

SPECIAL POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- October 1 -
World Communion
Sunday
- October 15
Laity Sunday
- October 17 -
United Methodist
Women
- October 26 -
Sister Friends'
Coffee and Chat
- October 29 -
Reformation Sunday
- October 29
Singspiration
- October 29
Fellowship Meal

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Gathered as One Body

On World Communion Sunday, observed this year on October 1, Christians across the globe gather at the Lord's Table for the sacrament of Holy Communion. The Lord's Table stretches around the entire earth. Catholic Christians, Coptic Christians, Orthodox Christians, Reformed Christians, Evangelical Christians, Lutheran Christians, Baptist Christians, Anglican Christians, Methodist Christians, Christians who worship in churches bearing names that are unfamiliar to us— all join in worship and do what Christ asked his friends to do: remember him!



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

"This do in remembrance of me," Jesus said during the Last Supper with his disciples. Then he broke the bread as a reminder of his sacrificed body and lifted the cup of wine representing his blood. The sacrament is a vivid symbol of Christ's sacrifice, love and forgiveness for each of us.

As we gather as Christ' family around the table of grace, remember that we are united in Christ with our brothers and sisters around the world. "In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north. All Christly souls are souls are joined as one throughout the whole wide earth" (John Oxenham).

*"I sought to hear the voice of God and climbed the
topmost steeple, but God declared: 'Go down again
— I dwell among the people.'"*

-John Henry Newman



***“... by faith
alone, by grace
alone and by
scripture
alone.”
Martin
Luther***



His parents wanted him to be a lawyer, so he would be able to provide for them in their older years. When he was seventeen, he was walking home in a thunderstorm, when a bolt of lightning hit him. He was knocked to the ground, and called out, “Saint Anne, save me.” Martin Luther survived the lightning strike and set out on his quest to find peace with God. He entered a monastery much to his parent’s disappointment. He became the most disciplined of all the students; his prayer life the most stringent, his devotional life the most regular, his studies the most methodical. His zeal to master the disciplines the church taught that would result in his discovery of this peace was relentless. In his obsession, he became a nuisance to his abbot.

In desperation, the abbot sent Luther to Rome on business for the monastery. After concluding his business, Luther visited all the holy sites and followed all the prescribed rituals recommended for finding peace with God. When Luther climbed the 22 steps in the Vatican and prayed the prayers for each step, he stood up and protested I still have no peace. He returned to Germany and the monastery. The abbot assigned him to teaching the Book of Psalms to the younger monks. When Luther reached Psalm 22, he read, “All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me. They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.” He recognized the psalmist was referring to Jesus, the Son of God. If the Son of God, who had not sinned, suffered and died, how could he, Luther, ever do enough penance to make up for his sins, and be set right with God. He couldn’t. It was impossible. The only way peace with God would ever be possible was by faith, by taking God at his word, and by faith, asking for forgiveness. Martin Luther did just that. In His mercy and kindness, God forgave Luther’s sins. He began to recognize that the church’s practice of and requirement for indulgences to receive forgiveness and find peace with God was not biblical.

On October 31, 1517, he nailed his 95 theses, or grievances, on the door of Wittenberg Cathedral, announcing his challenge for debate of these teaching of the Catholic church. That was the beginning of the Protestant Reformation, that spread across Europe, and provided the head waters for all of the various streams of the Protestant Churches. Our fundamental and unifying conviction is that we are set right with God by faith, faith alone. The church plays a significant role in our understanding of this truth. But the choice of our relationship with God is our individual choice. And it is by believing that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and accepting Him into our lives as Savior and Lord. And our lives are forever changed by this truth.

Bro. John

Healthy Start Baby Shower

The United Methodist Women invite the church to help provide baby items for their Healthy Start Program Baby Shower. Providing for the basic needs of infants and children under the age of 3 can make a big difference in a healthy start. The Florida Health Department's Healthy Start Program offers assistance to low income women and teenagers who are pregnant, as well as their children. All the items donated will be used in Calhoun and Liberty counties.

Donations will be collected the entire month of October. If you wish to make a monetary donation, checks should be made out to the Blountstown United Methodist Women. Checks may be placed in the offering plate,

Healthy Start Baby Shower List

Newborn Diapers

Size 1 Diapers

Size 2 Diapers

Disposable, non prints (the prints cost more and babies are allergic to the dyes.) Buy the "Parent's Choice" brand from Wal-Mart or cheap ones from the Dollar Store.

