

**Today's liturgical color is green which marks "Ordinary Time." Ordinary time is any time of year between Easter and Advent and between Christmas and Lent. Green symbolizes life, hope, and anticipation.**

**To help promote the happenings in our church, you can share our services and events to the community on your Facebook page.**

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**PRELUDE:** How Great is Our Good by Chris Tomlin

#### LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). The presence of the light reminds us of Jesus' coming into our world and into our lives. The light is carried into the worship service as a symbol of Jesus' coming into the presence of the worshipping community.

#### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

**CALL TO WORSHIP—** Soon And Very Soon No 706

**WELCOME** from Pastor Tim and welcome your neighbors

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (\*noted within the bulletin)

**A TIME FOR PRAYER:** Pastor Tim

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 that 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.**

**OPENING HYMN:** He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought No 128

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Psalm 19

**READER:** Caitlyn S.

<sup>1</sup>Heaven is declaring God's glory; the sky is proclaiming his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>One day gushes the news to the next, and one night informs another what needs to be known.

<sup>3</sup>Of course, there's no speech, no words – their voices can't be heard –

<sup>4</sup>but their sound extends throughout the world; their words reach the ends of the earth. God has made a tent in heaven for the sun.

<sup>5</sup>The sun is like a groom coming out of his honeymoon suite; like a warrior, it thrills at running its course.

<sup>6</sup>It rises in one end of the sky; its circuit is complete at the other. Nothing escapes its heat.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord's instruction is perfect, reviving one's very being. The Lord's laws are faithful, making naïve people wise.

<sup>8</sup>The Lord's regulations are right, gladdening the heart. The Lord's commands are pure, giving light to the eyes.

<sup>9</sup>Honoring the Lord is correct, lasting forever. The Lord's judgments are true. All of these are righteous!

<sup>10</sup>They are more desirable than gold – than tons of pure gold! They are sweeter than honey – even dripping off the honeycomb!

<sup>11</sup>No doubt about it: your servant is enlightened by them; there is great reward in keeping them.

<sup>12</sup>But can anyone know what they've accidentally done wrong? Clear me of any unknown sin

<sup>13</sup>and save your servant from willful sins. Don't let them rule me. Then I'll be completely blameless; I'll be innocent of great wrongdoing.

<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be pleasing to you, Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God**

**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.**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT:** Mary Beth A.

**\*\*THE NURSERY IS NOW OPEN\*\***

#### THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**Ushers:** Paul C, John H, Rob M, Daniel W

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** Pastor Tim

**OFFERTORY MUSIC:** Be Thou My Vision arranged by Greg Howlett

**DOXOLOGY** No. 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.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** The Power and the Glory Joyce Eilers

**SERMON:** "The Testimonies of TWO Underdogs—Part 2" Mark 7:24-37

**RESPONSE TO THE SERVICE: ALTAR CALL** – At this time if you desire to come to the front for prayer, you are welcome to do so.

**THE APOSTLES' CREED:** No 881

**CLOSING HYMN:** He Touched Me No. 367

#### BENEDICTION

**May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from another. AMEN!**

**POSTLUDE:** More Love, More Power by Michael W. Smith

**Sending Forth/Extinguishing of the Candles:** At the end of the service, the light is carried out into the world to show that Jesus Christ is for all people everywhere. The acolyte leaves the worship service at the pastor's

direction, carrying out the lighted candle lighter. This symbolizes the light of Jesus Christ going out into the world where believers are to serve.

Here's a snapshot of our current budget numbers:

TITHES AND OFFERINGS	
<b>*NEW FISCAL YEAR JULY TO JUNE*</b>	
<b>TUMC 24/25 BUDGET</b>	<b>\$161,500.00</b>
<b>WEEKLY GOAL</b>	<b>\$3,105.77</b>
LAST WEEK'S OFFERING	\$1,383.00
YEARLY BUDGET TO DATE	\$31,057.70
YEARLY OFFERINGS TO DATE	\$27,145.66

#### METHODS OF GIVING

We have several ways for you to support the ongoing ministries and operating expenses of our church:

- bring an offering to the Sunday worship and put in the collection plate
- use the drop box at the back of the church
- mail a check to the church
- set up recurring payments with your bank
- online donation via website Subsplash—use the following address on your computer, tablet or phone:  
<https://secure.subsplash.com/ui/access/FJ4VNG>  
this secure website allows you to make a donation/offering in any amount, in any frequency (weekly, monthly, etc), and to select a specific purpose/fund for your donation. You can complete one of the cards located in the pews and put in offering plate to alert the office that you have made an online donation OR you can scan the QR Code below. With any of the electronic methods, you will need to establish an account prior to your first gift. Afterwards, you can simply sign in to your account.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT. (Online Giving Scan)



Wanna check out our Facebook page-scan here!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MEETINGS AND SUCH.....**

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: EVERY Sunday at 10am**

**HERITAGE HALL WORSHIP: EVERY Wednesday at 1:30-3 pm**, all are welcome to attend

**MINDFUL MOVING GROUP: Every Wednesday at 5:30 pm**; walking &/or moving to music w/Donna Mahan’s direction. All are welcome to attend.

