

Grottoes United Methodist Church
Pastor – Brian Posey
May 29, 2022

7th Sunday of Easter - Ascension Sunday

Gathering:

Welcome:

Announcements:

Proclamation of the Lord's Ascension: Luke 1:15-23

Call to Worship:

Come let us worship the Lord, the most high exalted of God.

Christ, crucified and resurrected, is now at the right hand of God:

Jesus, who was nailed to the cross that we might have eternal life;

Jesus, who was without sin, yet accepted the sins of all time.

Yet in God's wisdom and mercy it is this same Christ who saves us all.

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Song: "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"

Opening Prayer:

O God, even though as sinners we were rejecting you, in Christ, you had the last word and opened the door of salvation to all who would have faith and serve. In Christ, you have established your Church and empowered it to stand even against the gates of hell. Give us the strength and courage to be faithful in our service to you and our neighbor as we continue to share your love in this contentious world. Amen.

Psalm Reading: Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth. He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm. God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.

this WEEK at a GLANCE

Sunday 5/29/2022: Sunday School – 9:00a.m. (Open Doors & Explorer's Classes)
Worship Service – 10:00a.m.

Monday 5/30/2022: Knitting Group - 1:30p.m.
ERMA Food Pantry – No Food Pantry

Tuesday 5/31/2022: Deep Blue & Deeper Blue Girls – 4:30 – 7:00 Grand Caverns Park. Summer Break Picnic
SPRC Meeting – 6:30p.m.

Thursday 6/2/2022: Hygiene Kit Packing – 6:30p.m

Grottoes UMC - Church App for Mobile Devices

Available to Download Now!

Google Play Store - Apple App Store - Amazon App Store
Watch Media on Apple TV (Grottoes UMC) - Roku (Grottoes UMC)



- Stay Connected Even when you're on the go!
- Stay Up to date with the church calendar
 - Get devotionals
- Stay connected with church Social Media
- Submit prayer requests, baptismal requests, and inquire about New membership,
- connect as a volunteer or to a small group
 - Watch the live stream
- Listen to WesleyOne Radio Ministry
 - Bible Reading Plan
 - Online Giving
- Join a GUMC chat group

Building Fund

We are Replacing the Church Roof!

Project Scope:

*Remove old Chimney *Replace Vinyl Siding on the side of the church where chimney was. *Remove 50+ year old shingles, replace any water damaged wood on roof. *In stall ridge vents in the roof for ventilation, install new shingles.

The cost of the entire project is about **\$16,500.00**

You can help contribute to the project by making donations to the "GUMC Building Fund"

You can donation online:
<https://grottoesumc.org/give>

Or by check with "Building Fund" in the memo Line to:
GUMC, P.O. Box 5, Grottoes, VA 24441

Thank You For Worshiping With Us Today!

The Mission of the United Methodist Church



"To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world"

Bishop's Bible in Challenge



Pick up your Bible reading
Guide for the month in the
Narthex!

We are a *faith community* that shares
God's gifts of love and hope through:
Uplifting worship, Acts of Compassion,
Spiritual growth & fellowship, Service to others



GUMC COVID-19 Policy Update:

We are no longer enforcing Masks, or Social Distancing

- Free masks are available in narthex
- Hand sanitizer is available in the narthex

*We ask worshipers to employ best practices for the good of all.
If you are feeling sick, please stay home until you are feeling well.
Use safety precaution as you feel necessary for your comfort.*

Did you know Grottoes UMC now has a Radio Station?

WesleyOne

You can now listen at your convenience at www.grottoesumc.org

or

Download the "Grottoes UMC Church App" on your smartphones
(Available in the Apple App store, Google Play store, Amazon App Store)

LIVESTREAM WORSHIP



Catch our Worship Livestream every
Sunday 10:00a.m. on the Grottoes UMC
Facebook page. Or on the GUMC App.

