahan, Patty Robbins

***Offertory:** Improvisation on hymn tune and themes from 4th movement of "Scottish Symphony" - Felix Mendelssohn (AD 1809-1847)

*** The Doxology** No. 95

***Anthem:** "Forever Reign"

The Presentation of God's Word

Scripture: Philemon 1-21 Nancy Toney

Lector: The Word of the Lord for the People of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "A Useful Life"

Holy Communion

Communion Stewards: Dennis & Cindy Ashley, Kathleen Gillespie and Betty Cline

Communion Ushers: Christy Smith, Jackie Mainous, Donna Mahan, Patty Robbins

***Closing Hymn:** "O Spirit of the Living God" No. 539

***Pastoral Benediction :** "God Be with You till We Meet Again"

Postlude: "Lead on, O King Eternal"

***Please stand as you are able**

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September Events and Activities

- ◆ **Sunday September 4, 2016**
◆ 5:00 pm—UMYF
- ◆ **Monday September 5, 2016—Labor Day**
◆ **Office will be closed**
- ◆ **Tuesday September 6, 2016**
◆ 6:30 pm—NOW Team Meeting
- ◆ **Wednesday September 7, 2016**
◆ 6:00 pm—Prayer Team
◆ 6:30 pm—Fellowship Supper
◆ 7:00 pm—Choir Practice
- ◆ **Sunday September 11, 2016**
◆ 3:30 pm—Confirmation Class #1
◆ 5:00 pm—UMYF
- ◆ **Monday September 12, 2016**
◆ 6:30 pm—United Methodist Men Meeting
- ◆ **Wednesday September 14, 2016**
◆ 6:00 pm—Prayer Team
◆ 7:00 pm—Choir Practice
- ◆ **Sunday September 18, 2016**
◆ 5:00 pm—UMYF
◆ 5:00 pm—Asbury Circle
- ◆ **Monday September 19, 2016**
◆ 6:00 pm—Garden Club
- ◆ **Wednesday September 21, 2016**
◆ 6:00 pm—Prayer Team
◆ 7:00 pm—Choir Practice
- ◆ **Sunday September 25, 2016**
◆ 12:30 pm—Confirmation Class #2 & #3
◆ 3:00 pm—Big Stone Gap District Conference
◆ 5:00 pm—UMYF
- ◆ **Wednesday September 28, 2016**
◆ 6:00 pm—Prayer Team
◆ 7:00 pm—Choir Practice

October Events and Activities

- ◆ **Sunday October 2, 2016**
◆ 3:30 pm—Confirmation Class #4
◆ 5:00 pm—UMYF
- ◆ **Monday October 3, 2016**
◆ 6:30 pm—NOW Team Meeting

**Join us for the Fellowship Dinner
Wednesday at 6:30 pm**



September

Van Drivers and Riders

- 4—Doug & Lucy Robinson
- 11—Kenny & Martha Spurlock
- 18—Pat Bowden, Diane Botts
- 25—Kenny & Martha Spurlock

Children's Church

- 4—Cathy Galyean
- 11—Ashley Turner
- 18—Christy Smith
- 25—Patty Robbins

Money Counters

- 4—Martha & Kenny Spurlock
- 11—Bill Cole, Ashley Turner
- 18—Chris Higgins, Paul Clark
- 25—Diane Botts, Christy Smith

Children's Message

- 4—Mary Beth Allen
- 11—Kim Parsons
- 18—Christy Smith
- 25—Bill Cole

Greeters

- Ben Allen
- Ruben Allman

Announcements

Martha Spurlock

Ushers

Christy Smith, Jackie Mainous, Donna Mahan, Patty Robbins

Fellowship Dinner Hosts

Joe & Nancy Toney



"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); Debbie Cooper; Phyllis Gilley; Melody (Mellie) Gilley; Doris Berta; 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

Facing/Recovering from Surgery/Hospital Stay

Becky Clark; Helen Cochran; Mary Warner; T. R Davidson; Melanie Sturgill; Mark Nickels; Ann Nickels; Jim Cooper; Barbara Hargrove; Ronnie Phillips (Patty Robbins' brother); Benny Clifton (Lillie Clifton's father); Siyere Williams; Elizabeth White; Nancy Toney; Terry Goodman; Jean Hendrick; Haylee White; Don Whittaker; Karen West; Dennis Ashley

Non-Specific Prayers for:

The Polly family; Geneva Allen; Jim Gates; Jennie Shupe; Hope Meade; Matt Carroll; Melvin Carter; Bill & Jean Hendrick; Peggy Bates; Marion Kocher; Bob Horne; Nancy Toney; Beth & John Hagan; Nancy Kilgore & family; Debbie Goodman; Sarah Shores; Elmer Lowe; June Pendergrass; John Wheelley

- 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.