

# Rebirth of Hope

**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)  
\* Songs of Praise *Indescribable  
In Christ Alone*

## Proclamation and Response

Anthem *Jesus Will Still Be There* Robert Sterling  
Children's Message  
Prayers of the People  
Lord's Prayer No. 895  
Offering of Tithes & Gifts  
Offertory  
\* Response No. 95 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
\* Affirmation of Faith No. 881 *The Apostles' Creed*  
Scripture *Ezekiel 37:1-14 (OT, p.829)*  
Hymn No. 707 *Hymn of Promise*  
Sermon *Mortal, Will These Bones Live?* Rev. Woodson

## Sending Forth to Serve

\* Hymn No. 384 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*  
\* 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

Chiming of the Hour  
Prelude *Breathe On Me, Breath of God (1878)* E. Hatch  
This hymn encapsulates a deep desire to be renewed in Christ, and purified by the Holy Spirit. This hymn has uplifted the hearts of many a Christian and remains an immortal favorite.  
Welcome & Announcements  
Introit *The Lord is Near* W. Myers  
Bringing in the Light of Christ  
\* Call to Worship (cover)  
\* Hymn No. 383 *This Is a Day of New Beginnings*

## Proclamation and Response

Anthem *From the Rising of the Sun* D. Mengel  
A Prayer for the People & Lord's Prayer No. 895  
Offering of Tithes & Gifts  
Offertory *Invention* F. Peeters  
\* Response No. 95 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
\* Affirmation of Faith No. 881 *The Apostles' Creed*  
\* Gloria Patri (No. 70)  
Scripture *Ezekiel 37:1-14 (OT, p.829)*  
Hymn No. 266 *Heal Us, Emmanuel, Hear Our Prayer*  
Sermon *Mortal, Will These Bones Live?* Rev. Woodson

## Sending Forth to Serve

\* Hymn No. 420 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*  
\* Benediction  
\* Response No. 897 *Amen* Dresden  
\* Taking the Light of Christ into the World  
\* Postlude *Voluntary in G* S. Jackson



*\*All who are able, please stand.*

**9:45 a.m.**

**Contemporary Worship**  
(In Fellowship Hall)

## Gathering for Worship

Gathering of the People  
Welcome & Opening Prayer

## Praise and Proclamation

Opening Praise Song  
Children's Message  
Announcements  
Offering of Tithes & Gifts  
Scripture *Ezekiel 37:1-14*  
Message *Mortal, Will These Bones Live?* Rev. Phil Woodson

## 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: November 19, 2017 (8:30, 9:45 & 11:00am)**

**Worship Series:** *Reconciled! The Story of God's Unrelenting Love*  
**Worship Theme:** *The Word Rejected*  
**Scripture Lesson:** *John 1:9-18*  
**The Message:** *Why Are We Afraid of the Light?*



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## 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

*November 12, 2017*  
**First United Methodist Church**

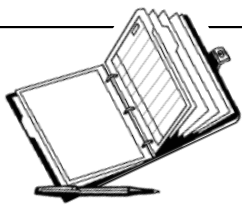
**Leader:** The God we serve is the God of life, the God of hope, the God of new beginnings—even for dried up bones and shattered dreams. The rattling of bones in Ezekiel's vision may be heard as the shackles that once held us down in fear, sin, prejudice, and guilt. God defies these deadly entanglements with the power of life.

**People:** **In the midst of a valley filled with bones, among particles of dust, death, and decay—a voice cries out in the name of life. And in holy mystery, life comes forth. These are the stories we are told. But are these the stories we trust? Are these the stories we will live by? O God, we stand waiting for your life-giving spirit to fall upon us so that we might be revived, restored, and renewed; so that we might live resurrected lives rebuilt with the assurance of love and the promise of hope. Amen.**



## Rebirth of Hope

I am going to open your graves,  
and bring you up from your graves, O my people  
...I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live...  
*Ezekiel 37:12,14*



