

Grottoes United Methodist Church
Pastor – Brian Posey
September 18, 2022
15th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering:

Prelude:

Welcome:

Announcements:

Call to Worship:

Our world is hurting in every way:

injustice in the shadows, injustice in broad daylight,

worship of wealth, worship of doctrine,

homeless people under freeways,

hungry children in our schools,

stolen pensions, destabilized nations,

politicians wined and dined, judges wooed and won,

exploding grenades, cherished grudges.

Is there any medicine to heal us? Is there any physician?

Help us, God of our salvation! Help us!

Opening Hymn:

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Pg. 89

“Nothing but the Blood”

Pg. 362

Opening Prayer:

God of our salvation, you see your world laid waste with false worship, injustice, and indifference, and we tremble at your anger. Only in your tears, born out of vast love, do we find hope. Open to us the way of your tears— the way that leads us back to your love. Teach us to serve you and you alone, that you may deliver, forgive, and renew our world at last. Amen.

Psalm Reading:

Psalm 113

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised.

The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

**MISSION:
POSSIBLE**



A Simple Structure for Missional Effectiveness

*The Information presentation
can still be found on the
Grottoes UMC Facebook Page.*

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

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

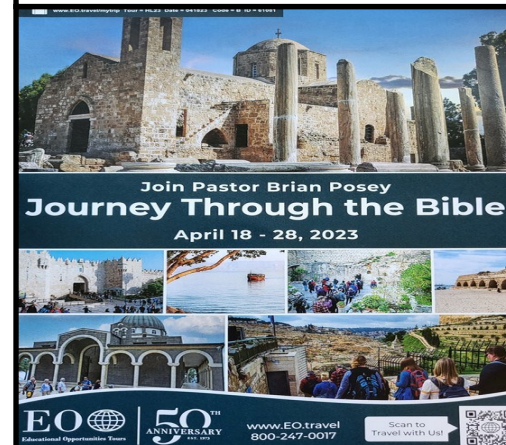
All professing members can vote

**this
WEEK
at a
GLANCE**

Sunday 9/18/2022: Sunday School – No Sunday School
Worship Service – 10:00a.m. (Grand Caverns Park)

Called Church Conference has been rescheduled for Sunday Sept. 25th @ 11:00a.m. Following Worship Service. We will vote to approve the Simplified Accountability Structure to begin for January 1, 2023

Monday 9/19/2022: Knitting Group - 1:30p.m.
ERMA Food Pantry – cancelled



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 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 9/11/2022:

-14.08% behind on annual budget (\$12,235.00)

Weekly Goal 9/18/2022: \$2,928 (1.60% of Budget)

Amount needed to catch up on annual Goal:

\$1,928 + \$12,235 = \$14,163.00



Prayer LIST



9/18 – Becky Shifflett
9/20 – Darlene Williamson



Greg & Freda Stein – 9/22

Next Sunday! Sept. 25, 2022
Volunteer Rotations

Tellers:
Bonnie & Marlene

Nursery:
Duddy & Crew

Worship Audio/Visual:
Kara



Special Called Cleaning Bucket Kit Collection To Support UMCOR

- 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**

For more information visit:
www.vaumc.org/2022cleaningkit

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

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

He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.
 He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.
 Praise the LORD!

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.

1st Scripture Lesson:

Amos 8:4-7

2nd Scripture Lesson:

Luke 16:1-13

Prayer of Illumination:

Message:

Prayer of Confession:

We confess that we find your medicine hard to swallow. The quick fixes of this world are so much more pleasant, leaving us free to go back to our usual routines. But your medicine is powerful. And if we take it, it will remake and renew our lives. It will reorient us to you and to you alone. Turn us toward your love for justice and true worship. Forgive our sins, for which you weep. Forgive our hesitation. Grant us courage to choose you as our physician, and to serve you and you alone. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Tithes & Offering:

Offertory Prayer:

Doxology:

Song:

"Lord, I Want to be a Christian"

Dismissal with Blessing:

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



Shampoo/ Toothpaste

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!