

# THE MESSENGER

ORDER OF SERVICE  
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
September 10, 2017 Altar Color: Green

**GATHERING**  
**PRELUDE** *Morning Has Broken – Bunessan* Piano

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**  
**\*CHORAL INTROIT** *Majesty – Hayford* Chancel Choir

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**\*MOMENTS OF FRIENDSHIP AND OPPORTUNITY**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *Ye Servants of God – Hanover* (vs. 1) 181

**\*OPENING PRAYER**  
**\*OPENING HYMN** *How Great Thou Art* 77

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed* 881  
**\*GLORIA PATRI** 70

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**  
**OFFERTORY** *Change My Heart, O God – Raney*  
**\*DOXOLOGY** 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here, below; Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## SILENT & PASTORAL PRAYER – LORD’S PRAYER

**SONG OF PRAISE** *Change My Heart, O God – Raney*  
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.  
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.  
You are the potter, I am the clay;  
mold me and make me, this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**  
**ANTHEM** *Be Not Afraid – Courtney* Chancel Choir

**SCRIPTURE** *Psalm 149 [Pg.508]*

**SERMON** *“Passionate Worship”* Rev. John Jordan

**\*HYMN OF PARTING** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* 384  
[During the singing of the hymn you are invited to come to the Altar to pray as you are so led. If you would like to join our congregation, please see Pastor John after the service.]

**\*BENEDICTION** Rev. John Jordan  
**\*RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION** *Fill My Cup, Lord* 641 (Refrain)  
Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord. Come and quench this thirsting of my Soul. Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; Fill my cup, Fill it up and make me whole.

**\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**  
**\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY** *Diademata / Crown Him – Bridges* Organ

## Sunday, September 10, 2017

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 a.m. Worship

## Monday, September 11, 2017

5:30 p.m. Nominations Committee (CR)  
7:00 p.m. Young Adult Small Group @ The Home of Tom & Shannon Ashley

## Wednesday, September 13, 2017

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Jimmy Townsend Handbell Ringers  
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

## Sunday, September 17, 2017

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 a.m. Worship

**ATTENDANCE:** 9/3  
**S. SCHOOL** 25  
**WORSHIP** 63

## HEALTH MISSION PROJECT

The Missions Committee is collecting **FRUIT CUPS** during the month of **SEPTEMBER** for the Laurens County Memorial Home. There is a blue box inside the Church Office to place your fruit cups.



## CHICKEN STEW SALE

Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

Cost: \$8 per quart

Place orders with any Mission Committee member or call the Church Office. Stew will be ready for pick-up at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

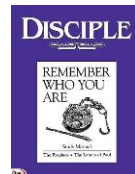
**\*\* HELP NEEDED \*\*** We also need people to help make the stew (peeling potatoes and shredding chicken). We will start work at **6:30 a.m.** on September 30<sup>th</sup> and would appreciate any help that you can give us. Let Gayle Hocker know if you plan to help and if you have any questions.

## HURRICANE RELIEF

The Greenwood District is accepting contributions from individuals and churches toward making flood (cleaning) buckets and health kits. You may send your checks made payable to the Greenwood District (enter disaster relief in the item line on your check) and mail to P.O. Box 49968, Greenwood, SC 29649. An announcement will be made at a later time with details for a district packing party to assemble the buckets.



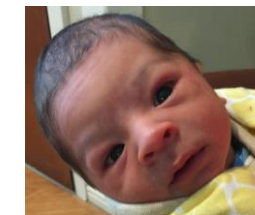
Also, contributions may also be made to UMCOR’s Advance U.S. Disaster Response, (#901670), which allows UMCOR to respond quickly and appropriately to emergencies in the United States, such as what’s going on right now in Texas.



## DISCIPLE III CLASS CANCELLED

The Disciple III class has been cancelled due to a low number signing up for this class.

## ATTENTION LADIES!! YOU ARE INVITED



Tea and coffee, sweets and treats  
someone new for you to meet.  
You are invited to a **Sip-n-See**  
Please come see **Ramses Rodriguez**,  
infant son of Amy Tilden Rodriguez & Raul Rodriguez  
and grandparents of Melissa & Spike Tilden

on  
Sunday, September 24, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
At First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall  
Hosted with love by the Hospitality Committee.