2022 Annual Budget Goals:

Total needed for 2022 Annual Budget: \$120, 871.00

As of 5/22/2022:

Currently: -12.72 behind on annual budget (\$5,539.00)

Weekly Goal 5/29/2022: \$2,693 or 2.23% of Annual Budget

Amount needed to catch up on annual Goal:

$\$5,539 + \$2,693 = \$8,232.00$



PRAYER CHAIN



Call the Church office if you would like to be added or to add someone to the prayer chain
Church Office (540) 249-4239

Prayer LIST

Names on Prayer list are removed after two weeks unless requested otherwise.

Mary Patterson

Catherine Steger

Brad's grandmother

Darlene

Duddy

Alva

GUMC Leadership Discernment

War in Ukraine

Ukrainian refugees to begin arriving

Peace in the world

U.M.C./Global M.C. church split

Recipients of GUMC Prayer Shaws

Next Sunday! **June 5, 2022**
Volunteer Rotations

Tellers:
Bonnie
&
Marlene

Nursery:
No Nursery
Attendant

Worship
Audio/Visual:
Chris

Hygiene Kits



It's that time of Year Again!

Kits For Conference!

Our goal this year is to assemble **50 Hygiene Kits.**

Pull a tag from the display in the sanctuary for the items you would like to donate.

All items need to be returned by:

Sunday, May 29th

SUPPORT THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



You can write a check to:
Grottoes UMC
Memo Line:
UMCOR ADVANCE# 985024

When giving Cash:
Please use an offering envelope to designate your cash offering
UMCOR ADVANCE #985024

You can give online:
Through the Grottoes UMC
Mobile App
Or on our online giving page
www.grottoesumc.org

Joys & Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer:

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.

Children's Moment:

1st Scripture Lesson:

Acts 1:1-11

2nd Scripture Lesson:

Ephesians 1:15-23

Prayer of Illumination:

Message:

"A Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation"

Prayer of Confession:

Lord, too often we fail to remember that you sought us out even when we were still sinners. So often we choose not to remember it was because of your great love for us that you chose to save us and not because we were deserving of it.

Forgive us, Lord, and help us to reach out to others with the same loving and accepting personal openness you so freely extended to us.

Lord, too often we have listened to voices of the world proclaim to us that "self" is all there is too consider in life. And we tend to put ourselves above following your example that calls us to also consider the needs and well-being of others to the front of our considerations as we live each day. You gave us this example when you allowed humanity to nail you to a cross.

Forgive us, Lord, and help us more and more to love others as we love ourselves. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Words of assurance:

Tithes & Offering:

Offertory Prayer:

Doxology:

Song:

"Shall We gather at the River"

Dismissal with Blessing:

E.R.M.A. Food Pantry Monthly Item for June



Tea

ERMA Food Pantry is opened the 1st - 4th Mondays of each month at 6:30pm
(Except Holidays)

E.R.M.A. Food Pantry



We are in need of Volunteers!

For Monday Evening Food Distribution

Information about Volunteer Opportunities
please contact Nancy Layne (540) 249-5893

GUMC Ongoing Mission Collections:

We collect gently used clothing items
to help support the Valley Mission
Donated clothing can be dropped off in the right side
closet in the education building by the entrance door.



Sunday School



Sunday School Classes meet at 8:45a.m.

Open Doors Sunday School Class

Meets in the room to the Right Side Room off of the Sanctuary

Explorers Sunday School Class

Meets in the Left Side Room off of the Sanctuary

Deep Blue Children's Ministry



Children 2nd—5th Grades
Meets Thursday Evening 5:30-7:00

Deep Blue will begin their Summer Break May 31st

Deeper Blue Girls Youth

Middle School aged girls Youth
Meets Tuesday Evenings 4:30-5:30p.m.
Seeks ways to know Jesus Better and to engage in
service Christ and Neighbors using their talents,
compassion, and love.



On Summer Break beginning May 31st



We Have Returned to Meeting In-Person
Every Monday at 1:30p.m – 3:30p.m.
Come and Join us!