

Opportunities and Announcements



Sunday, October 14

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Traditional Worship
 11:30 am Pumpkin Delivery
 5:00 pm High School
 Reclaiming Beauty

Monday, October 15

10:00 am Women's Walking Group

Wednesday, October 17

6:20 pm Handbells
 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, October 18

11:30 am Meanderers
 5:00 pm Wheelchair Basketball
 6:00 pm Nomination Committee
 7:00 pm Jr. Girls Basketball
 7:15 pm Disciple Fast Track

Friday, October 19

6:30 pm NA Group



Six Key Financial Principles

Below is a sampling of Biblical wisdom to guide our relationship with money. We hope you will take time this week to read these principles and their source in Scripture. They will make a great table devotional for you and your family. By practicing these biblical principles, all of us can find greater simplicity, contentment, generosity, and joy in our lives.

1. Put God first in your living and giving. (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

Give your tithes and offering from the "top" of your paycheck, and then live on whatever remains.

2. Prepare a spending plan and track all expenses monthly. (Proverbs 27:23-24)

Creating a budget means developing a plan in which you tell your money what you want it to do. Tracking your expenses is like getting on the scales to see how you are doing.

3. Simplify your lifestyle; live below your means. (Matt. 6:19-33)

Because this discipline is critical to the success of any financial plan, next Sunday's sermon will be devoted to this topic.

4. Provide immediately for an emergency fund. (1 Timothy 6:9-12)

5. Pay off all credit card debt; use cash or debit cards, not credit cards. (Proverbs 22:7)

6. Practice long-range saving and investing habits. (Luke 14:28)

Saving money is the Number 1 wise money management principle everyone should practice. There are three types of savings we should have: emergency savings, savings for wants and goals, and retirement savings.



Liturgist: Eric Mitchell

Crucifer: Holly White

Acolyte: Emily White

Children's Church Assistant:

Children's Church Helper:

Greeter

8:45 am The Hirsch Family

11:00 am Anna Cobb,
 Jennie Carrington

Head Usher: Gary Silk



Ushers: Anna Cobb, Bartley Sides,
 Stephen Anderson, Johanna Silk

Altar Guild: Carrie Johnson
 Kim Geddie

Pew Angel: Lynn Hopple,
 Mary Ann Stonoha

Attendance Slips:

8:45 am The Mitchell Family

11:00 am Anna Cobb

Bulletin Editing: Marilyn Howard

The children of St. Matthew will be helping to serve in worship today.



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21st Sunday

after Pentecost



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Congratulations to Brad & Elizabeth Cline on the birth of a daughter, Julia Elizabeth, on Monday,

October 8, at 7:41 pm, weighing 8 pounds 15 ounces and measuring 21 inches long. Proud big brother is Jacob and proud grandparents are Roland & Becky Cline.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28
 AT THE PUMPKIN PATCH
 3:00-5:00 PM



Candy donations are needed and can be dropped off at the church office.



Meanderers' October Lunch
 Thursday, October 18 @ 11:30 am
 Tommy's Country Ham House
 214 Rutherford St., Greenville
 Bus will leave the church at 11:00 am.

ENOUGH

Discovering Joy Through
 Simplicity and Generosity

Wisdom and Finance

Welcome to our Guests in Worship today! We thank you for the opportunity to demonstrate not only our hospitality but that of God in Jesus Christ! Please register your attendance with us in the Pew Pads provided. While you are always welcome to take part in the whole life of our Church as our guest, please know you may also join as a member by Confession of Faith and Baptism, or by Transfer of your membership from any other Christian church. For any and all help with this, please speak with the Pastor!

~~ Gathering & Praise ~~

PRELUDE When In The Utmost Need I Pray Bach
♦ Please register your presence at this time on the **Attendance Pads** provided in the seats. **Prayer Cards** are available for your use on each row.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

♦ You are invited to rise and share the gift of God's peace with those around you, using this or some similar exchange:
"The peace of the Lord be with you." **"And also with you."**

*CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Come, We That Love the Lord" UMH 732

*OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Lord Jesus, living embodiment of the Father's Wisdom: Transform, we pray, our relationship to money and wealth in ways through which these things cease to be a burden to us, and become instead part of the strength of our lives, helping us fulfill the greatest commandment for life, namely to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves. Amen.

