

Grottoes United Methodist Church  
Pastor – Brian Posey  
May 22, 2022  
6th Sunday of Easter

**Gathering:**

**Welcome:**

**Announcements:**

**Call to Worship:**

We come together this day, drawn by the light of God's love!  
In God's eternal kingdom, darkness and despair are vanquished.  
In God's eternal realm, peace and hope reign!  
Let all the people praise God with their music and their voices!  
Let all the people praise God with their deeds of loving-kindness!  
Praise be to God. AMEN!

**Song:** "My Life is in You Lord"  
"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

**Opening Prayer:**

Creator of the universe, you made the world in beauty, and restore all things in glory through the victory of Jesus Christ. We pray that, wherever your image is still disfigured by poverty, sickness, selfishness, war and greed, the new creation in Jesus Christ may appear in justice, love, and peace, to the glory of your name.  
Amen.

**Responsive Psalm Reading:** Psalm 67

**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.

## this WEEK at a GLANCE

**Sunday 5/22/2022:** Sunday School – 9:00a.m. (Open Doors & Explorer's Classes)  
Worship Service – 10:00a.m.

**Monday 5/23/2022:** Knitting Group - 1:30p.m.  
ERMA Food Pantry – 7:00p.m.

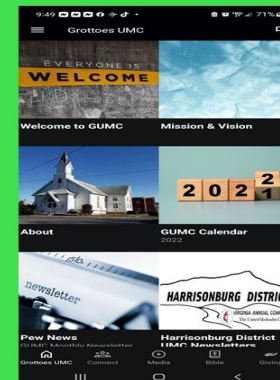
**Tuesday 5/24/2022:** Deeper Blue Girls – 4:30-5:30p.m.  
(Deliver Mother's Day Cards to Bellaire Senior Living)

**Thursday 5/26/2022:** Deep Blue - 5:30-7:00p.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.*

### 2022 Annual Budget Goals:

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

As of 5/15/2022:

Received: \$4,742.00

Currently: -12.52 behind on annual budget (\$5,316.00)

Weekly Goal 5/22/2022: \$1,079 or .89% of Annual Budget

Amount needed to catch up on annual Goal:

\$5,316 + \$1,079 = \$6,395.00



Next Sunday! **May 29, 2022**

Volunteer Rotations

#### Tellers:

Virginia  
&  
Gloria

#### Nursery:

No Nursery  
Attendant

#### Worship

Audio/Visual:

Brad

**LIVESTREAM  
WORSHIP**



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



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



- The Congregation Voted & the Youth collection for the Shriner Hospital will to go **Lexington, Kentucky**. We have currently raised **\$268.00**, the Youth's goal is **\$350.00** by **May 31, 2022**.
- Deeper Blue Girls created homemade Mother's day cards for residents at Bellaire Senior Living.
- Deeper Blue Girls Will deliver all of the Open Doors Thermal Shelter donations collected on **May 24, 2022**.
- Deep Blue & Deeper Blue Girls youth Will take a Summer break beginning on **May 31, 2022**. We will conclude this year with a picnic at **Grand Caverns** from **4:30 - 7:00p.m.**



**Alexis Teter 5/24**



**Rob & Joan Fahrney -5/28**

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)

**Children's Moment:** "You are a Changed Person"

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Lesson:** Acts 16:9-15

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Lesson:** John 5:1-9

**Prayer of Illumination:**

**Message:** "Going Backwards"

**Prayer of Confession:**

**Lord, You know how easy it is for us to sit here, tethered to our darkness and fear. We get bound up by chains of mistrust. We dare not to hope, for so many times before we have been disappointed. So we sit here and wonder where you are. We are not unlike the disciples who wondered also, who feared. Lord, come to us in our darkness. Flood us with your powerful light of love and mercy. Help open our eyes to the good news of your eternal glory. Give to us visions of the place in which love and hope will reign. Forgive our stubborn resistance to your mercy and your love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

**Words of assurance:**

**Litany/Reading From Revelation 21:**

**Tithes & Offering:**

**Offertory Prayer:**

**Doxology:**

**Song:** "Grace Greater Than our Sin"

**Dismissal with Blessing:**

## 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

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



### Sugar

ERMA Food Pantry is opened the 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month at 6:30pm  
(Excent Holidays)

# 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

## 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](http://www.grottoesumc.org)

## 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



## 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.



## Knitting Circle

We Have Returned to Meeting In-Person

Every Monday at 1:30p.m – 3:30p.m.

Come and Join us!