

Independence Day Sunday

July 3, 2022 – 10:55 A.M.

*Please stand as you are able

ENTRANCE

MEDITATIVE MUSIC	Jeanne Banks, Pianist
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Tammy Burdick
CHIMING THE HOUR	
OPENING VOLUNTARY	<i>Menuet from "Royal Fireworks"—Handel</i> Lynn Meeks, Organist
ACOLYTE MINISTRY	

GREETING

- *CALL TO WORSHIP Benny Gibson, Liturgist
- L: Lord, in your wisdom and creative power, you created us.
P: We celebrate You this day O Lord.
- L: Across this world, you've imbued us with diverse opinions, beliefs and ideas.
P: We praise you always, O God.
- L: As we celebrate you this day, continue to make us into the persons we should be. Mold us and shape us into the likeness of Christ.
P: We yearn for this transformation.
- L: Spur us to boldness for what is right, even when the going gets tough.
P: We need a courage infusion, Father.
- L: Like Peter tells us, may our lives "silence the ignorance of foolish people by doing good." Lead us to this way of living.
P: Amen and Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *America the Beautiful* No. 696

INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN *Where Children Belong* 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 *Freedom* Mrs. Meeks
(*Afterwards, children in preschool through 2nd grade may go to Children's Church.*)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Peter 2:11-17 New Testament pg. 219

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE *Clouds of Change – This Too Shall Pass* Bill Collins

OFFERTORY *A Patriotic Melody—Broughton*

*THE DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 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 *God Bless America—Berlin* Chancel Choir

PRAYER REQUESTS

CALL TO PRAYER *All I Need Is You* 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 *Take Time to Be Holy* No. 395

*THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

*BENEDICTION Mr. Collins

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *As We Go*

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

*POSTLUDE Mrs. Meeks

The flowers on the Communion Table are given by Jack Watts to the Glory of God and in celebration and honor of America's Independence.

Serving Today:

Liturgist: Benny Gibson
Greeter: Lindsay McDaniel
Acolyte: Charlie Mitchell
Ushers: Jim and Martha Anderson
Children's Church: Martha Sue Gibson
Nursery: Jane Roseberry
Counters: Dan Walters, Jack Watts
Locking Up After Worship: Conrad Lavinder

Serving Next Week (July 10):

Liturgist: Becky Newbill
Greeters: Terry Moran and Cindy Smith
Acolyte: Silas Gibson
Usher: Sharon Angle
Children's Church: Serena Jamison
Nursery: Emily Waller
Counters: Linda Handy, Charlotte Hill
Locking Up After Worship: Conrad Lavinder

Prayer Concerns:

Our country, our church and those serving in our armed forces; People of Ukraine; Peggie Foster; 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.; Dr. James Callis (Mike Meeks); Jay Dillon (Arnold Dillon, Jr.); KC Barron (Becky Newbill); Janis Odom (DJ Pritchard); 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 Doris Ferguson (wife of Bill Ferguson, former pastor of RMUMC) who passed away on June 27.

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:

- **Monday, July 4** **The church office will be closed in observance of Independence Day**

- **Tuesday, July 5** **7:00 p.m.**, Trustees Committee Meeting
- **Next Sunday, July 10** **10:00 a.m.**, Small Groups
 10:15 a.m., Chancel Choir
 10:55 a.m., Worship
 Following worship, United Women in Faith hosting a church wide birthday party and covered dish

- **Monday, July 11** **6:00 p.m.**, Vacation Bible School Decorating – meet in the Fellowship Hall and dinner provided

- **Tuesday, July 12** **6:00 p.m.**, Nominations Committee Meeting
 7:00 p.m., Staff/Parish Relations Committee Meeting

- **Wednesday, July 13** **7:00 p.m.**, Chancel Choir

- **Sunday, July 17** **Noon**, Vacation Bible School Decorating and Setup – meet in the Assembly Room and lunch provided

- **Monday, July 18** **August Newsletter Deadline**

- **Monday, July 18-Thursday, July 21** **6:00–8:00 p.m.**, Make Waves Vacation Bible School

- **Sunday, July 24** **10:15 a.m.**, Chancel Choir

Assistive listening devices are available outside the sanctuary.

On Sunday, July 10 after worship, the United Women in Faith will host a church wide birthday party and covered dish. The UWF will provide meat and birthday cakes. Please bring a side dish (no desserts) to share. Come, celebrate and enjoy fellowship with your church family.

Sign-up your child for Vacation Bible School and start a ripple effect! Make Waves VBS will be here at Rocky Mount UMC July 18-21 from 6:00–8:00 p.m. They'll learn how God can help them change the world around them. Go to rmumc.org/vbs to sign-up today.

Be a part of the Vacation Bible School fun! Volunteers and activity leaders are needed. To sign-up, visit rmumc.org/vbs or contact Tammy Burdick.

Have a kayak, life jacket, or other water items to spare? Now collecting donations and fun water items for Make Waves VBS. Grab our wish list near the bulletins or visit rmumc.org/vbs.

Danville District Mission Encounter, Sunday, July 17 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Pleasant Grove UMC. We will carpool from Rocky Mount UMC promptly at 2:00 p.m. RSVP to virginiaheartgirl@yahoo.com (Phyllis Lavinder) or lindaw@shentel.net (Linda Walters) if you plan to attend. Enjoy the mission program "Seasons of a Christian Life," fellowship and refreshments followed by a Hat Fashion Show.

How does eliminating hunger sound? How does participating in an event with the ENTIRE church strike you? How does helping our neighbors fight back against hunger move you? On September 11, we're partnering with Rise Against Hunger to package 10,000* meals. We're going to share a meal together and then we're going to get to work. All ages are welcome; there's a job for young and old. Visit our registration and donations page (<https://rm-umc.org/rise-against-hunger/>) to sign-up and to give. Your tax-deductible donations are not required to participate, yet are appreciated. *We can package far more than that if we get more than expected in financial donations.

We are collecting green beans and corn for Heavenly Manna this month. Please put your donations in the barrel located in the narthex. Thank You!

Those who had their pictures taken or included in the directory and thus, received a free copy, have gotten theirs. Now, those who would like one for \$8 may purchase one by emailing Valerie Latimer in the church office at admin@rm-umc.org or by calling 540-483-5338.

The non-profit group, Bald Knob Artists, is sponsoring an open, judged art show in the fellowship hall of Rocky Mount United Methodist Church September 16-18. This will be a first for the group in a Rocky Mount location. The show is open to adults and high school youth from all over. If you know anyone who would be interested in participating, please let them know. High school age grandchildren are welcome too. For more information, email harrietmadar@yahoo.com or phone 540-890-7039 or talk to church members, Suzanne Ross, Judy Anderson or Ruth Cook.

Pastor Will will be on vacation through Tuesday, July 5. If you have an emergency, please call Rev. Bruce Tuttle (540-488-4101).

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