*PSALTER (Responsively) Psalm 19:7-10 UMH 750-51
(first time sung by choir, congregation joins on the second time.)

*GLORIA PATRI UMH 70
**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.**

~~ Listening for the Word of the Lord ~~

SCRIPTURE READING Proverbs 21:5-7, 13-17, 25-26
Luke 12:15-21, 33-34

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

LET THE CHILDREN COME! (Children's Time)

David & Susan White

♦ Following the Children's Time, 3K-1st age children may go to the Sanctuary entrance to be led to **Children's Church** on the second floor of the Education Building. If escorted by a parent, younger children may be taken to the nursery on the first floor of the Education Building. **If this is your child's first time** in Children's Church, please walk them to the Sanctuary entrance.

SERMON "The Prodigal Steward" Randy Smith

~~ Responding to God's Word ~~

HYMN OF RESPONSE "Take My Life, and Let It Be" (see insert)

♦ During the singing of this hymn you may come to the altar rail to make a new or renewed commitment to discipleship to Jesus Christ, in response to his call to "Follow me." Or, you may come for prayer with the pastor.
♦ **Prayer requests** are brought forward by the Ushers at the last stanza of this hymn.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Come And Be Joyful Vivaldi
Chancel Choir

*PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY 95
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN "Forth in Thy Name" UMH 438

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE Sevenfold Amen Lutkin

POSTLUDE Allegro Moderato Mendelssohn

The United Methodist Church recognizes Children's Sabbath on the second Sunday in October. This is a time to reflect on God's gift of children and to bring awareness to those children who are not as fortunate. Today we celebrate the children of St. Matthew through their song and service.

~~ The Worship is Over; Let the Service Begin! ~~

(*) The congregation standing, as able.

Contentment Prayer

Lord, help me be grateful for what I have, remember that I don't need most of what I want and that joy is found in simplicity and generosity.

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 21:5-7; 13-17; 25-26

⁵The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to want. ⁶The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor and a snare of death. ⁷The violence of the wicked will sweep them away, because they refuse to do what is just.

¹³If you close your ear to the cry of the poor, you will cry out and not be heard. ¹⁴A gift in secret averts anger; and a concealed bribe in the bosom, strong wrath. ¹⁵When justice is done, it is a joy to the righteous, but dismay to evildoers. ¹⁶Whoever wanders from the way of understanding will rest in the assembly of the dead. ¹⁷Whoever loves pleasure will suffer want; whoever loves wine and oil will not be rich.

²⁵The craving of the lazy person is fatal, for lazy hands refuse to labor.

²⁶All day long the wicked covet, but the righteous give and do not hold back.

Luke 12:15-21; 33-34

¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?'"

¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'

²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.



Those In Need of Prayer

R.L. Brannon (father of Paul Brannon)	Eddie Cobb	Crescent Cobb
Sue Dempsey	Bettie Creel	(grandson of Eddie & Anna Cobb)
Cole Henderson	Rex Gray	Katie Greer
Eugenia Keck	Eugenia Keck	(cousin of Kim Geddie)
Dot Looney	Olive Koger	Eric & Teri Lockwood
Ellen Slatton	Ann Osborne	Paul Rominger
Wil Woodward	Tom Sudderth (brother of Terhune Sudderth)	Terry Williams
		Doyle Yates

The Homebound

Judy Cochran	Miles Day	Nedene Greer
Verdah Looper	Carolyn Monroe	Mary Walker Morris
Daggett Royals	Mildred Thompson	

Serving Our Country

Kyle Brady	Trent Erickson	Jonathan Howard
Katelyn Kirkpatrick	Kimberlie Kirkpatrick	Jeffrey Van Camp, Jr.
Conner Wall (nephew of Susan Woods)		

Out of Town Prayers

Ben & Jane Cunningham (parents of Marty Brown)	Jennie Ervin
Kay Groff (sister in law of Susan Thomas)	Jackson Hall (son of Chuck & Jane Hall)
Thomas Stonoha (brother of Mary Ann Stonoha)	