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**What's
Happening**

TODAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25	8:15a Entering the World of the Bible (214) 9:30a Worship Service 10:30a Church Council Meeting (216) 11:00a "Simplicity" (216)
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27	9:30a Prayer Group
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28	6:30p Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29	8:30p AA (211)
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30	8:00a AA (FH)
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1	9:30a AA (211) 11:00a Girl Scouts (SS)
NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2	WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:15a Entering the World of the Bible (214) 9:30a Worship Service (S) 11:00a VHBC Worship Service (S)



September 25, 2022

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 25, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Please silence your cell phones during the worship service.

PRELUDE

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Bold indicates congregational response. *Those who are able, please stand)

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Responsively

Sheltered by God.

We come now to worship.

Invited by Christ.

We come now to pray.

Welcomed by the Spirit.

We gather as the people of God.

*OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, giver of all good gifts, you have created us for life together, and in Christ you have revealed to us that the true riches of faith are good works, generosity, and a desire to serve. Strengthen us this day to pursue all righteousness, godliness and love with perseverance and gentleness, that we may take hold of the life that is really life grounded in you. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 399

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

MESSIAH

(Children up to 4 years old may go to the nursery and children through 5th grade may go to Sunday School at this time.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 146

Pew Bible OT p. 549

Lay Reader: The word of God, for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



WISDOM FROM THE WORD

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.



school	— ○ — — —
paper	— ○ —
wisdom	— — ○ —
read	— — — ○
play	— — — — —
learn	○ — — — —
grow	— ○ — — — —
pencils	— — — — —
pray	— ○ — —
art	— — — —
student	— — — ○ — —
kids	— — ○ — — — —
apple	— — ○ — — —

“... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be _____ and successful.”

JOSHUA 1:8, NIV

Answer: apple, art, grow, kids, learn, paper, pencils, play, pray, read, school, student, wisdom, prosperous

Poetry in Poetry



Psalm 146

My fervent wish o my soul is that praise of God will be your goal
 While I live let me offer praise and sing to God throughout my days
 Let not your trust be in princes, be; mere men they offer no victory
 When their breath expires to earth they return;
 End of all the grand plans that were their prime concern

But happy is he who seeks the aid of Jacob's God and is not afraid
 In the Lord lies his expectation for he oversaw the formation
 Of heavens and earth and life in the sea
 And keeps faith with it all wholeheartedly

For the oppressed he seeks redress;
 Providing the hungry with bread to bless, freeing those under arrest
 Those who walk heedlessly he enables to see;
 Those who are bowed low with care he renders carefree
 He loves the righteous unconditionally

To strangers he offers his protection, to orphans and widows support;
 But the path that the wicked choose he will consistently distort
 The Lord shall rule forever, as your God, Zion, She'll reign
 Throughout the generations, Hallelujah! Is the acclaim

ANTHEM

SERMON

Invitation to the Psalms:
 Trust in Divine Power or Earthly Power?

Rev. Jay Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN NO. 377

"It Is Well with My Soul"

VILLE DU HAVRE

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we call out in need, the Lord will answer. Let us confess our sins against
 God and our neighbor, trusting in the One who sets us free.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We have sinned, O God, hoarding what we have, grasping for more, and
 ignoring those who hunger and thirst. We stay with our own kind; we are
 complacent in the face of systems that oppress. Forgive us; purify us;
 remake us, that we might love as you love. Amen.**

(Prayer continues in silence)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The Lord welcomes all who return from the exile of greed and self-interest.
 Be at peace, for in Christ we find our way home again where all are forgiven,
 loved and restored. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY NO. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here
 below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise
 Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 514 *“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”* WEBB

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOOK STUDY - October 11-25

Tuesdays at 10:00 am

“Genesis for Normal People” by Peter Enns and Jared Byas

Genesis for Normal People illuminates the characters that fill the book of Genesis, causing us to resonate with their choices and struggles even as we marvel at their distant world. And that's what you'll find here-not scientific proof texts or simple moral tales, but a distant world made available, and a story that is often strange, sometimes dangerous, and always filled with rich possibilities.

EMPTY BOWLS RISING HOPE FUNDRAISER

Join together with Rising Hope and members of our community **Saturday, October 1 at 5:00 pm** in the fellowship hall, to talk about food insecurity, support the Rising Hope community and their food ministries, and enjoy a delicious bowl of soup in a handcrafted ceramic bowl. You can find out more and register here:

<https://www.risinghopeumc.org/emptybowls>

THE DIFFICULT WORDS OF JESUS

Sunday Mornings October 16 - November 13 from 8:15-9:00am

Jesus provided his disciples teachings for how to follow Torah, God's word; he told them parables to help them discern questions of ethics and of human nature; he offered them beatitudes for comfort and encouragement. But sometimes Jesus spoke words that followers then and now have found difficult. He instructs disciples to hate members of their own families (Luke 14:26), to act as if they were slaves (Matthew 20:27), and to sell their belongings and give to the poor (Luke 18:22). He restricts his mission (Matthew 10:6); he speaks of damnation (Matthew 8:12); he calls Jews the devil's children (John 8:44). This book shows how these difficult teachings would have sounded to the people who first heard them, how have they been understood over time, and how we might interpret them in the context of the Gospel of love and reconciliation.

OFFERING OF THE LETTERS WITH BREAD FOR THE WORLD

In October as we reflect on the words, life and call of the prophets we will be participating in Bread for the World's Offering of the Letters. Each person will be invited and guided to join in the work of our prophetic task of calling on those in power to care for the vulnerable in our world. In the Offering of Letters each person will be invited and instructed to write a personal letter to our members of congress advocating for just policies that address food insecurity. More information will be shared during worship.

TEDDY BEAR BRIGADE

The Teddy Bear Brigade is getting ready to march once again! Since 2001, Gleaning for the World (GFTW) has ministered to hurting children around the world through the gift of a stuffed animal in the program called the Teddy Bear Brigade. Burke UMC is coordinating the program in the Northern Virginia District and is counting on our help once again. From now through the end of October they are collecting new or gently used stuffed animals (no battery operated, oversized or very small stuffed toys please). Please put them in sealed plastic bags. Donations can be dropped off at Burke UMC (6200 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke) any time **from September 25 through October 31** in the bin located in the front circle of their church. Please include \$1 per bear to cover shipping costs when the bears make their journey to grateful children. Please make checks payable to GFTW. For more information contact Katie Glick at katieglick@burkeumc.org or 703-250-6100.