

-MARK YOUR CALENDAR: November 18-UMW Bake/Craft Sale beginning at 9:00 in the parlor. All proceeds will be used to help repair and/or replace "well used" outside church doors. Be sure to come and support the UMW.

-UMW is still collecting Box Tops for Education for the Red Bird Mission School in Beverly, KY. The school serves students in grades PreK-12 and centers on developing the full potential of its students in a Christian atmosphere. The school is operated independently by the Mission and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the University Senate of the United Methodist Church and Christian Schools International. Red Bird Christian School provides quality education to students of the Red Bird area regardless of their ability to pay. Enrichment classes in physical education, foreign language, music, and libraries are available to all students. Christian education is incorporated in the curriculum for all grades. Students may graduate from the school with a general, college prep or academic diploma. Many extracurricular activities are available to enhance each student's school experience in the area of academics, humanities, and athletics. A Christian preschool educational program serves 3 & 4 year olds and their families. In 2011 they became a State Licensed Child Care Center.

Year-to-Date Operating Funds as of 9/30/18

Revenues	393,691
Operating Expenses	419,350
Surplus/(Deficit)	(25,659)

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**WEEKLY CALENDAR
 OCT. 28-NOV. 4, 2018**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28
 9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship Service
 4:30 Children & Youth Activities
 5:30 Children & Youth Snack Supper
 6:15 The Branch

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29
 7:00 Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30
 4:30 Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31
 5:30 Senior High Activity
 7:30 Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1
 10:00 Circle of Faith- Conference Rm.
 6:00 Wayfinders
 6:30 Finance Committee
 7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers- gym

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2
 6:30 Circle of Friends

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3
 10:00 GLO & JAM children & families meet at Wallabies

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:
USHERS: David Denny, Ben Peeples, Art Eckerson, Alan LeClair
GREETERS: Art Eckerson, Brian & Cathie Rosecrance, Mark & Polly Crowder, Kent & Midge Merrill
PRAYER: Cathy Peeples **CROSSBEARER:** Abraunya Roe
ACOLYTE: Abragayle Roe **BEADLE:** Reece Kelley
AUDIOVISUAL: Karl Kapoor



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 Worship Guide & Church Life Information Bulletin
 Welcome to 1st Church! We are glad you are here.
 Please sign the red registration pad at one end of each pew.

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
 October 28, 2018
 23rd Sunday after Pentecost**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING
PRELUDE "A Day of Peace" Arr. Charles Callahan
CHORAL INTROIT Cherub Choir
 "If Anybody Asks You"
 "God's Love is So Wonderful"

CALL TO WORSHIP
 Leader: Come, let us worship God.
People: I will bless the Lord at all times. I will forever speak His praise.
 Leader: My soul will only boast of God's goodness.
People: Let us remember God's faithfulness and be glad.
 Leader: Let us proclaim the good news of God's love.
People: Let us loudly declare God's name together.

INVOCATION
***HYMN OF PRAISE** "May Jesus Christ be Praised" No. 185
***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**
 Leader: Loving God, we ask forgiveness for the things we do that destroy our relationship with You and with Your children.
People: When we get caught up in our own affairs and fail to notice the worry lines on the face of someone else, please forgive us.
 Leader: When we harbor jealousy, resentment, or bitterness against others, please forgive us.
People: When we withhold the truth, act dishonestly, or conspire against someone for our own advantage, please forgive us.
 Leader: When we put our selfish desires ahead of the needs and well-being of those around us, please forgive us.

People: When we justify our foolish actions rather than admitting our fault and repenting, bring us to our senses. Confront us, heal us, and grant us peace. Transform our lives so that we may live in Your truth and walk as Your faithful disciples.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: As we confess our sins, God is faithful and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. My friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we find forgiveness and salvation. Thanks be to God. AMEN

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Hebrews 7:23-28

MORNING PRAYER AND 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 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 OF REFLECTION** "Amazing Grace-My Chains Are Gone" Words on Screen

OFFERTORY "Come, Ye Disconsolate" Arr. Mark Hayes

***DOXOLOGY** No. 94

GOSPEL READING Mark 10:46-52

ANTHEM "Open Wide the Door of Mercy" Kendal Fox, Cello

Open wide the door of mercy, let all be welcomed in.

