

Grottoes United Methodist Church  
 Pastor – Brian Posey  
 September 4, 2022  
 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering:

Prelude:

Welcome:

Announcements:

Call to Worship: (Psalm 18:1-3, 30-31) Brad Crawford

I love you, O LORD, my strength. <sup>2</sup> The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. <sup>3</sup> I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, so I shall be saved from my enemies. <sup>30</sup> This God-- his way is perfect; the promise of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all who take refuge in him. <sup>31</sup> For who is God except the LORD? And who is a rock besides our God?

Opening Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation" Pg. 529

Opening Prayer: Brad Crawford

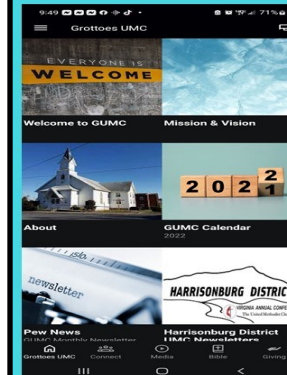
Psalm Reading: Psalm 102:11-28

My days are like an evening shadow; I wither away like grass.  
**But you, O LORD, are enthroned forever; your name endures to all generations.**  
 You will rise up and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to favor it; the appointed time has come.  
**For your servants hold its stones dear, and have pity on its dust. The nations will fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth your glory.**  
 For the LORD will build up Zion; he will appear in his glory.  
**He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and will not despise their prayer.**  
 Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet unborn may praise the LORD:  
**that he looked down from his holy height, from heaven the LORD looked at the earth, to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die; so that the name of the LORD may be declared in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem,**  
 When peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.  
**He has broken my strength in midcourse; he has shortened my days. "O my God," I say, "do not take me away at the mid-point of my life, you whose years endure throughout all generations."**  
 Long ago you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.

Grottoes UMC - Church App for Mobile Devices

Available to Download Now!

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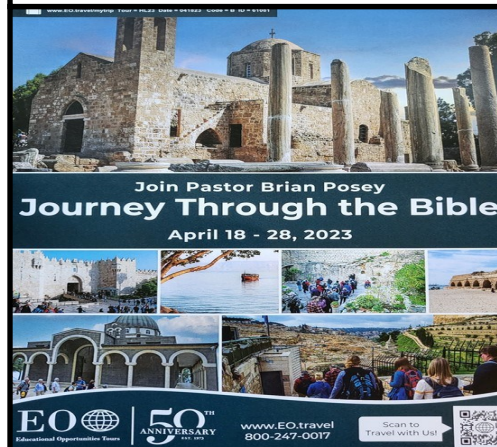
- Stay Connected Even when you're on the go!
- Stay Up to date with the church calendar
  - Get devotionals
- Stay connected with church Social Media
- Submit prayer requests, baptismal requests, and inquire about New membership,
- connect as a volunteer or to a small group
  - Watch the live stream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



**Sunday 9/4/2022:** Sunday School – No Sunday School  
 Worship Service – 10:00a.m. (Grand Caverns Park)

**Monday 9/5/2022:** Knitting Group - 1:30p.m.  
 ERMA Food Pantry – cancelled

**Tuesday 9/6/2022:** Administrative Council Meeting – 6:30p.m.



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

# 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 worshippers 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](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 8/21/2022:

-15.10% behind on annual budget (\$12,260.00)

Weekly Goal 9/4/2022: \$3,083.00 (2.55% of Budget)

Amount needed to catch up on annual Goal:

\$3,083 + \$12,260 = \$15,343.00



# 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

Next Sunday! **Sept. 11, 2022**  
 Volunteer Rotations

**Tellers:**  
 Bonnie  
 &  
 Brad

**Nursery:**  
 No nursery  
 Attendants  
 scheduled

**Worship  
 Audio/Visual:**  
 Brad



**Barry & Paula Hensley – 9/3**  
**Greg & Freda Stein – 9/22**



**9/17 – Debbie Peale**  
**9/18 – Becky Shifflett**  
**9/20 – Darlene Williamson**

**MISSION:  
 POSSIBLE**



A Simple Structure for Missional Effectiveness

**Informational Presentation**  
 Simplified Accountability  
 Structure- governance model

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 If you did not stay for the  
 informational meeting, you  
 can watch it on the  
**GUMC Facebook Page**  
 If you have any questions  
 please ask Pastor Brian

They will perish, but you endure; they will all wear out like a garment. You change them like clothing, and they pass away; but you are the same, and your years have no end. The children of your servants shall live secure; their offspring shall be established in your presence.

**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.

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Lesson:** Isaiah 28:16  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Lesson:** Matthew 4:1-11  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Scripture Lesson:** Luke 6:46-49

**Prayer of Illumination:**

**Message:** "How Firm is Your Foundation" Brad Crawford

**Prayer of Confession:**

Father in heaven, we ask you to help us to embrace the reason that we must apply your teachings to our lives – so that our foundation will be unshakable and storm - proof when the howling winds and surging rains beat against us. The foundation of this world is temporal and growing more and more decadent, so we choose instead to build our lives on the eternal foundation of your Holy Word, as you teach us all throughout Scripture. We will come to regret that which consumed our heart, our mind and our time in building temporal foundations, but we will never come to regret building a spiritual foundation comprised of Jesus Christ and his eternal worth. Keep us clear minded and focused so that we are aware of the difference in that which only satisfies us here and that which satisfies for all eternity. Amen.

**Tithes & Offering:**

**Offertory Prayer:**

**Doxology:**

**Song:** "The Church's One Foundation"

**Dismissal with Blessing:**

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 Brad Crawford

## 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.



# 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!