

WELCOME! Greetings to everyone who is worshiping with us today! Whether you are a longtime member or a guest, we are blessed to have you with us.

Please keep in prayer . . .

CHURCH FAMILY:

Jerry and Leesa Peery; Heather Mitchell; Lois Angles; Phil Kennedy and Debby Crews; David Pruitt; Julia Butler; Laura Kincer; Dawn Olinger; Doris Branham; Connie Fletcher. *Heritage Hall:* Richard Witten; Dorothy Nuckles, Betty Kelly, Patricia Justice. *Dogwood Crossing:* Marlene Buffalow; Dorothy Gess Jonas; Daisy Larimer. *English Meadows in Abingdon:* Madeline Hurt; *Homebound:* Louise Smith, Renia Hale Peery.

OTHERS:

Rev. Michael Weller; Ed Smith; Charlie Bishop; Barbara Gillespie’s niece, Chelsea; Mike White; Kathy Melton Jackson; Jack Sizemore.

ACTIVE MILITARY PERSONNEL: Jon Wright

To pass along a prayer request, contact Eunice Lester at (276.988.4412) jseun@aol.com); or by contacting the church office at (276.988.4724; sectazpresb12@yahoo.com). Names will remain on the Prayer List for 4 weeks, unless otherwise requested.

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

Sunday, July 4 (Communion)

Independence Day

Worship Service	9 A.M.	Black’s Chapel
Worship Service	11 A.M.	Sanctuary

Monday, July 5 (office closed)

Boy Scouts	7 P.M.	Fellowship Hall
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Tuesday, July 6

No Christian Ed Committee Meeting	7 P.M.	
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Wednesday, July 7

No Worship Committee Meeting	1 P.M.	
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Sunday, July 11

Worship Service	9 A.M.	Black’s Chapel
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BULLETIN ART

Pilgrim with staff. A “waymarking” in Ireland to denote a Pilgrim Path developed by the Heritage Council. From **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

ATTENDANCE RECORD

June 27 Attendance: Black’s Chapel 11 TPC 34 Total 45

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cares IV Grant to Preschool

Our Preschool was able to be in operation throughout the past year even though we were not allowed to have full capacity because of COVID-19. That meant, of course, that our income was less than needed. The state of Virginia provides for day care centers and schools such as ours a “Cares Grant” plan. Our preschool received Cares II and Cares III grants which helped us stay open, pay salaries, etc.

On June 14, 2021 we received the Cares IV grant in the amazing amount of \$22,953. What a blessing for our school and church!

Navigating the Many Voices of the Bible

Next Saturday, July 10, Mainstreet United Methodist Church will present a special seminar, *“Navigating the Many Voices of the Bible.”* The seminar will be held from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the MUMC sanctuary. The aim of the seminar, according to the MUMC website, “is to bring the work of the academy into conversation with the church and examine how we might read the Bible more closely and with greater attention to its nuances.” The featured presenter will be Dr. Taylor Gray. Dr. Gray received his Ph.D. from the University of St. Andrews in 2020. He currently teaches biblical Hebrew and Aramaic for the Israel Institute of Biblical Studies and is a research assistant at Penn State. His publications include studies on comparative Semitic linguistics and ancient Near Eastern iconography.

Community Outreach Luncheons

The Community Outreach Luncheon teams will be contacted in the near future to start the work of planning for the fall. We all look forward to resuming this important and rewarding ministry!

Pulpit Supply Speakers

Dr. Gilbert will be away the next two Sundays on family vacation. Next Sunday, July 11, we will be pleased to welcome Ethan Johnson as our guest preacher. Ethan is a pastor at Main Street United Methodist Church and a PhD candidate in biblical studies at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland. He was born in Kingsport and has worked in churches in Knoxville and St. Andrews. He lives with his wife, Ema, and two boys, Owen and Lars. The following Sunday, July 18, we will be pleased to welcome to the pulpit the Rev. Dr. Thomas Conley. Tom has filled the pulpit here on previous occasions. He is an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church and over the years has served a number of congregations in that denomination, among them Main Street United Methodist Church here in Tazewell.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE DAY

Ezekiel 2:1-5 Psalm 123 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13

**Tazewell Presbyterian Church
& Black’s Chapel**

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T A Z E W E L L P R E S B Y T E R I A N C H U R C H
& B l a c k ’ s C h a p e l

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 4, 2021



GATHERING

PRELUDE AND CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 104)*

Bless the Lord, O my soul...

Who stretches out the heavens like a tent,
Who sets the beams of His chambers on the waters,

Who makes the clouds His chariot, riding on the wings of the wind,
Who makes the winds His messengers, fire and flame His ministers.
Who sets the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.
Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN
All Creatures of Our God and King NO. 15
verses 1-3, 6

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother wind with clouds and rain,
you nurture gifts of fruit and grain.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O sister water, flowing clear,
make music for your Lord to hear.
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother fire, so warm and bright,
chase off the shadows of the night.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfolds such blessings on our way,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
O God, we confess that we have been poor stewards of the earth you
entrusted to our care. We have polluted its streams and oceans with
our waste. We have fouled its air and atmosphere with our carbon
emissions. We have despoiled its ground and soil with our short-
sighted practices. In your mercy, forgive us. Help us individually and
collectively to do better: to balance comfort and expedience with
sustainability and wholeness. We pray this for the sake of our world
now, and for its future.

*KYRIE
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS
*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
*Please turn to those near you and say, “The peace of Christ be with you,” responding
with, “And also with you.”*

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE
Love the Lord Your God
Love the Lord your God with all your heart.
Love the Lord your God with all your soul.

Love the Lord your God with all your mind.
Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND PRAYER (11:00) Pam Irvin
(The children leave for Sunday School).

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 *(page 943)*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Strength Out of Weakness” Dave Gilbert

THANKSGIVING

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from “A Brief Statement of Faith”

In life and in death we belong to God. . . .

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*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.

*INVITATION TO OFFERING

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise. . . .

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 338
O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw;
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY AND POSTLUDE