

Balancing Your World

PLANTING SUNDAY
Good Beginnings
SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

WE WELCOME YOU TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

THE TEAR SHEET IN THE BULLETIN is provided for your convenience. As you arrive for worship, please fill it out including your prayer "joy and concern" as well as indicating your desire to participate in some of the ministries and activities provided by our church. Thank you!

WORSHIP IS CENTRAL to the life of our church. Next week, Rev. White continues the series titled "Balancing Your World" with the sermon "Mountain Sunday: Protection and Care". In preparation, you are invited to read Psalm 125.

Mission Statement

"The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World".

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Apple Pie Ridge Campus:
362 Apple Pie Ridge Rd
across from the elementary
school.

Worship Services are 8:30 and 11:00 am each Sunday

Children Are Important at First Church!

FUMC offers Children's Church during our 8:30 & 11am worship services. We also provide a nursery during our 9:45am Sunday School hour. For a list of upcoming Children's Church topics, please visit the information board located outside of the nursery, Room 105.

TODAY!!! Join the new small group, **New Voices** between the worship services. We will sing the songs we use in worship as well as others and learn more about contemporary worship practices.



Important Information
On September 30th, there will be **One Worship Service** at 11am at our Apple Pie Ridge Campus, *Rain location is the Church Sanctuary.*
Please bring your "Preparing the Ground Logs" and "Estimate of Giving Cards". Blessing of the Animals will also occur, followed by a Picnic Lunch served by Church Staff.
All are welcome. Please join us.

Upcoming Events

Balancing Your World
Worship Series

Serving in Worship Next Sunday, September 9, 2018
Acolyte: Sophia Palombi 8:30am & Zeke Wilfong 11:00am
Worship Leader: Stacey Stickley



Though today's service may look different, know that in practicing different traditions we are still worshipping the same God.

Lay Visitation Team

Do you enjoy talking with people? Are you comfortable visiting in the hospital? Would you like to be authorized to distribute Holy Communion for the homebound? Join Rev. White for a one-hour training session on Sunday, September 9th, at 9:45am in The Gathering Place.
Sign up using the Tear Sheet.

FUMC Movie Night

Saturday, September 15th 6:00pm at the APR campus. Kids movie "Firehouse Dog" Grown-Ups Welcome Dinner and Worship And **special guest, Walker**, the search dog with the Frederick County Fire Dept.
Join us for a "dog-gone good-time"

FUMC Basics What does it mean to be a Christian?
What does it mean to be a United Methodist?
What does it mean to be a member of FUMC?

Come join Rev. White and explore these questions in a series of classes that meet in The Gathering Place for three consecutive Sundays (September 16, 23, and 30) from 9:45 - 10:45am.



Day of Caring

Let's get a team together for this year's United Way Day of Caring!
It is on Wednesday, September 12, and is a single-day event that brings teams of volunteers together to help non-profit organizations in our community. Call Ben Rothermel at 540-817-8445 ...or sign up on the board in The Gathering Place and join in.

FIRST FEEDS!

A monthly FUMC Feeding Ministry Opportunity. Please contact Donna White (703-577-4988) or sign up on the board in The Gathering Place to lead - or join in - the next meal on September 9th. Your assistance is appreciated

The Winchester District United Methodist Men will be hosting their annual golf tournament on **September 15, 2018** at the Shenandoah Golf Club, Front Royal, VA. Contact the Church Office for details.



Apple Butter October 17

The effort is great. 60 volunteers are needed to prep the apples. Sign up on the Tear Sheet ...or on the board in The Gathering Place.

"Influence Worship 2018"

Sign up for the seminar on **Tuesday, October 30th from 9am-3pm**
Register by September 25th. Sign up on the Tear Sheet.

COFFEE/LUNCH/DINNER WITH THE PASTOR

Join Rev. White at any, or all, of these fellow-ship opportunities.



Please see your Tear Sheet for dates and to sign up!

Tear Sheet

Visitors & Members

Please fill out as applicable, then hand to the Worship Leader during the first song.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

- Visitor: 09/2/2018
- Wish to become a Member
- Am a Member
 - Please update my info!
- Desire a Call/Visit

Prayer Request, Joy, Concern

Submitted by: _____

Phone: _____

- Do not read aloud
- Please share with congregation
- For Church Prayer Chain

ABBREVIATION LEDGER

APR - Apple Pie Ridge Campus
FUMC - First United Methodist Church
GF - General Fund
HO - Hunger Offering
LVT - Lay Visitation Team
NT - New Testament
OT - Old Testament
RNP - Reaching New People
STZ - Stanza
TFWS - The Faith We Sing
TGP - The Gathering Place
UMC - United Methodist Church
UMH - United Methodist Hymnal
UMM/W - United Methodist Men/Women

Please note that the Order of Worship will be displayed on the screen above the altar.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Balancing Your World

During September, the scripture passages we'll use in worship contain images of planting, mountains, sky, harvest, and blessing. In worship this month, we have the opportunity to think about the created world and our relation to it. The scriptures also provide us with the opportunity to think about financial blessings and our relationship with possessions and money. In some way, God has created the world and has given each of us not only the gift of life, but abundant resources of all kinds. God has given us these things, so we need to be respectful toward God in how we use them.

