

Order of Worship

October 1, 2023 18th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m.

Entrance

Gathering		
Greeting and Announcements		
Prelude		William Elliott
*Call to Worship	"Awesome God"	Chancel Choir
*Opening Hymn	"Trust and Obey"	UMH 467
Special Music	"Abide With Me"	Blake Carter

Proclamation and Response

Scripture	Philippians 2:1-13 NRSV	
Sermon		Rev. Billy Kurtz
*Hymn of Invitation	"One Bread, One Body"	UMH 620
*Affirmation of Faith	"Apostles' Creed"	UMH 881
*Gloria Patri	"Glory Be to the Father"	UMH 70

Sharing of Joys and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Billy Kurtz
Receiving of God's Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	"Rock of Ages"	Blake Carter
*Doxology	"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"	UMH 95

Thanksgiving

Invitation to the Table		UMH 12
Confession and Pardon		
Great Thanksgiving Prayer		
Lord's Prayer		
Breaking of the Bread, Pouring of the Cup		
Giving the Bread and Cup		

Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn	"How Majestic Is Your Name" (Repeat)	FWS 2023
*Dismissal with Blessing		Rev. Billy Kurtz
*Choral Benediction	"May the Lord Go With You"	Chancel Choir
Postlude		William Elliott
Going Forth		

(*Please stand as you are able.)

Prayer Requests

ILLNESS

Bill Austin (Vera Lee's brother)
Roberta Bolen
David Brewster
Charlotte Childers, Carol Hash's Sister
Trevor Childress, JoAnn Davis's Nephew
Cindy Elliott
Kathy Farley (JC Higginbotham's sister)
Margaret Farmer
Katie Franklin, Dean Coon's Niece
Millie Hartsock
Lansing Hill
Tom Hodge (Shelby Clendenen's brother)
Patricia Lawson
Bryan Little (Darlene Little's Son)
Janet Moore
Kelly Queen
Sally Rash (Shelby Clendenen's sister)
Shirley Saunders
Elliott Spencer (8 years old - Eye surgery at Duke)
Pam Spracher
Donna Watts (Bill Elliott's Cousin)
Ben and Sue Young

MILITARY

Lucas Graham
Laken McKinney
Nate Owen
Ryan Shott
Jeremy Woody
All those serving our Country.

HOMEBOUND

Lila Atkins
Rudy Austin (Vera Lee Austin's brother)
Ethel Earls
Jimmy Jones
Gerry Stowers

Sympathy is extended to Zane Campbell and her family for the death of her twin brother, Lane Patton. Please keep this family in your prayers.



Happy 95th Birthday to Ted Yost on October 2!
Flowers were given by Pam, Cindy, Amy, Lori and their families.

The New River District Conference will be held on Sunday, October 8 at 3:00 pm at St. Paul UMC, 330 Church Street, Wytheville, VA 24382. Anyone within the New River District is welcome to attend, however, the following are voting members: Church Council Chair, Lay Leaders, Annual Conference Lay Members, Finance Chair, SPPR Chair, 2023 At-Large Lay Members to Annual Conference, and Clergy.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 1

Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:30 am

Tuesday, October 3

SPPR Meeting 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 4

Choir Practice 6:00 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPPR Meeting, Tuesday, October 3 at 7:00 pm in the library.

The women's ministry will be going to Tazewell on Tuesday, October 10 to the train station to hear the story of the station and its restoration. They will leave the church at 10:00 am. If anyone wishes to accompany this group, call the church at 276-326-1466 to have your name added to the list. We will have lunch at the Front Porch Restaurant.

You're Invited

Women Beyond the Circle... Drawing the Circle Wider

Thursday, October 19, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

****RSVP by Monday, October 16, 2023, to
276-326-1466 or info@bluefieldfumc.org****

**First United Methodist Church
200 S. College Ave., Bluefield, VA**

We are looking for 2 volunteers to help us during the 3rd. Saturday Breakfast this month on October 21st. We need someone to scramble eggs and someone to help serve food. If you are available, please contact Pam Davis at 301-793-0201.

135th Anniversary of the Church

100th Anniversary of the Building

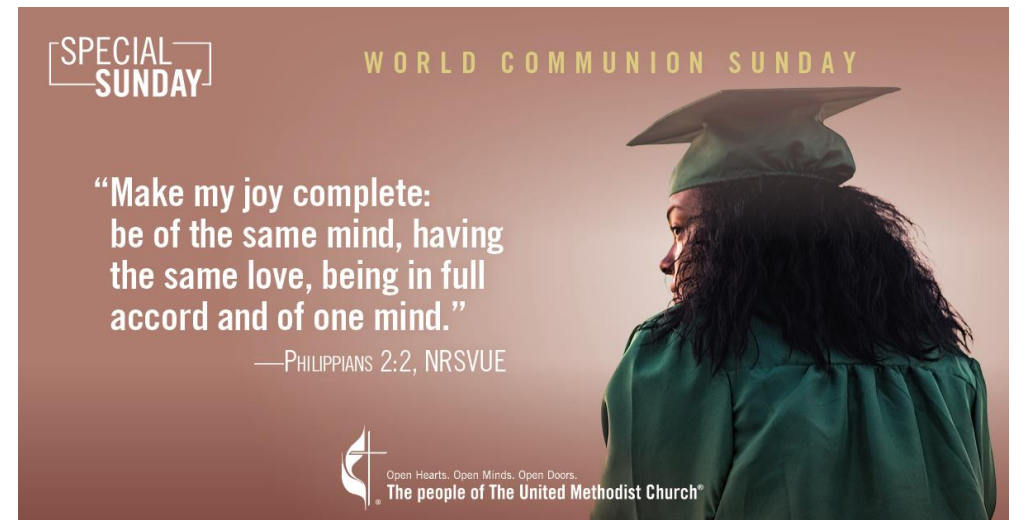
Saturday, October 28, Palmer Hall, 5:30 pm, meet and greet, scrapbook display, finger foods.

Sunday, October 29, 9:30 am, special music and singing during Sunday School.

Worship Service at 10:30 am, followed by a fellowship potluck luncheon in Palmer Hall. Bring your favorite potluck dish and join us for this special celebration.

Please RSVP to Margaret Elam, 1935 Kimball Avenue, Bluefield, VA 24605 or by calling 304-922-4459. You may also email the church at info@bluefieldfumc.org or call 276-326-1466.

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