

Graduate Sunday

May 15, 2022 – 10:55 A.M.

*Please stand as you are able

ENTRANCE

MEDITATIVE MUSIC	Jeanne Banks, Pianist
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rev. Will Waller
CHIMING THE HOUR	
OPENING VOLUNTARY	<i>It is Well</i> —Wagner Jubilant Ringers
ACOLYTE MINISTRY	

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP	Bill Cooper, Liturgist
L: Creative and Creating God, we thank you for Jackson, Lili, Tori, and Will	
P: your beloved creations.	
L: We thank you for their accomplishments.	
P: We celebrate with them at this time of graduation.	
L: God the Spirit, guide and guardian, we pray that they will recognize your guidance on the next stages of their journeys.	
P: May your loving protection surround them each step they take.	
L: God our Christ, Word made flesh, may they seek to live according to your example:	
P: Lives of justice. Lives of peace. Lives of joy. Amen.	

*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>O How I Love Jesus</i>	No. 170
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RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

PRAYER FOR THE GRADUATES (in unison)

Gracious God, we pray that You would give these, your children, hearts and minds in tune with Your will. May they grow in spiritual wisdom, and in an understanding of how You are at work in their lives. May their words and actions bring credit to You, and may their lives reflect Your glory and grace to everyone they meet. Strengthen them with Your infinite power so that they would be strong enough to endure what seems unendurable, giving thanks to You in all things. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN	<i>Where Children Belong</i>	TFWS No. 2233
This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.		

CHILDREN'S TIME	Rev. Waller
<i>(Afterwards, children in preschool through 2nd grade may go to Children's Church.)</i>	

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 34:4-8 (OT pg. 77); Deuteronomy 5:11 (OT pg. 156)

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON	<i>Ten Commandments: III</i>	Rev. Waller
OFFERTORY	<i>Deep River</i>	Jubilant Ringers
*THE DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	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!		

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ANTHEM	<i>Jesus, Name Above All Names</i>	Chancel Choir
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PRAYER REQUESTS

CALL TO PRAYER	<i>All I Need Is You</i>	TFWS No. 2080
All I need is you, Jesus, all I need is you. You are the source of all I need. All I need is you.		

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 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.

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN	<i>His Name Is Wonderful</i>	No. 174
*THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY		
*BENEDICTION		
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE	<i>As We Go</i>	
As we go, may your spirit go before us. As we go, may we follow where you lead. May we live what we have learned, share the message we have heard, and be a light unto the world, as we go.		

*GOING FORTH		Rev. Waller
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*POSTLUDE		Mrs. Meeks
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Serving Today:

Liturgist: Bill Cooper

Acolyte: Charlie Mitchell

Greeters: Nathan Angle and Daniel Cundiff

Usher: Sharon Angle

Children's Church: Jessica Mitchell

Nursery: Jessica Call

Counters: Linda Handy, Charlotte Hill

Locking Up After Worship: Benny Board

Serving Next Week (May 22):

Liturgist: Benny Gibson

Greeter: Janice Thurman

Ushers: Mike and Jane Turner

Children's Church: Nathan Angle and Charlie Mitchell

Nursery: Jane Roseberry

Counters: Dan Walters, Jack Watts

Locking Up After Worship: Benny Board

Prayer Concerns:

Our country, our church and those serving in our armed forces; People of Ukraine; Kathleen Higgins; Lillie Hatchett; Jerry Davis; Tim Funk; Barbara Huffman; Lynn Cooper; Anna Campbell; Betty Dillon; CO Brickey; Dick Shoemaker; Jennifer Cooper; John Cooper; Arnold Dillon, Sr.; Janis Odom (DJ Pritchard); Richard McDaniel (Lindsay McDaniel); Doris Ferguson (wife of Bill Ferguson, former pastor of RMUMC); Everett Cotter (LuAnn Dunbar); Becky Bennett (Jennie Ardis); Sophia Moore (CO Brickey); Mike Shea (Enna Roseberry); Melissa Hays-Smith (Marsha Robertson); Debbie Ford (Ben Whitesell); Dennis Holland (Cyndee Holland); and Family of Eva Prillaman who passed away on May 6.

Forget-Me-Nots:

Eleanor Woody

**Will Waller, Pastor
Lynn M. Meeks, Director of Music/Diaconal Minister
Jeanne Banks, Pianist
Valerie Latimer, Administrative Assistant
Jennifer Ardis, Nursery Attendant
Rebecca Dillon, Children's Church Coordinator
Craig Jamison, Custodian**

Meetings and Announcements:

- **Today, May 15** **Following worship**, Youth Workday
- **Monday, May 16** **June/July Newsletter Deadline**
7:00 p.m., Boy Scouts
- **Wednesday, May 18** 7:00 p.m., Chancel Choir
- **Thursday, May 19** 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts
- **Next Sunday, May 22** 10:00 a.m., Small Groups
10:55 a.m., Worship

- **Tuesday, May 24** **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**
12:00 p.m., Sunshine Girls will meet at Ippy's for lunch
6:00 p.m., Little Lambs Graduation

- **Thursday, May 26** **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**
- **Monday, May 30** **The church office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day**

- **Wednesday, June 1** 7:00 p.m., Town Hall Event discussing the UMC current stands on LGBTQ inclusion

Assistive listening devices are available outside the sanctuary.

The day of Spring Spiffing Up is here! Youth, after church today, we're going to be going to the homes of two of our local seniors, spiffing up their home's outside. We're asking that you eat a brown bag lunch after the service in the Fellowship Hall and from there it's on to work in their yards.

The Samaritan offering for Virginia United Methodist Homes will be received through Father's Day, June 19. Your gift supports residents who have been blessed by longevity but have outlived their financial resources. Samaritan gifts are not used for operational, capital, or administrative cost but are instead made available only for benevolent care. Make your checks payable to RMUMC and designate "Samaritan Offering" on the memo line. Thank you!

The honor of your presence is requested at the reaffirmation of the wedding vows of Emily Meeks and Michael Littlely on Saturday, the twenty-eight of May, 2022 at two in the afternoon, Rocky Mount United Methodist Church. Proud parents, Lynn and Mike Meeks hope to celebrate with you. Save the Date!

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On June 1, Pastor Will Waller and Lay Leader Tammy Burdick will host a town hall style event discussing where the United Methodist Church current stands on LGBTQ inclusion, the proposed changes on inclusion within the United Methodist Church, and the formation of the Global Methodist Church. Some may have many questions and we want to answer those questions in a thoughtful manner. We believe that informed people are less likely to be anxious people. The event will be held in the Atrium of the church, starting at 7 pm. Nursery will be available.

Save the Date: How does packaging 10,000 meals in just over an hour sound? Impossible. Come to church on September 11, 2022 and see.

We are collecting canned tuna for Heavenly Manna this month. Please put your donations in the barrel located in the narthex. Thank You!

High School Graduates

Jackson Amos
Lili Call
Will English
Tori Huffman

College Graduate

Daniel Cundiff, Radford University (Master's Degree in Education and Curriculum)