

## Exciting Events for All Ages!

**June 25th** - Kenya Report/Dinner Fellowship Hall, 6:00 pm

**June 27-29th** - Youth Summer Retreat Weekend

**July 3** - Vespers Fellowship Hall, 6:00 pm

**July 4** - Fireworks & Fellowship - Church front lawn at Sunset

**July 6** - Communion Sunday

**July 7** - Team Tabitha Sewing Ministry Fellowship Hall, 9:00 am

**July 8** - United Methodist Men Burger King, 8:00 pm

**July 16** - Red Bird Mission Dinner Fellowship Hall, 6:00 pm

**July 21** - Team Tabitha Sewing Ministry Fellowship Hall, 9:00 am

### Kenya Mission Thank You

The Kenya Mission Team invites you to a Thank You dinner on June 25th at 6:00 pm to learn about our recent trip. Dinner is complimentary. Please RSVP on the attendance sheet or call the church office.



### THANK YOU, CHURCH FAMILY

A deep heartfelt thanks for all who contributed through donations of money, time, and talents to make this year's GRASP a success. Continue to pray for the families who were blessed through this service project.



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### Seamless Summer Mission!

Those in service this week are Warren Williams & Marianne. We could use a few more helpers if you have time Monday-Thursday from 11:00-12:00. Thanks to Walter Boyd, Lynn Higginbotham, & Marcia Bassett for their service last week! For more information, please see or call Marian.



### Fall Mission Trip!

Interested in going on a Mission Trip to Beverly, KY in late September? The Red Bird Mission Trip will take place September 21-27th. The cost per person will be \$515. Please contact Pastor Mike for more information or to sign up @ 404-583-8324.

### Prayers for the Week

Pray without ceasing for family/friends, teachers, doctors, pastors, World Leaders/Military, The Weak, Sick & Hungry, Ourselves. Prayer Request Forms are in the Pew Racks. Names highlighted in **bold** are new additions to the Prayer List.

#### General

Juston Davis  
Emma Ford Missionary

#### Segraves

Ann Shearon  
Rick Thaxton  
Dan Weaver

#### Margie Pyren

Myron Seagraves  
Paul Stanhope  
Robert Westmoreland

#### Health

Doug Bater  
Ed Boyd  
Kevin Brett  
Ray Brookshire

#### Hospital/Rehab

Jean Smilie  
Mary Uthlaut

#### Caregiver

Joy Fanelli  
Carolyn Hipp  
Lorraine Segraves  
Joan Stanhope  
Sherry Weaver

Jack Brown  
Kyle Bullington

#### Surgery /Upcoming

Brad Badinski  
Tammy Baughman  
Emily Fogarty  
Al Summers

#### Judy Burch

Paul & Joan Compton  
Kae Cornelius  
Allen & Joy Fanelli  
Sharon Fletcher

#### Surgery Recuperating

Sandy Angevine  
**Charlie Leonard**

#### Death in Family

**Family of Stephanie Bellemlih (Daughter of Marsha Lemon)**  
Family of Candy Payton  
Family of Jean Peal  
Family of Jimmy Eugene Ayers  
Family of Lavern Cobb  
Family of Terry R.

Jessica Good  
Pam Grant  
J D Green

#### Hospice

Ed Jeffery  
Bill Patton

Betty Jo Hanes  
Konner Hearn  
Ruth Hix

#### Shut-In

Peter Adams  
**Marlene Brown**  
Ernette Calhoun  
Earline Copley  
Jim Hagopian  
Mack Hipp  
Rudi Lanehardt

Missy Kepley  
Rylan Leeper  
Shannon Leeper

Jackie Leva  
Steven Marks

Alyse Munson  
Barbara Nickle

Lynn Perry  
Myron & Lorraine



### Church Lock-up Schedule:

6/22-6/28 Hank Chapman  
6/29-7/05 Lloyd Vautrot  
7/06-7/12 Charlie Cobb  
7/13-7/19 Charlie Leonard



### Happy Birthday!

6/23 - Mack Hipp  
6/23 - Tom Lowery  
6/26 - Joy Fanelli  
6/26 - Bobbie Wilson  
6/27 - Cindy Corn

### Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm

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### Gabrielle Cornett...Pianist & Organist

Marianne Evans ...Children's Ministries and Preschool....

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Julie Kepley.....Nursery Coordinator

Zack Kepley.....Audio/Video Technician



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Sunday, June 22, 2025

2nd Sunday After Pentecost

GRASP Sunday

Sunday Worship Service  
2nd Sunday After Pentecost

**The Prelude:** The VBS Song

**The Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome, Announcements and Invocation**

† **The Greeting** Psalm 42, Luke 8

Leader: Come into the light of God’s love.  
**Congregation: Fear cannot separate us from its blessing.**  
Leader: Come to the house of healing and hope.  
**Congregation: God’s love makes us whole.**

† **The Hymn of Praise**  
“What A Beautiful Name”

† **The Affirmation of Faith      The Apostles Creed**  
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.      Amen.

† **The Gloria Patri**  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

**Pastoral and Congregational Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer** UMH 895

†**The Hymn of Preparation**  
“The Blessing”

**The Worship with Tithes and Offerings**

**The Offertory Music**  
“This I Believe”

†**The Presentation and Doxology**  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**praise Him, all creatures here below;**  
**praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**  
**praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**Special Music**  
“Firm Foundation”

**The Scripture Reading** Matthew 17:20

**The Sermon** Teresa Arial

**Testimonies**

†**The Closing Hymn**  
“Cornerstone”

*Anyone wishing to join this church may come forward during the closing hymn.*

†**The Pastoral Benediction**

†**The Postlude** The VBS Song

*Prayer team members are available after the service.  
They will be wearing white shawls.*

Matthew 17:20  
<sup>20</sup> Jesus said, “Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”



Our Guest Speaker for today is Teresa Arial.

Teresa is a UMC Lay Servant who has focused on Lay Speaking for many years. Next year, she will have been a proud and grateful resident of Gilmer County for 20 years. She's active at Blue Ridge Community Theater and works in financial technology in her spare time.



The Holloway Family Praise Band has been providing music for our worship and praise time during GRASP.

The Holloway Family is a sibling band of five with a heart for worship and a passion for music. Raised in a musical home, each member plays multiple instruments and contributes to the group’s unique sound. Blending modern worship with acoustic roots and heartfelt harmonies, they aim to lead others into authentic encounters with God through every song they share.

**Invitation to Church Membership**

*Anyone wishing to join this church may come forward during the closing hymn.*