Just as a broken washing machine clanks along, so too people in this world clank along without thinking about their impact on the environment or how they can both experience personal freedom, and bless others, by giving. A walk in the woods or swim in the ocean reveals reckless littering. Buying things you don't want, to impress people who don't care, with money you don't have, reveals thoughtless spending. None of those things bring happiness.

Fortunately, there is an alternative. Jesus can help bring balance to our lives. As Michael Slaughter states, "We can live well, in a world that is well served." My take-- by caring for our corner of the planet, and by blessing others through our giving, we can experience the freedom and joy that God wants each one of us to have. We can lead a more balanced life. Be on the lookout for a letter from me inviting you to participate in this series. I hope to see you each Sunday during, "Balancing Your World"!

Week 1: September 2:

Planting Sunday: Good Beginnings - Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Week 2: September 9:

Mountain Sunday: Protection and Care Psalm 125

Week 3: September 16:

Sky Sunday: Recklessness Psalm 19

Week 4: September 23:

Harvest Sunday: Cultivation and Fruits Psalm 1

Week 5: September 30:

Blessing All Creatures: Bring It! Psalm 124

Prayer Concerns

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers:

Andy Kiser, Reba Cooper, Nancy Crim, Phyllis Lee, Emily Dick, Herbert Darr, Phyllis Steele, Tabby Starks, Amy and Stanley Barnes, Elsie Benegar, Stuart Perry, Oline Wright, Ron Shickle, Rob Wright, Alice Rickard, Josh Mann, Lisa Tucker, John Shepard, the Ewing family, the family of John McCain, and the people in Hawaii.

THIS WEEK

(September 3 – September 9)

Monday - Labor Day, Church Office Closed

Tuesday - Discovery Preschool begins sessions //

12:00pm Staff Meeting, The Gathering Place //

7:15pm PPRC Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday - 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room //

6:30pm Bible Study, The Dick Residence

Thursday - 1:00pm Coffee with the Pastor, Espresso Café

Sunday - 8:30am Worship Service //

9:45am Sunday School Classes //

9:45am Lay Visitation Team, The Gathering Place //

11:00am Worship Service //11:00am First Feeds, Kitchen //

12:00pm UMM/W Meeting, Fellowship Hall //

2:00pm Installation of D.S. Summers, Braddock St UMC

LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS

ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP: 8:30am: 47 **11:00am:** 64

Sunday School: 26 **Small Group:** 76

OFFERINGS TO GOD:

General Fund Received: \$ 6,044.00

GF Needed Weekly: \$ 6,367.00

GF Received Year To Date: \$ 169,734.76

GF Needed YTD: \$ 216,478.00

Hunger Offering: \$ 110.00

Hunger Offering YTD: \$ 5,917.24

Capital Improvements: \$ 30.00

A LOOK AHEAD

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events and keep an eye on your bulletin for more information!

September 10, Trustees Meeting, Parlor, 6:00pm

September 10, Church Council Meeting, Red Robin, 7:15pm

September 11, Staff Meeting, The Gathering Place, Noon

September 12, Day of Caring

September 12, Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 6:30pm

September 13, Coffee with the Pastor, Espresso Café, 1:00pm

September 15, Movie Night, APR, 6:00pm

September 15, Newsletter Article Deadline

September 16, FUMC Basics - day 1, The Gathering Place, 9:45am

September 18, Staff Meeting, The Gathering Place, Noon

September 18, Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor, 7:00pm

September 19, Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 6:30pm

September 20, Coffee with the Pastor, Espresso Café, 1:00pm

September 21 & 22, ADK Sorority Yard Sale, APR, 7:00-3:00

September 23, FUMC Basics - day 2, The Gathering Place, 9:45am

September 30, One Service at 11:00am at APR

Sign Me Up!!!

SMALL GROUPS

If you are able to make it to one, some or all of these member/guest events, please let us know by checking the box(s) below.

LAY VISITATION TEAM 2.0

- I am interested in learning about the LVT 2.0 and will attend the September 9th meeting at 9:45am in The Gathering Place.

UNITED WAY DAY OF CARING

- Count me in on the Day of Caring on Wednesday, September 12.

Ben Rothermel can contact me at

_____ (phone)

Get Rolling Worship Service / MOVIE NIGHT on Saturday, September 15th, 6:00pm, APR

- Count us in for the movie, "Firehouse Dog", hot dogs & chips and worship ... And special guest, Walker, the search dog with the Frederick County Fire Dept
Number of adults _____
Number of children _____

FUMC Basics

- I will join Rev. White to explore the FUMC Basics through a series of classes that meet for three consecutive Sundays in The Gathering Place from 9:45 -10:45am on September 16th, 23rd and 30th

"INFLUENCE WORSHIP 2018" SEMINAR

- I will attend the livestream seminar on October 30th. Please register me.

APPLE BUTTER

Count me in for:

- Selling - Now thru September 30th
 Apple Prep - Wednesday evening, October 17th
 Cooking - Friday night, October 19th

Bobby Dick can contact me at

_____ (phone)

JOIN THE PASTOR

- Coffee with the Pastor**, Every Thursday, Espresso Bar and Café, Downtown Walking Mall, 1:00pm
- Lunch with the Pastor**, on the fourth week of September, Monday, September 24th, Mission BBQ, 12:00pm
- Dinner with the Pastor**, on the fourth week of September, Thursday, September 27th, TGI Fridays, 6:00pm