

Grottoes United Methodist Church
Pastor – Brian Posey
December 26, 2021
1st Sunday of Christmas

Gathering:

Welcome:

Announcements:

Call to Worship:

How are we to live as God's beloved children?

We are to have attitudes and actions of compassion and justice.

How are we to live as neighbors with one another?

We are to put on the garments of love and peace.

Let us come before the Lord in gratitude for all we have been given.

Lord, thank you for all you continue to do in our lives. AMEN.

Song: "Joy to the World"
"Beautiful One"

Opening Prayer:

God, who walks with each one of us, help us to place our trust in your guiding care for us as we gather to learn the great lessons of living in peaceful community with each other. Prepare us to be witnesses of your love and forgiveness. Make us ready to work for you in your creation; for we ask this in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son. AMEN.

Psalm Reading: Psalm 148

Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer:

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.



COVID-19 (UPDATE)

- Masks are optional if you are Fully Vaccinated.
 - Some free masks are available in narthex
 - Social Distancing is optional if you are Fully Vaccinated
 - Hand sanitizer is available in the narthex
- CDC recommends all people wear a mask even if fully vaccinated.
We ask you to employ best practices for the good of all.***



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

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"

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



Did you know Grottoes UMC now has a Radio Station?



You can now listen at your convenience at www.wesleyone.faith

or

Download the "WesleyOne Radio" App on your smartphones
(Available in the Apple App store and Google Play store)

**LIVESTREAM
WORSHIP** 

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

You can share your tithes and offering through Online Giving!

Subsplash Giving.

- Set up Automatic Recurring Giving on your schedule.
 - Give a one time gift

Go to www.grottoesumc.org scroll down to find the
online giving form for Subsplash Giving

Please call the office if you have any questions navigating the new service.

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.

Sherry Shook
Norris
Mary Patterson
Catherine Steger
Curtis Patterson
Alva May
Teresa (Alva's daughter)
Keith Shipe
Lola (tubes in ears)
Mike (heart surgery)
2022 GUMC ministries

Poinsettias decorating the Sanctuary are in Memory or in Honor of the Following:

In Memory of:

E.J. & Sallie Dixon - Alva May	Parents of Phyllis & Dee Layman - Phyllis & Dee Layman
Hensel & Goldie Cline - David & Jane Cline	Tim Shifflett, Vernon Smith, Betsy Anne Leeth - Joe & Kay Leeth
Betty & Joany Leeth - David & Jane Cline	Raymond & Naomi Leeth - Joe & Kay Leeth
Grandparents - of Justin, Jessica, Reagan & Bailey Nolen	Ben, Audrey, Raymond Teter - Bennie & Barbara Teter
Mr. & Mrs. John Holt - The Peale's	Bill, Ruby, Billy Blaine - Bennie & Barbara Teter
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Peale Sr. - The Peale's	
Edith Pence - The Peale's	
Robbie & Calvin Patterson - Danny & Gloria Lucas	
David Robert Lucas Sr. - Danny & Gloria Lucas	
Oliver & Bernice Mowbray - Danny & Gloria Lucas	
Raymond & Naomi Leeth - James Leeth & Ramona Leeth	
Hilda West - Barry & Paula Hensley	

In Honor of:

Brian & Kara Posey—The Peale Family

Please Remember to pick up Poinsettias
Next Sunday, January 2, 2022
to take home

this WEEK at a GLANCE

<u>Monday 12/27/2021:</u>	Knitting Group - 1:30p.m. ERMA Food Pantry - 6:30p.m.
<u>Tuesday 12/28/2021:</u>	Deeper Blue Girls - 4:30-5:30p.m.
<u>Thursday 12/30/2021:</u>	Deep Blue - 5:30-7:00p.m.
<u>Sunday 1/2/2022:</u>	Sunday School - 9:00a.m. (Open Doors & Explorer's Classes) Worship Service - 10:00a.m.

Please Note

SPRC will be meeting
January 4th at 6:30p.m.

Children's Moment:

1st Scripture Lesson:

Colossians 3:12-17

Gospel Lesson:

Luke 2:41-52

Message:

"My Father's House"

Prayer of Confession:

Lord, it's only a day after Christmas and we are exhausted. People have come and gone; gatherings will be winding down; we will begin soon to fade back into the "normalcy" of our routines once again. We don't want to go there just yet. We want to linger in the warmth of the Christmas season. Forgive us when we don't seem to feel your warmth in our lives all the time. Forgive us when we assign warmth only to Christmas, and then to Easter and seem to dwell on the mundane the rest of the time. Give us courage to live as people of the Light, those who find your comforting, encouraging presence in our lives at all times. Strengthen us for joyful service as we are called to share your grace and love with those around us all year long. In your name we pray. AMEN.

Moment of Silent Prayer and Reflection

Words of Assurance:

Passing the Peace of Christ:

Liturgical Reading:

Tornado Disaster Response:

Offering:

Doxology:

Song:

"Go Tell it on the Mountain"

Dismissal with Blessing:

E.R.M.A. Food Pantry

Monthly Item for December



Hot Chocolate

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!

- To pick up food from Food Lion on Saturdays, (Pastries & Bread)
 - To pick up food from Food Lion Sundays, (Pastries)
- To pick up food from Food Lion Mondays (pastries & Bread)
 - To Pick up from Food Lion on Fridays (Meats)

The tasks would include lifting boxes of food & transporting to GUMC.
For more 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.



Deep Blue Children's Ministry



Children 2nd—5th Grades
Meets Thursday Evening 5:30-7:00
Limited Space due to COVID 19 safe practices
Contact the Church Office for available Spaces

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.



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