# 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), Youth, (302/303)  
Adult Fellowship (208), Adult Study (305),  
Adult Discussion (314)
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)**
- 11:10 am Adult Faith Explorers (314)**
- 2:00 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (208)**
- 5:00 pm Sunday Evening Fellowship Dinner (FH)**
- 5:45 pm Sunday Evening Study Group (308)**
- Youth Group (302/303)
- 7:00 pm First Bells Rehearsal (Music Suite)**

## Next Step Opportunities

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|----------------|----------|--|
| Mon., Nov 13   | 9:15 am  | Preschool Chapel                       |
|                | 12:00 pm | Bread and Blessings (FH)               |
|                | 6:00 pm  | Celebration Singers (Music Suite)      |
|                | 7:00 pm  | Magnify Choir (Music Suite)            |
| Tues., Nov 14  | 8:00 am  | Kindred Project (Martha Murray/208)    |
|                | 9:30 am  | Staff Meeting (Conference Room)        |
|                | 1:00 pm  | Virginia Interfaith (208)              |
|                | 6:30 pm  | Finance Committee Meeting (308)        |
|                | 7:00 pm  | Contemporary Band Rehearsal (FH)       |
|                |          | Men's Bible Study (208)                |
| Wed., Nov 15   | 5:30 pm  | Wednesday Night Service (Chapel)       |
|                | 6:00 pm  | Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner (FH) |
|                | 6:45 pm  | Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite)  |
|                | 7:00 pm  | Preschool Board Meeting (208)          |
| Thurs., Nov 16 | 9:30 am  | Women's Bible Study (308)              |
|                | 7:00 pm  | Charge Conference (Chapel)             |
|                |          | Loaves & Fishes Board Meeting (FH)     |

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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|---------------------------|-------|--|
| <b>Worship Leader</b>     | 8:30  | Carolyn McGee                            |
|                           | 11:00 | Michael DeVore                           |
| <b>Ushers</b>             | 8:30  | E.N. Garnett, Jerry Pusey                |
|                           | 11:00 | Gary McGee, Joseph Garland, Dick Marsden |
| <b>Greeters</b>           | 8:30  | Jerry Pusey, E.N. Garnett                |
|                           | 9:45  | Anne Shipe, Kay Canter                   |
|                           | 11:00 | Mike & Sally McEuen, Becky Pence         |
| <b>Acolytes</b>           | 8:30  | John Davidson                            |
|                           | 11:00 | Miriam DeVore                            |
| <b>Lay Readers</b>        | 8:30  | Travis Riesen                            |
|                           | 9:45  | Priscilla Sprague                        |
|                           | 11:00 | Hugh Martin                              |
| <b>Pianist</b>            | 8:30  | Kathy Berlin                             |
| <b>Organist</b>           | 11:00 | Kevin White                              |
| <b>Musical Groups</b>     | 8:30  | Celebration Singers: Carolyn McGee       |
|                           | 9:45  | Contemporary Band: Rev. Phil Woodson     |
|                           | 11:00 | Chancel Choir: Kevin White               |
| <b>Financial Stewards</b> |       | Evelyn Kessler, Bill Reusing             |



## PARKING LOT UPDATE

Due to the recent rain, we were unable to complete our parking lot repairs and will need to close down the First UMC parking lot after the Charge Conference on Thursday night. The total time the lot will be closed is from Thursday, November 16 at 9pm through Sunday, November 19 at 6am.

**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.

# NEWS from Your Church Family

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## Our Mission: Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ



**HANGING OF THE GREENS** Join us on **Nov 26 at 4pm** as we deck the halls and participate in a variety of Christmas related activities! We will not only be inside decorating, but outside as well, as we light up our parking lot lamp posts and front steps! Your help and festive spirit are very much needed as we all wear holiday themed sweaters, sing Christmas songs and decorate God's house as a family of faith! This will be an evening for the whole family and our local community as we celebrate the coming light of Jesus Christ!

