

Children's Sabbath

May 19, 2024

*please stand as you are able

Entrance

Music for Meditation *Medley of Children's Hymns* Jeanne Banks
Welcome and Announcements
Chiming the Hour
Opening Voluntary

Greeting

***Call to Worship** Fisher Gibson
L: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's steadfast love lasts forever! Let this congregation say. "God's steadfast love lasts forever!"
All: God's steadfast love lasts forever!
L: Let the adults say, "God's steadfast love lasts forever!"
Adults: God's steadfast love lasts forever!
L: Let the children say "God's steadfast love lasts forever!"
Children: God's steadfast love lasts forever!
L: Come, let us worship our God
All: Whose sure, steady love for all of us, young and old, will last forever.

***Hymn of Praise** *We Are the Church (vs 1-4)* No.558
Invitation to the Children *Where Children Belong* TFWS No. 2233

Celebrating with the Children Rev. Waller
(Afterwards, children in preschool through 2nd grade may go to Children's Church.)

Proclamation and Response

Offertory
***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** Evan Hatchett

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.

Morning Prayer (congregation response in bold print) Evan Hatchett
On this Children's Sabbath, we pray that the Church will fulfill Jesus' call to welcome all children in word and deed, spirit and action, and love. Lord, In your mercy...
Hear our prayer.
We pray that the nations and their leaders will invest in children and put them first, finding strength in upholding the youngest and the most at risk. Lord, in your mercy...
Hear our prayer.
We pray that we can work as congregations, communities, nations, and the world to end all that threatens children's well being; war, poverty, violence, discrimination, sickness, hunger, failing schools, and too little care. Lord, in your mercy...
Hear our prayer.
We pray that we might relieve the burden of families who struggle to make ends meet and assure good care for their children while they work. Lord, in your mercy...
Hear our prayer.
We pray that your loving presence is felt by all who are lonely, especially the children left to care for themselves. Lord, in your mercy...
Hear our prayer.
We pray that your healing comfort is felt by all who suffer in mind, body and spirit, especially the children. Lord, in your mercy...
Hear our prayer.
Great God, guard the laughter of children. Bring them safely through injury or illness, so they may live the promises you give. Do not let us be so caught up in our purposes that we fail to hear their voices, or pay attention to their special vision of the truth; but keep us with them, ready to listen and to love, even as in Jesus Christ you have loved us, grown-up, wayward children.

Lord's Prayer Landry Foutz
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.

Scripture Reading Romans 13: 8-10 Lucas Call
Luke 5:17-26 Levi Call
L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

The Message *Through the Roof*
Greeters: Jovie Angle, Audrey Mitchell, Rowan Eitner; Storytellers: Evan Hatchett, Levi Call, Audrey Mitchell, Fisher Gibson; Homeowners: Lillie Hatchett, Landry Foutz; Pharisee: Evan Hatchett; Scribe: Levi Call Four Friends: Maren Byrd, Connor Quinn, Zeke Waller, Georgia Angle (helper: Jovie Angle) Paralyzed Man: Rowan Eitner

***Closing Hymn** *Hymn of Promise* No. 707

***Benediction**

L: Look at your hands. Feel the strength and tenderness.
P: God has given these hands to help comfort and heal.
L: Look at your feet. Feel the steadiness of the path before them.
P: God has given these feet to walk in the ways of justice and mercy.
L: Look at your heart. Feel the love and passion.
P: God has given this heart to love him and each of his children.
L: We are God's beloved creation.
P: And we will serve God and his children with our lives.
AMEN.

Audrey Mitchell

Hymn Reprise

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Mrs. Banks

Serving Today:

Liturgist: Children
Children's Church: No Children's Church due to children's play
Greeter: Kevin Clements
Acolytes: Nathan Angle, Josh Gibson
Ushers: Jessica and Audrey Mitchell
Nursery: Mittie Hambrick
Counters: Martha Sue Gibson, Becky Newbill

Serving Next Week:

Liturgist: Lindsey Jenkins
Children's Church: Heather Quinn
Greeter: Linda Handy
Acolyte: Aidan Jenkins
Usher: Harmon English
Nursery: Melissa Osborne
Counters: Ina Clements, Ben Whitesell