**CHOIR PRACTICE: EVERY Wednesday at 7pm**

**BIBLE LESSON-MEOC Participants: Every 2nd Wednesday @ 11 am** in the Fellowship Hall

**WOMEN OF TRINITY: 1st Sunday @ 5 pm– October 6**; All women are welcome to attend.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING: 2nd Sunday following worship service- October 13.** All are welcome to attend.

**UNITED METHODIST MEN: 2nd Monday @ 6 pm – October’s meeting will be on the 7th!** All men are welcome to attend.

**POP’N FOR JESUS:** Due to renovations at MECC, the new schedule for Pop’N for Jesus is delayed. If you’d like to participate or have questions, please contact Glenn Salyers.

**EVENTS AND CHURCH HAPPENINGS.....**

**2024 Fall Women’s Day Retreat @ East Stone Gap Methodist Church is Saturday, Sep 21; 8:30-2 pm; Guest speakers BETH HAGAN and Christy Schenck.** More info available on bulletin board by choir room. **See Beth for details.**

**Hunter Safety Education Class will be offered again on Sep 21 @ MECC at 9 am.** Please see Billy Whitt if interested in attending.

**Sunday, September 22—baptism of Jayde Zirkle!**

**Saturday, September 28; 9 am.** Please come help us clean/purge the kitchen and fellowship hall!

**Sunday, September 29** will be a music service with a fellowship meal to follow. Love donations to support the church budget are gladly accepted.

**Have ya cleaned out the clutter you have at home? The next Church Rummage Sale is coming up—Oct 2-4....we will need volunteers for a successful sale!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS—OCT 6 @ 2PM meeting with Asst. DS Richie Hayes. IMPORTANT TOPIC Methodist changes on human sexuality standards & what it means to us. Please plan to attend and bring any**

questions you may have. We realize the sensitivity of this topic so if you have concerns but want to remain anonymous you can submit concerns/questions in writing. The church has decisions that must be made and your input is important.

Ohhh don’t ya just love a good breakfast—**Oct 12**, the Methodist Men will be offering their annual **Pancake Breakfast** coinciding with Highway Blues Fest!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS—OCT 13 @ 3 pm will be our 4th Annual Blessing of the Animals; bring your fur babies to be blessed!**

**Those calendars are looking kinda busy! Don’t forget Oct 19th is our water giveaway at Home Craft Days up at MECC.**

**\*Offering stewards for September**  
Sep 22: Pat B, Nicole C, Cathy G, Angie T  
Sep 29: Billy W, Susie W, Phil R, Patty R

**\*Children’s Moment for September**  
Sep 22: Beth H  
Sep 29: Nicole R

**\*Greeters for September**  
Sep 22: Amy G, Patty R  
Sep 29: Ann W, Don W

**\*Lector Readers for September**  
Sep 22: Paula B-Psalm 1  
Sep 29: Beth H-Psalm 124

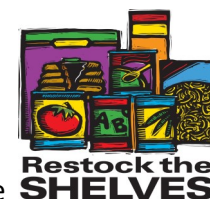
**Nursery Volunteers for September**  
Sep 15: Paula B, Amy G  
Sep 22: Amy G, Donna M  
Sep 29: Cathy G, Nicole R

**\*Communion Stewards for October 6**  
Cindy A, Dennis A, Paul C, Kim P

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**  
Sunday School: 6  
In-Person Worship: 64  
Facebook Live: 15  
Visitors: 0  
Heritage Hall: 30

**UPS BACKPACK PROGRAM**  
Don’t forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School. The food item requested for September is Chef Boy Ar-Dee—Spaghetios or Ravioli.

**DISASTER RELIEF ROOM:** We have a designated room upstairs to house hygiene, home and some clothing for local disaster (fire, etc) victims. If you have any extra items to add to this room, please see Dennis or Cindy.



**The Trinity Companion**

**September 15, 2024**

*They were astounded beyond measure, saying,*



“He has done **EVERYTHING** well; he even makes the deaf to **HEAR** and the mute to **SPEAK.**”

Mark 7:37, NRSV

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**Worship begins at 11:00 am**

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