

The Journey Begins

8:30 a.m. Blended Worship (In Chapel)

Gathering & Centering for Worship

- Welcome & Announcements
- Centering Music
- Bringing in the Light of Christ
- * Call to Worship (cover)
- * Song of Praise *Song of Love*

Proclamation and Response

- Children's Message
- Offering of Tithes & Gifts
- Offertory *Christmas Star* Craig Cassil
- * Response No. 94 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
- * Affirmation of Faith No. 881 *The Apostles' Creed*
- Scripture *Mark 1:4-13 (NT, p.32)*
- Sermon *Baptism Doesn't Make the Road Any Easier* Rev. Horton

Holy Communion

- Invitation, Confession, & Pardon (p.12)
- The Great Thanksgiving
- The Lord's Prayer
- Sharing of the Bread and Cup
- Prayer of Thanksgiving (p.11)

Sending Forth to Serve

- * Hymn No. 252 *When Jesus Came to Jordan*
- * Benediction
- * Taking the Light of Christ into the World
- * Response *Go With God*



*All who are able, please stand.
TFWS = "The Faith We Sing" Hymnal Supplement

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (In Sanctuary)

Gathering & Centering for Worship

- Ringing in the Spirit
- Prelude *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters (1987)*
This modern hymn places the focus of the baptismal rite on the divine work of God. It recognizes the Divine within our lives that recreates us again and again. In our Methodist tradition, it was a common practice to sing a new text to a hymn tune the singers already knew. The hymn employs "Beach Spring".

- Welcome, Announcements
- Introit *Masters of the Hall* Trad.
- Bringing in the Light of Christ

- * Call to Worship (cover)
- * Hymn No. 269 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

Proclamation and Response

- Anthem *Psalm 150* arr. Harper
- Offering of Tithes & Gifts
- Offertory *Andantino* A.F. Hesse
- * Response No. 95 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
- * Affirmation of Faith No. 881 *The Apostles' Creed*
- * Gloria Patri (No. 70)
- Scripture *Mark 1:4-13 (NT, p.32)*
- Sermon *Baptism Doesn't Make the Road Any Easier* Rev. Horton

Holy Communion

- Invitation, Confession, & Pardon (p.12)
- The Great Thanksgiving *(Musical Setting E, Hymnal, pg. 24)*
- The Lord's Prayer (No. 895)
- Sharing of the Bread and Cup
- Prayer of Thanksgiving (p.11)

Sending Forth to Serve

- * Hymn No. 252 *When Jesus Came to Jordan*
- * Benediction & Response *Amen # 898* Danish
- * Taking the Light of Christ into the World
- * Postlude *Immortal, Invisible* arr. J.M. Martin



*All who are able, please stand.

Childcare is available in the nursery during 11am worship.

9:45 a.m.

Contemporary Worship (In Fellowship Hall)

Gathering for Worship

- Gathering Music
- Welcome & Opening Prayer

Praise and Proclamation

- Opening Praise Song
- Children's Message
- Announcements
- Offering of Tithes & Gifts
- Scripture *Mark 1:4-13*
- Message *Baptism Doesn't Make the Road Any Easier* Rev. Horton

Holy Communion

- Invitation, Confession, & Pardon
- The Great Thanksgiving & Lord's Prayer
- Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Responding to God's Grace

- Prayers of the People
- Song for Going Forth
- Sending Forth with God's Blessing



Words are projected for most songs, so let's make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Next Sunday: January 14, 2017 (8:30, 9:45 & 11:00am)

Worship Series:

The Road Less Traveled: A Guide for Disciples in Troubled Times

Worship Theme: *Destination Unknown*

Scripture: *John 1:43-51*

Sermon: *If You're Curious about the Journey, Come and See*



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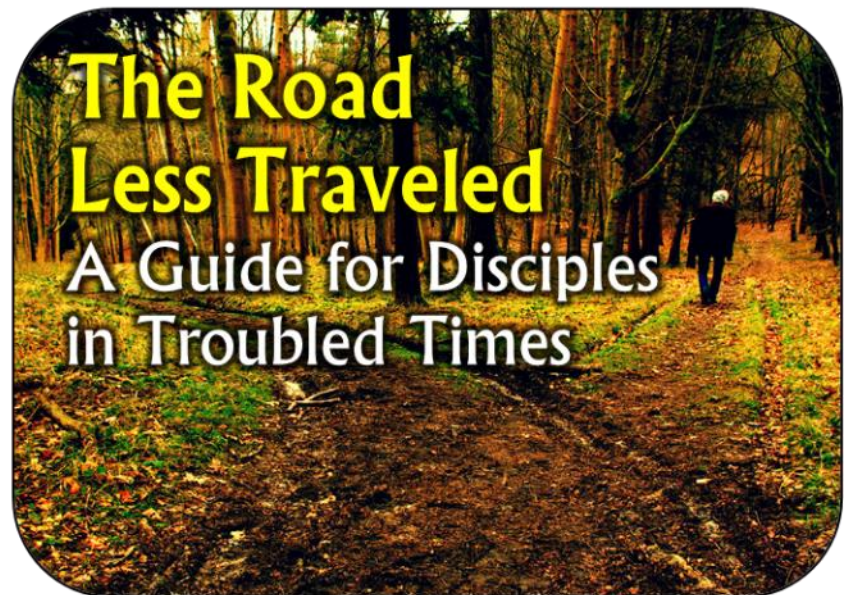
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The Rev. Phil Woodson, *Associate Pastor*



First Sunday after the Epiphany Baptism of the Lord

January 7, 2018

First United Methodist Church

Leader: When Jesus went down to the river Jordan to be baptized, John the Baptizer cried out, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (*John 1:29*)

People: Lord, lead us into the water of your never-ending grace, and wash away our sin.

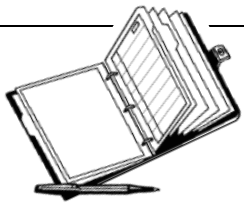
Leader: As Jesus emerged from the water, "the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness" where he was tempted by Satan and surrounded by wild beasts. (*Mark 1:12*)

All: In this time of worship, O Lord, surround us with the life-giving waters of your mercy. Then, direct our path with your Spirit, and challenge us to go out into a world of dangerous need. Amen.

Theme Verse

I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

Mark 1:8



Mark Your Calendars...

Each Sunday

- 8:30 am Blended Worship in the Chapel
- 9:15 am SONshine Singers in Room 308
- 9:45 am Contemporary Worship in Fellowship Hall
- Sunday School throughout the building
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship in Sanctuary

Today's Activities

- 8:30 am Blended Worship Service** (Chapel)
- 9:15 am SONshine Singers** (308)
- 9:45 am Contemporary Worship Service** (FH)
- Sunday School Classes:
Under 2 (nursery 205/206), Preschool (111),
K & 1st gr (304/305), 2nd & 3rd gr (315)
4th & 5th gr (312/313), Adult Fellowship (208),
Focused Forum (308), Adult Class (315)
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service** (Sanctuary)
- 11:10 am Adult Faith Explorers** (314)
- 3:45 pm Confirmation Classes**
- 4:00 pm Un-decorating of the Church**
- 5:00 pm Sunday Evening Fellowship Dinner** (FH)
- Youth Group
- 7:00 pm First Bells Advanced Reading** (Music Suite)
- 7:30 pm Bridging the Gap Events** (Live Arts)

Next Step Opportunities

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| Mon., Jan 8 | 9:15 am | Preschool Chapel |
| | 12:00 pm | Bread and Blessings (FH) |
| | 6:30 pm | Trustees Meeting (208) |
| Tues., Jan 9 | 6:30 pm | SPRC Meeting (208) |
| Wed., Jan 10 | 5:30 pm | Wed. Night Communion Service (Chapel) |
| | 6:00 pm | Wed Night Fellowship Dinner (FH) |
| | 6:30 pm | Finance Meeting (208) |
| | 6:45 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite) |
| Thurs., Jan 11 | 9:30 am | Women's Bible Study (Aldersgate UMC) |
| | 7:00 pm | Cub Scout Planning Meeting (308) |

Childcare for children who are two years old and younger is provided in the nursery on the second floor during each of the Sunday Worship Services.