Will Waller, Pastor

Lynn M. Meeks, Director of Music Ministries/Diaconal Minister

Jeanne Banks, Pianist

Valerie Latimer, Finance Manager

Anna Heckman, Office Manager

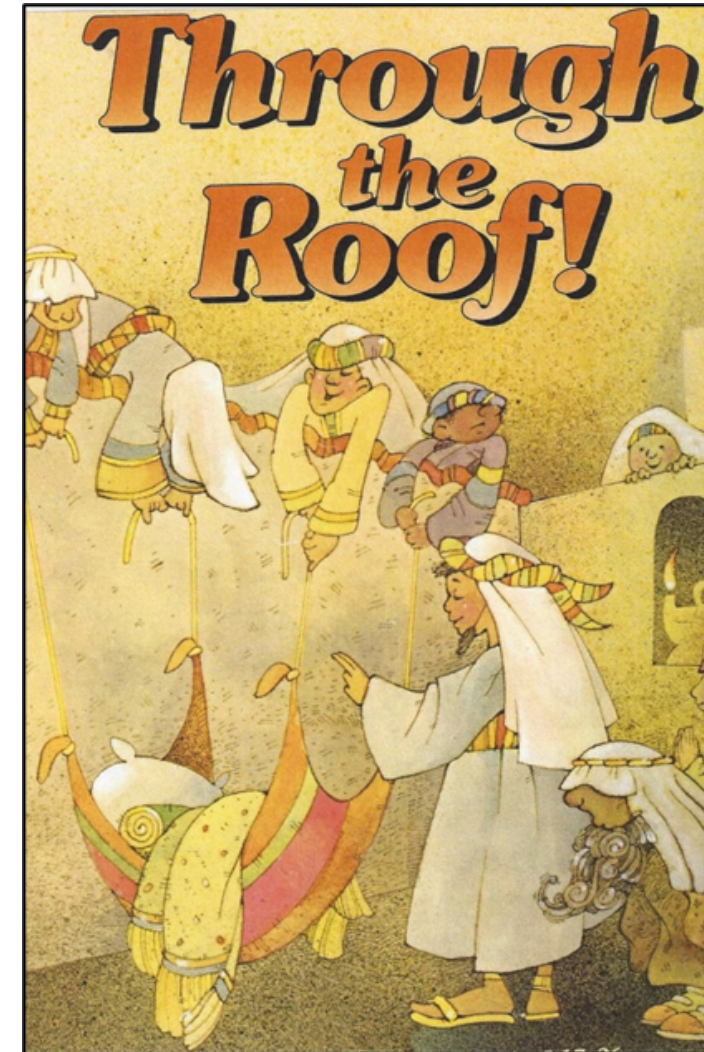
Jennifer Ardis, Nursery Attendant

Rebecca Dillon, Children's Church Coordinator

Brad Hodges, Custodian



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Prayer Concerns: Those who don't know Christ, our country, our church and those serving in our armed forces; All suffering under the ravages of war; **Bill Cooper; Martha Anderson; Ronnie Breedlove; Willie Denny; Arnold Dillon, Sr.; Sandra Funk; Rodney Cundiff; Bob Huffman; Debbie Caulder; Hazel Henderson; Jerry Davis; Barbara Huffman; Betty Dillon; CO Brickey; Jennifer Cooper; Ben Pezza (Susan Hatchett); Larry Board (Benny Board); Jane Inman (Linda Walters); Dr. Matthew and Amanda Billups (Jack Watts); Don Angle (Steve Angle); Debbie Ford (Ben Whitesell); Carol Vaughn (Lisa Angle); Linda Wimmer (Crystal Minnix); Hannah Bittner (Cassandra Bittner); Toni Lynn Mills; Bella Harris; Ryan Manning; Rylan Manning (Coree Pienkowski); Rev. Kenneth Fields; Jeff Ingram (CO Brickey) McKenna Newcomb; Clara Dalton (P.D. Hambrick); Clarence Youmens (Linda Davis); Mike Coffey (Ann Coffey); Pam Edwards; Cindy Markey (Nancy Middaugh); Amy Hibbitts (Jennie Ardis); Rosalind Cooper (Lynn Cooper)**

Forget-Me-Nots: Kathleen Higgins, Peggy Santrock, Peggy McAndrew

Meetings and Announcements:

- Sunday, May 19 10:00 a.m Small Groups
 10:55 a.m Children's Sabbath
 4:00 p.m. F.C. Community Chorus Concert at RMUMC
- Monday, May 20 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts
- Tuesday, May 21 6:00 p.m Little Lambs graduation
- Sunday, May 26 10:55 a.m Graduation Sunday
- Tuesday, May 28 12:00 p.m Sonshine Girls

Save the date - District Superintendent Rev. Denise Bates will be retiring at this annual conference. You're invited to attend her retirement celebration today at Bethlehem UMC in Moneta at 4:00 p.m. Cards and gifts to the Henry Fork Service Center will be appreciated.

The Masters and The Light Hearted - RMUMC will be hosting the Franklin County Community Chorus Spring Concert followed by a reception open to all in the atrium adjoining the Sanctuary. The concert will be held today at 4:00 PM. This will be a farewell concert conducted by Dr. Erma Rose who has directed the Chorus for Thirty Years.

Assistive listening - Devices are available outside the sanctuary.

Options for Children - We offer a staffed nursery as well as a children's church. The nursery is down the hall to the right, and the children's church meets on the fourth floor. Your child is welcome and will be loved!

Sunday Bulletins - In order to ensure the bulletins can be processed, printed, and folded on time, that all materials must be sent in by Tuesday, 12:00 p.m. Email all your materials to admin@rm-umc.org

VBS - Save the date for VBS! June 17 - 21 you're invited to join in with families across Franklin County as we celebrate the good news! Start The Party at Vacation Bible School this summer, hosted by Rocky Mount UMC and in partnership with our neighbors at Rocky Mount Christian. Sign up today to volunteer or register kids at rm-umc.org/vbs.

VBS Volunteers - Have a heart for sharing the gospel with Franklin County families? Love music, paint, and amazing stories of Jesus' ministry? Your gifts and talents are needed! Volunteer to be part of this summer's Vacation Bible School: Start The Party! We'll be sharing stories with children from the gospels the evenings of June 17 - 20 here at Rocky Mount UMC. Whether you're slingin' snacks, decorating spaces, or helping the older kids with a missions project for Henry Fork Service Center, your help is needed. Sign up at rm-umc.org/vbs or speak with Tammy Burdick, VBS Director.