## GARDEN SONG

You are cordially invited to attend Garden Song in the Ferguson Meditation Garden at the Laurens County Memorial Hospital on **Sunday, Sept. 17**, at **6:00 p.m.** This year we celebrate the 15th year of this event, and we will honor Harriet Ramage, founder of the Ferguson Meditation Garden. This annual event features the best voices and musical talent in and around Laurens County followed by fellowship and hors d'oeuvres in the Garden. This year's featured performers include: Dr. Russell Dean, vocalist; Amy and Bob Link, vocalists; Diane Pickens, pianist; Jonathan Butler, flutist; Peter Moore, violinist; J. C. Fore, vocalist; and "We Are", a gospel quartet; as well as others. The proceeds from Garden Song fund the maintenance of the Garden. Tickets are \$12.50 and may be purchased from a Ferguson Garden Board member or at the gate the night of the event. For tickets and more information, please contact Joanne Thomason at 984-5947 or Patty Ivy at 684-6439. In case of rain, Garden Song will be held in Rasor Chapel, Martha Franks Retirement Center

## CHURCH KITCHEN NEED

In order to get the freezer at the sale-price, we took a leap of faith and went ahead and purchased the much-needed freezer last week. The cost of the freezer is \$1,270.00 and we currently have about 70% of that. If you would be able to help us reach our goal, please make checks payable to First UMC and write on the memo line “Freezer”.



## MEMORIALS

In Memory of: **Elaine Martin**  
**Given by:** Jon & Diane Allen; Betty Faircloth; Michael & Sarah Flynn; Kelly, Randy, & Gabriel Hillmann; Jim & Louise Rambo; Sue Sharpton; Jim & Ellen Simpson; Jim & Jane Stroud; Jennifer Walker

In Memory of: **Sam Wallace**  
**Given by:** Carol & Gene Curry; Kelly, Randy, & Gabriel Hillmann; Willie & Sue Jones; Jim & Diane Moore; Jackie O’Bryant; Laura Red & Wes Red; Jim & Jane Stroud; Betty Jo Templeton; Mary Townsend

**SERVING THIS MORNING: Sunday, September 10, 2017**

**Worship Greeters:** Jon & Diane Allen

**Ushers:** Tom Ashley, Calvin Culbertson, Allen Prince,  
Susan Prince, Ron Spencer

**Lay Liturgist:** Ray McCoy

**Nursery:** Melissa Tilden

**Sunday Driver:** Smith Patterson

**Rose on the Altar** is given in honor of the birth of **Josie Marie Braswell**.

**Rose on the Altar** is given in honor of the birth of **Evelyn Grace Cassell**.

**Flowers:** The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given in memory and in honor of all Grandparents and are placed by Patrice Abernethy.

### Welcome Guests

We bid you a warm welcome and pray that you will know God's presence in worship with us.

### Prayer Concerns



**Susan Belk** – continued prayers for healing of on-going health issues

**CHRISTIAN SMYPATHY** is extended to:

- Ann Altman (Greg), Thomas Wallace (Kathy) & Family on the death of their father, **Samuel R. Wallace**, who passed away at Martha Franks on August 30, 2017.

### MINISTRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Bruce Sumerel, M.D. – 788 W. Main St., Laurens, SC 29360

Rosalind Sweat – 112 W. Farley Ave., Laurens, SC 29360

### CONGRATULATIONS ON NEW BIRTHS



**Josie Marie Braswell** born on August 18, 2017 to Andrew & Billie Braswell. Her grandparents are John & Cheri Braswell and great-grandparents are Eddie & Patsy Braswell.

A rose will be placed on the Altar this Sunday in her honor.



**Evelyn Grace Cassell** born on August 27, 2017 to Waymon & Madison Cassell. Her grandmother is Jane Ann Cassell and great-grandmother is Jane Rogers.

A rose will be placed on the Altar this Sunday in her honor.

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In Memoriam

**Samuel Randolph Wallace**

September 2, 1922 – August 30, 2017

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

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By God's grace we are:

**Becoming** – being transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit through worship, study, reflection, and service.

**Obedient** – honoring God's Word; responding to God's call; yielding to God's will

**Loving** – loving God with our whole being and loving our neighbor as our self

**Disciples** – following the example and teaching of Jesus on our Christian journey



### TODAY WE GIVE TO THE EPWORTH WORK DAY OFFERING!

Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering to invest in the comprehensive care we are called by God to provide for the children at Epworth Children's Home, our church's ministry to God's children. Please find information about Epworth and the Work Day Offering on the bulletin insert. Epworth does not receive denominational funding (apportionments). This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. Give generously by using the envelope provided for you in the bulletin. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them on the web at [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org) where you can choose to make a secure credit card donation.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**  
Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.



**CHARGE CONFERENCE**  
Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 12:30 p.m.

### STAFF MEMBERS

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Church Secretary	Karen Reeder
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