Assisting in Worship

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| Worship Leader | 8:30 | Carolyn McGee |
| Ushers | 8:30 | E.N. Garnett, Jerry Pusey |
| | 11:00 | George Hale, Jim Grigg, Dick Marsden |
| Greeters | 8:30 | E.N. Garnett, Jerry Pusey |
| | 9:45 | Ellen Woodson, Yvonne Schifflett |
| | 11:00 | Jeanne Payne |
| Acolytes | 11:00 | Nathan DeVore |
| Lay Readers | 8:30 | Dubie Dubendorfer |
| | 9:45 | Priscilla Sprague |
| | 11:00 | Tom Clark |
| Communion Assistants | 8:30 | E.N. Garnett, Jerry Pusey |
| | 11:00 | Martha Spano |
| Pianist | 8:30 | Kevin White |
| Organist | 11:00 | Kevin White |
| Musical Groups | 8:30 | Celebration Singers: Carolyn McGee |
| | 9:45 | Contemporary Band: Rev. Phil Woodson |
| | 11:00 | Chancel Choir: Kevin White |
| Financial Stewards | | Evelyn Kessler, Bill Reusing |



Our Christian Sympathy is extended to...

- ◆ the family of **Gertrude "Trudy" Anderson** who passed away on December 6, 2017;
- ◆ Frank McMullen on the death of his brother-in-law **Paul D. Sayer** who passed away on December 29, 2017.

Welcome! If you are visiting with us, please complete the card provided by the ushers and place it in the offering plate. A "Get Connected" booklet that summarizes the ministries of our church can be found on our Connection Kiosks located outside our Fellowship Hall, in our Welcome Center, and in the Gathering Space between the Sanctuary and Chapel. After the service, please join us for a time of refreshments and conversation in our Gathering Space. If you would like information about how to become a member, please contact Pastor Al.



Our sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop assistive listening system for those with telecoil equipped hearing aids. For those with hearing loss and without telecoil equipped hearing aids, or no hearing aids, portable loop headsets are available in the narthex. Please see usher for assistance.

Children's bulletins are available at entrances to all services. Please see an usher for assistance.

NEWS from Your Church Family

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Our Mission: Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

Removal of the Greens



THE UN-DECORATING OF THE CHURCH:

Volunteers are needed today at 4pm to help us take down and pack away our Christmas decorations. We will gather together

to remove decorations from the outside and from the worship areas. Dinner at 5!!!

TONIGHT: A BRIDGING THE GAP COMMUNITY EVENT: A King's Story

by Joshua St. Hill. "This play is a work of fiction rooted in reality. It explores racism and the events of Aug 12 in Charlottesville from the perspective of students, teachers, the community and the media. The play will be followed by a talkback with the playwright and director." Performed at Live Arts, hosted by Monticello High School from 7:30-8:30pm. Contact Katy Brandt for more information, kathrynmariecook@gmail.com.

JOURNEY SIGN UP

The Journey Retreat is March 16-18! Middle School students are encouraged to sign up for a weekend of games, Jesus, music and much more! The cost is \$100 per person with scholarships available. Checks can be made out to First UMC. High school students will be helpers! The deadline to sign up is Feb 11. Contact Alex Erwine, alexerwine.fumc@gmail.com

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS!

Want to make a difference in someone's life? Literacy Volunteers of Charlottesville/ Albemarle, has a training day for volunteer tutors scheduled for Saturday, Jan 13, 9:30am—4:30pm which includes a catered lunch. Interested? Call (434) 977-3838 or email Maureen, info@literacyforall.org. There's also an increased interest among students in preparing for U.S. citizenship. Call Mackie Kudravetz for information, (434) 953-5075.