Let compassion, love and healing, the work of Christ begin.

Open wide the door of mercy, let all division end.

May we be a door of mercy until He comes again.

All who enter in the threshold, longing for release,

Will know of their redemption, receive His gentle peace.

Come, all those who feel unworthy, those who've been betrayed

Receive the gift of mercy, do not be afraid.

All who linger in the shadows, full of doubt and shame,

Pass not through the doorway, and call upon His name.

Come all those who feel forgotten, those weighed down by sin,

Receive the gift of mercy, be restored again.

SERMON "Living Into Freedom" Rev. Jane Taylor

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "Be Still, My Soul" No. 534

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

GO IN PEACE, GREET ONE ANOTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST, AND TAKE THE LOVE OF CHRIST WITH YOU THIS WEEK TO SHARE WITH ALL YOU MEET.

The Staff Parish Committee has regrettably accepted the resignation letter of our Church Treasurer, Rhonda Simmons, effective in January 2019. We will immediately be accepting applications for this part-time staff position. The job requires a knowledge of accounting principles and computer skills. It is hopeful the person hired will have time to spend with Rhonda training for the regular monthly and year-end closing procedures.

Steve Gross, Chairperson of Staff Parish

Songfest 2018: An Appalachian Music Experience will be next

Sunday, November 4, at 3:00 at University Parkway Baptist Church. Plan to join Family Promise for a great afternoon of music! Come out to see Carson Peters & Iron Mountain, Ed Snodderly & Friends, ETSU Rambling Serenaders. Free admission but donations are welcome!

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Our annual **Christmas Shopping Day** for the church children is quickly approaching. The kids get so excited about being able to buy gifts for their loved ones at a minimal cost! Please help us make this possible by donating any new or slightly used items to include in the sale. Please leave any items for donation in the Open Door Classroom. If you would like to get involved or have any questions, please contact Janine Berning at 534-7823.

If you are interested in serving as a greeter before the 10:30 worship service, please contact Brian Rosecrance. We are in need of more friendly faces to welcome visitors and members on Sunday mornings!

October 28, 2018 Prayer Requests

Publish in bulletin? Y___ N___

Requested by _____

Prayer list:

Betty & Aldon Speer	Don Bettis
Barbara Marrs	Bryan Murphy
Elizabeth Bailey	Frannie Knouse
Ralph & Joan Garland	Rev. David Neel
Nancy Jewell	Jim Pavegio
Bobbie Wells	Cody Hammond
Elizabeth Wells	Joe Campbell
Clare Warren & parents	Mitch Link
Catherine Cartus	Michael Harrell
Tom Palmer	Sharyn Lessly
Kevin Jones	Jane Wilhoit Anderson
Carrie Denny	Nancy Wilhoit Norris
Bob & Dee Lentz	Midge Merrill
Carolyn Wood	Emily Hawkins
Sue Speer	Christy Cagle
LaMarr Talley	Beth Minutolo
Evelyn Moore	Betty McGaha
Jo Cross	Steve Holmes
Edna Johnson	Phil & Donna Pipkin
Jerry & Judy Rust	Vivian Eckerson
Bill & Mary McClellan	Clare May
Brian Milby	Tina Morrison
Gary J. Harkins	Oliver Johnson
Magnolia Ridge family of recovery	G. G. Kline
Mark Nottingham & family	Brenda Logan
	Terry Ponder
	Martha Ozment
	Jean & James Holloway



Reminder: No after school or regular Wednesday night activities this week. Senior High will meet at the regular time. Happy Halloween!