

Grottoes United Methodist Church  
Pastor – Brian Posey  
September 25, 2022  
16th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering:

Prelude:

Welcome:

Announcements:

Call to Worship:

Those who love God,  
**God will deliver.**  
Those who know God by name,  
**God will protect.**  
Those who call out to God,  
**God will answer.**  
We gather this morning,  
as those who trust God.

Opening Hymn: "How Great Thou Art"

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Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, you create, redeem and sustain us, every moment of our lives. In you we place our trust. When we face illness, conflict, and fear, you are our steadfast protector. When we suffer setback and loss, you restore us through your love. When our lives prosper and we are comfortable, you move us to share our blessings with others. In times of hardship and plenty, you alone are the source of the life that really is life. Holy God, in love and trust, we live the power of your resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Psalm Reading: Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

**For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;** he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day,

**or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

**With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation**

Joys & Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer:

this  
WEEK  
at a  
GLANCE

**Sunday 9/25/2022:** Sunday School – 9:00a.m.  
Worship Service – 10:00a.m.  
Church Conference -11:00a.m. Following Worship Service. We will vote to approve the Simplified Accountability Structure to begin for January 1, 2023

**Monday 9/26/2022:** Knitting Group - 1:30p.m.  
ERMA Food Pantry – 7:00p.m.

MISSION:  
POSSIBLE



A Simple Structure for Missional Effectiveness

**Church Conference  
Sept 25, 2022  
after Worship Service,  
11:00a.m.**

The Church Conference is to vote to approve the “Simplified Accountability Structure” model for governance and replace the current Administrative Council model.

**The Information presentation can still be found on the Grottoes UMC Facebook Page. \*All professing members can vote\***

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

# 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?



You can now listen at your convenience at [www.grottoesumc.org](http://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 9/18/2022:

-14.47% behind on annual budget (\$12,853.00)

Weekly Goal 9/25/2022: \$1,100 (.91% of Budget)

Amount needed to catch up on annual Goal:

\$1,100 + \$12,853 = \$13,953.00



# Prayer LIST

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

Mary Patterson  
Catherine Steger  
Samantha  
Chanita  
Sharon  
Speigal family  
Candace May  
Darlene  
Bonnie  
Mel Wiseman  
Dale's Brother/Family  
Children / Teachers - back to school  
GUMC Leadership Discernment



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



## Special Called Cleaning Bucket Kit Collection To Support UMCOR

For more  
information visit:  
[www.vaumc.org/2022cleaningkit](http://www.vaumc.org/2022cleaningkit)

- Grottoes UMC will be accepting **monetary donations** to create cleaning bucket kits to help the UMCOR efforts in the wake of several natural disasters that have hit the United States this summer and fall.
- The Conference as **asked each church** to contribute at least **4 buckets**.
- (Estimated value per Bucket is \$60.00)
- The goal for each district is **585 buckets**

**Next Sunday! October 2, 2022**  
Volunteer Rotations

**Tellers:**  
**Virginia & Joe**

**Nursery:**  
**Duddy & Crew**

**Worship Audio/Visual:**  
**Brad**



Join Pastor Brian Posey  
**Journey Through the Bible**  
April 18 - 28, 2023



Have you ever wanted walk where Jesus walked  
Or see where it actually took place in the Bible?

Pastor Brian is hosting a trip to Israel  
(The Holy Land)

**April 18-28, 2023**

Ask about a brochure and information

## 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.

## Hymn:

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Lesson:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Lesson:**

**Prayer of Illumination:**

**Message:**

**Prayer of Confession:**

Triune God, you call us to trust you in every circumstance of our lives, yet far too often, we do not. In times of oppression and strife, we lose hope in our future. When enduring natural disasters, suffering illness, or facing death, we often grow bitter and forget your love. Stripped of the idols of our wealth and status, we try in vain to control our lives. Eager to be powerful and successful, we wander away from you, falling into the pain of addiction, greed, and blind ambition. Absorbed by our wants and desires, we are blind to those around us who need our care. Forgive us, O God. Forgive our despair, our bitterness, and our fear. Turn our hearts to you, that we may taste fullness of life and trust your promised salvation.

**Moment of Silence for personal Confession:**

**Words of Assurance:**

**Passing the Peace:**

**Tithes & Offering:**

**Offertory Prayer:**

**Doxology:**

**Response to the Word:**

God, your holy word invites us to place our trust in you. May the words we have heard here today, take root in our lives. May the words we have received in our hearts, strengthen us to live more boldly in faith, that we may trust you in disaster and boon, in good times and bad, in death and in life. "The word of the LORD came to me."

**I know this is the word of the Lord.**

**Song:**

I Am Thine, O Lord"

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**Dismissal with Blessing:**

Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Live boldly, trusting God with everything you are and everything you have. Take hold of the life to which God calls you. Go forth, rejoicing in God.

**Thanks be to God!**

## E.R.M.A. Food Pantry Monthly Item for September



## Shampoo/ Toothpaste

ERMA Food Pantry is opened the 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



**valley + mission**  
shelter support hope

# 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!