

Today's Worship
July 31, 2022
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WELCOME Rev. Tyler Jackson

CALL TO WORSHIP Leader and People

L: In every season, God is with us.

P: We worship God, who walks with us wherever we go!

L: In every season, God strengthens us.

P: We worship God, who offers us strength and endurance!

L: In the season we find ourselves in today, may we be built up and strengthened by God.

P: Let us worship God, who never grows weary loving and helping us. AMEN.

MUSIC **Joy Down In My Heart** All
(See screen for words)

MUSIC **This Little Light of Mine** All
(See screen for words)

OPENING PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Heather Barrera

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

The concerns are followed by:

ALL: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER All

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, the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN

MUSIC **You Raise Me Up** Clark Wright

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Joshua 1:9 (NLT)** Ms. Barrera

“Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Jackson

SERMON

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

°What area(s) of my life do I need God's strength and courage?

°How can the promise that “God goes with us wherever we go” give me hope? Peace? Gratitude? Faith? Joy?

°How does the promise that “God goes with us wherever we go” invite me to reflect and remember the ways God has been with me all along?

°What “comfort” is becoming an obstacle when drawing near and going with God?

°How is God inviting me to be courageous when faithfully following the call that God has placed on my life?

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

MUSIC **Jesus Loves Me** All
(See screen for words)

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING Rev. Chris Hester
Congregation: *Gracious God, we lift to you today, these students. They stand here ready to receive your blessings and they commit themselves to study and learning in the school year ahead. We ask your blessing on each of them, walk with them and give them Your strength. Further, we ask your blessing on these backpacks. They will hold the school work of each student and will be carried from home to school and back again. As these students carry these backpacks, may they be reminded of the love and care of this congregation that surrounds them each school day. We pray as well for the teachers and administrators in our schools. May they also be sustained by your blessing. May they be reminded that this congregation embraces their call to teaching and learning and surrounds them with love and care as well. We pray in the name of Jesus who we seek to follow day by day. Amen.*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Jackson: May we remember that God goes before us and also walks beside us in every season.

ALL: We are strengthened by God always and everywhere to Love Christ, Love People, and Help People Love Christ. AMEN.

Opportunities This Week

Monday, August 1

Music Rehearsal 7 p.m. Annex

(Janni Martin 770-533-0679, friendofguatemala@gmail.com)

Tuesday, August 2

ROMEObreakfast 7 a.m. at Loretta's

Then work on community garden and church maintenance

Craft and Quilt Squad 11 a.m. Annex Sunroom

(Suanne Stewart 770-842-1364)

Good News at Noon 6:30 p.m. at Good News

(Jean Prezel jeanprezel@gmail.com, 678-720-6945)

Thursday, Aug. 4

Wesley Small Group

(Jackie Buchan 678-313-8893, jabuchan@use.startmail.com)

Sunday, Aug. 7

Holy Grounds: Coffee, Community, & Jesus 9 a.m. Barn

(Chris Hester 678-936-5127, chrishester23@gmail.com)

Children's Sunday School 10 a.m. Annex Sunroom

(Chris Hester 678-936-5127, chrishester23@gmail.com)

Joyful Noise Adult Sunday School class 10 a.m. Annex Basement

(John Wright 404-281-9820, grampajohngrumps@gmail.com)

Journey to Bethlehem Adult Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Annex Garage

(Lamar and Judy Jordan 770-536-9043, ljordan4751@charter.net)

Pages Adult Sunday School 10 a.m. Annex Main Floor Classroom

(Garry Glenn 678-617-8073, rgglenn@aim.com)

Worship 11 a.m. Barn and Streaming Online

(Rev. Tyler Jackson 770-532-3160, tyler.jackson@ngumc.net)

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McEver Rd Church is Praying For:

Diane Davis (serious health issues)

Becky Smith

Bob and Neva Wilder

Continued Prayers For:

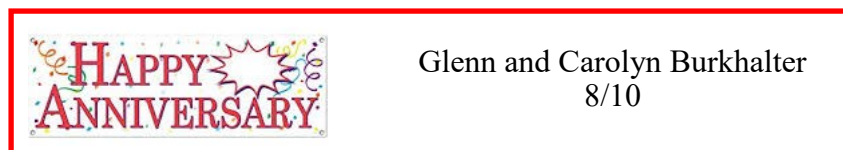
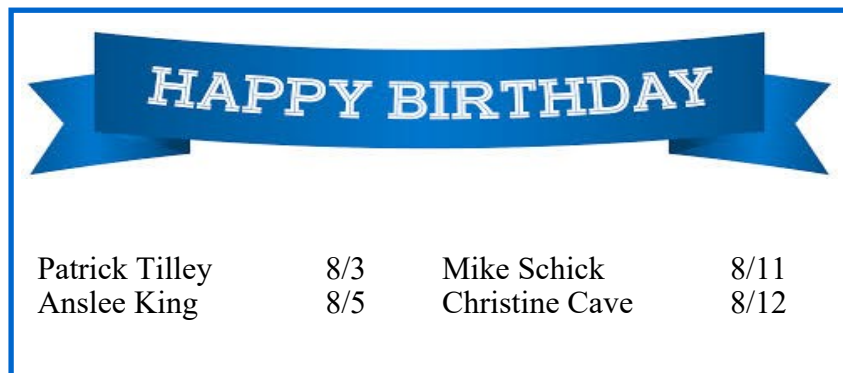
Pat Adams, Margie Barron, Noel and Betsy Bassett, Jim Burton, Brandon Cartledge, Judy and Max Chosewood, Jan Christian, Gary Clark, Terry Dale, Wayne Davidson, Natalie Donatelli, Walter P. Emerson Family, Martha Farr, Dick Fleming, Shari Gwaltney, Linda Hollimon, Jill Johnson, Luci King, Michele Lecorchic, Carolyn Lindsley, Thomas Lindsley, Vivian Mills, Mark Mobarri, Paul Mobarri, Jeff Palulis, Fern Patterson, Jean Pool, Red Bird Mission, Carol and Martha Shay, Lloyd and Florence Smee, Tom Sorrells, Kya Strickland, Jerry Thompson, Connie Towe, Barbara Vogt, Sharon Walton, Mike Wofford, Linda Yocom, John Young, all those fighting cancer

Our Service Men and Women:

Ryan Cantrell, Breanna Cantrell, Christian Edens, Maribel Edens, Robby Harrison, Travis Hutchinson, Kiernan Kane, Mason McDaniel, Kendall Payne, Zachary Peterson, Darrell Scales

Missionaries:

Ashley Johnson, Christie and Rick Krueger, Ann Milligan, Zonia Mucun



Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are given by Morris and Jane Hollingsworth in honor of our school children, teachers, administrators, and all working in education.

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CHURCH

A United Methodist Community

Loving Christ Loving People Helping People Love Christ

Welcome! We're Glad You're Here!



We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, filthy rich, dirt poor.

We extend a special welcome to those who are crying newborns, skinny as a rail or could afford to lose a few pounds.

We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or like our pastor who can't carry a note

in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Methodist than Asbury, or haven't been in church since little Joey's Baptism.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters.

We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion;" we've been there too.

If you blew all your offering money at the dog track, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts and you!

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