THE PRESCHOOL IS CURRENTLY

accepting applications for enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year. Please contact Ida Caramanis, Director of the Preschool, at 296-6682 or director.fump@gmail.com if you have any questions. The deadline to submit applications is Feb., 1, 2018.

More information is available at the CONNECTION KIOSKS outside the Fellowship Hall, near the 2nd floor Gathering Space, & in the Welcome Center at the parking lot entrance.

JANUARY FIRST BELLS If you enjoy bell ringing and have some previous experience, join us tonight at 7pm for some sight reading of more advanced music just for January! Back to regular bells in February!

THE CHARLOTTESVILLE LISTENING PROJECT

is an online "pen pal" effort to bring Lutheran listeners together with C'ville residents in one-to-one pairings. The listeners are leaders in the Lutheran Church (Bishops, Vice Presidents, Seminary Presidents, Pastors). Through this project, we hope to promote greater communication and perspectives on diversity, inclusion, and the extinguishing of racism in our nation. For more information, contact Katy Brandt, kathrynmariecook@gmail.com.

THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

will temporarily relocate to Aldersgate UMC, 1500 Rio Rd., E., starting Jan 11, 2018, 9:30-11:00am. We will begin with a word study focused on forms of the word forgive and you will want to bring your study bible. We will then study from a book titled **Total Forgiveness Experience; A Study Guide to Repairing Relationships**, by R.T.Kendall. You can order your book when we gather on Jan 11. Any questions, please contact Martha Murry at mmurray757@yahoo.com or Carolyn McGee at carolynmcgee.fumc@gmail.com.



BLOOD DRIVE SET FOR SUNDAY, Jan 21, 9am-12:30pm

in the church parking lot. Sign up online at donateblood.vablood.org. Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are welcome! All donors must present a valid ID or VBS donor card at registration. For a list of accepted ID's, visit vablood.org or call 1-800-989-4438. For more information, call Melody Nichols, 434-977-8280.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE

NEEDED! Due to growing classes, extra hands are needed in our children's classes. Contact Alex, alexerwine.fumc@gmail.com.

APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT (ASP)

Please review the following names and let me know if it is accurate. Also, I will need the ages of our youth. Thanks, Dave Wheatley wheat1506@gmail.com.

YOUTH: Katerina Coggeshall, Georgia Davidson, Nathan DeVore, Margaret Anne Doran, Peyton Eddy, Lauren Elgin, Jeff Foster, Bailey Friedman, Ellie Lewis, Kari Miller, Evan Niehoff, Tighe O'Loughlin, Maria Plantz, Mitchell Plantz, Evie Sackett, Hunter Strain, Sam Strain, Jeff Taylor, Charlie Wermter, Maya Winterhoff. **ADULTS:** Zach Anglin, Tom Ashley, Jack Brown, Dargan Coggeshall, Meghan Eddy, Alex Erwine, Andy Guertler, Kristen Hestand, Charles Kidd, Carrie Lewis, Dave Lewis, Overton McGehee, Alex Pettigrew, Cindy Remington, Wayne Remington, Dave Wheatley.

My Christmas Offering

Thank You!



A heartfelt thanks is extended to all who contributed so generously to our recent Christmas Offering. Through your generosity, more than \$8,166.47 will now be distributed between the **Appalachia Service Project (ASP)** to help make homes "warmer, safer, and drier" for families in Appalachia who cannot afford to make crucial repairs, and to **Rise Against Hunger (formerly, Stop Hunger Now)** to offset costs for First UMC's annual food packaging event that will provide nutritious meals for children around the world.



PRAYER REQUESTS: If you need prayer, please visit our website (www.cvillefirstumc.org), click on "Prayer Requests" to register your prayer needs, or call the church office at (434) 296-6193. If you would like to join others in praying for people and their requests, please contact Carolyn Janiczek at cjaniczek@comcast.net so you can be added to the prayer ministry email list.