**ALL CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS** are invited to attend the Charge Conference this **Thurs., Nov 16 at 7pm in the Chapel**. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Pastor Al or Pastor Phil

**COATS, GLOVES, SCARVES, AND WINTER HATS** are being collected for those in need. All items should be clean, fully functional, and ready to wear. Place donations on coat rack or nearby table in Fellowship Hall. For more info, contact Pastor Phil, [philwoodson.fumc@gmail.com](mailto:philwoodson.fumc@gmail.com). **OUR CHURCH PLANS TO HONOR TWO SPECIAL LADIES, LESLIE GILLIAM AND WILMA THOMAS**, without whose financial gifts the newly renovated, lighted steeple would not have been possible. Join us **Sun., Dec 10**, as part of the Magnify Concert at **9:00am** in the Sanctuary as we dedicate a bronze plaque to Leslie and Wilma. If you would like to contribute to the plaque, please make donations to First UMC with "Plaque" on the memo line, or you can go to the church website and give online.

**FRUIT SALE!** Albemarle High School band is partnering with Loaves & Fishes to raise funds for AHS band students and to provide fruit to those in need. Navel oranges, ruby red grapefruits, apples and pears are sold in boxes/cases that include 5-100 pieces of fruit, ranging from \$20-58. Purchases can be for personal use or given to the food pantry. Sale runs through **Nov. 17**. To purchase or donate, see Evan Niehoff or Maria Maughlin during the 9:45am service.

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.

**LITERACY VOLUNTEERS!** Want to make a difference in someone's life? Literacy Volunteers of Charlottesville/Albemarle, with offices in the Jefferson School City Center, has training days for volunteer tutors scheduled. Sign up for one Saturday: **Nov 11, Dec 9, or Jan 13, 9:30am—4:30pm**, including a catered lunch. Interested? Call 434-977-3838 or email Maureen for more information, [info@literacyforall.org](mailto:info@literacyforall.org). There's also an increased interest among students in preparing for U.S. citizenship. Call Mackie Kudravetz if you have any questions, 434-953-5075.

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE FOR SCHOLARSHIP FAMILIES AT PRESCHOOL:** Please consider donating non-perishable food items or making a monetary donation in the form of a check or gift cards to support our 4 scholarship families. A collection box for food items will be placed outside the Sanctuary until **Nov 17**. If you decide to write a check, please put "Preschool food drive" on the memo line. For more info, email Marianna at [marianna.mcmurray@yahoo.com](mailto:marianna.mcmurray@yahoo.com).

**CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS** Anyone who would like to begin receiving our weekly emails can sign up on the bottom of our church website, [cvillefirstumc.org](http://cvillefirstumc.org). You can contact Pastor Phil if you would like to begin receiving *The Focus* through email as well, [philwoodson.fumc@gmail.com](mailto:philwoodson.fumc@gmail.com). Our church also has an active Facebook page where we share pictures and updates on upcoming church events and activities, [facebook.com/cvillefirstumc](https://facebook.com/cvillefirstumc).

**FREE CONCERT: SING CHRISTMAS WITH ANDY SHELDEN!** Andy and the gang are excited to be bringing a program of a capella Christmas music to First UMC at **2pm, Saturday, December 2**. Come join the fun! As always, the program is free of charge (donations will be accepted), and a reception will follow in the Gathering Space.



Everyone is still encouraged to prayerfully consider turning in a donation pledge card. These cards will allow our Finance Team to set our budget for next year and help us to prioritize, plan, and carry out all outstanding missions and ministries that we have been discussing. A **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who has already turned in their card! The ushers have extra cards available at each service.

## COMMUNION, ANYONE?



Do you crave Christian fellowship or want to receive Communion more than once a month? Do you want to be part of a small group of people who care very deeply for one another? Then, consider First UMC's Wednesday Evening Service of Holy Communion. We gather every Wed. at 5:30pm in the Chapel for a service of Holy Communion and prayer, then we enjoy a fellowship meal in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the service. Don't be bashful, come commune with us!



**PRAYER REQUESTS:** If you need prayer, please visit our website ([www.cvillefirstumc.org](http://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](mailto:cjaniczek@comcast.net) so you can be added to the prayer ministry email list.