Baby Wipes—Unscented

Baby socks

Baby Towels and washcloths

Cloth Diapers

Baby Scratch Mittens

Baby Fingernail Clippers

Baby Hats - cloth or knitted

Bibs - with Velcro

Baby Shampoo and Body Wash

Onesies (newborn - 3 months)

Baby Lotion— "Baby Magic or Johnson

Pacifiers - green - Called a Soothie - for newborn

Destin Diaper Rash Cream or Vaseline, or A&D Ointment

Bottles - old fashion, plastic is ok. *Parent's Choice brand"

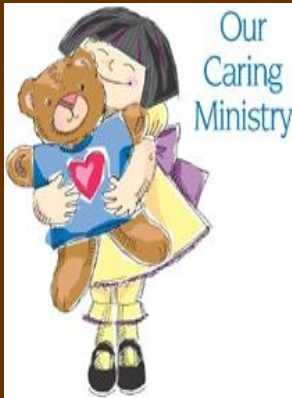
Baby Blankets—thin are better (fabric like thermal underwear is best"



***"God has given us
two hands, one to
receive with and
the other to give
with."***

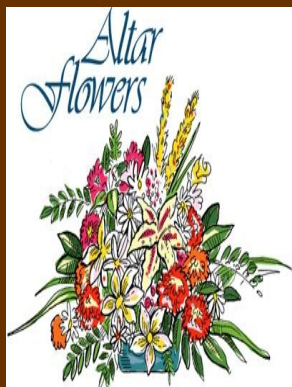
— Billy Graham





... let your
request be made
known to God.

*“Any concern too
small to be
turned into a
prayer is too
small to be made
into a burden.”*
Corrie Ten Boom



Our Caring Ministry

Short Term Concerns

Terry Blair
Joel Butler
Isabella Juarez
Joyce Little
Evelyn Mickler
Joe Rector
Sarah Lynn White

Intercessory

Eric Alford
Rhett Bozeman
Connie Carpenter
Bonnie Hall
Sonny Harrison
Paul Hoff
Angie Jordan
Joe Schrufer
Mary Schrufer
Johann Van Lierop
Laura Williams
Virginia Williams

Those Battling Cancer

Grace Barfield
Terry Blair
Robert Hughes
Heather Leonard
Luke Melvin
Karen Pilcher

Our Shut-Ins

Joe Webb
Ann Weiler

Persecuted Christians

Caregivers

Our Military Ukraine

**Please contact the office with
any updates to this list – Thank
You!**

Just a reminder names placed on Our Caring Ministry List must be submitted through the church office or offering plate. Requests can be made by emails, or phone calls.

FLOWER CALENDAR

October 01 - Dr. Gary Parrish
October 08 - Mr. & Mrs. Alton Carpenter
October 15 - Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Hand
October 22 - Mr. & Mrs. Laddie Williams
October 29 - Mr. & Mrs. Joe Ferguson

Chancel Choir
Wednesdays @
5:30 pm



**Healthy
Living Group
Thursdays
@ 5 P.M.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Offering World Communion Sunday Charmian Register	2	3  Quentin Henderson	4 Bible Study 10:00 am	5	6	7  Julie Jordan
8  Sandra Jines	9	10	11 Bible Study 10:00 am	12	13  Max Herndon	14
15	16  Esther Alford	17 UM Women 10:00 am  Connie Carpenter  Katie Hayes	18 Bible Study 10:00 am	19	20	21
22  April & Mike McCaskill	23  Ann Tucker	24  Pace McCaskill	25 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  John Sheppard	26  Ronnie Hand  Joshua Jordan	27 Sister Friends' Coffee and Chat 10 AM 	28
29 Singspiration Fellowship Meal	30	31	Ushers Hentz McClellan Finlay Corbin Standby Mark Herndon			



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**Glorifying God by loving and leading all
people to Christ.**

PRAY FOR THESE FAMILIES

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| 1. Barbara Wilson /
Eric Alford | 12. Dottie & Bob Fleck /
Mary Flowers | 23. Seth Jones Family /
Billy Jordan Family |
| 2. Esther Alford /
Gina Averett Family | 13. Frank Gates /
Holly Gates | 24. Tiffany Jordan Family /
Becki Kastli |
| 3. Dresia Barfield /
John Barfield Family | 14. Bill Gaskin /
Montez Golden | 25. Cathy & Glenn Kimbrel /
Jonathan Kimbrel Family |
| 4. Wynelle Bateman /
Vicki Bennett Family | 15. Mildred Guilford /
Bonnie Hall | 26. John King /
Clay Knight |
| 5. Connie & Alton Carpenter /
Betty Ann Cayson | 16. Peggy Hall /
Norah Handley | 27. Annie Jo Landers Family /
Hester Leonard |
| 6. Ron Copeland Family /
Jane Creamer | 17. Louise & Sonny Harrison /
Trevor Haser Family | 28. Alva Martin /
Sally & Mike Mayo |
| 7. David Corbin Family /
Donna & Finlay Corbin | 18. Eileen Hatch /
Brooks Hayes Family | 29. Gail & Joe Mike McCaskill /
Marc McCaskill Family |
| 8. Peggy & Jimmy Cox /
Steve Cox | 19. Cheri & Quentin Henderson /
Mark Herndon Family | 30. Michael McCaskill Family /
Barbara & Hentz McClellan |
| 9. Gina & Tyler Cox /
Joe Durden Family | 20. Jackie & David House /
John David House Family | 31. Danita & Glen McClellan /
Kyle McClellan Family |
| 10. Kelby Durham /
Debbie & Tommy Edwards | 21. Owen House /
Nick Hughes Family | |
| 11. Norma Failes /
Gale & Joe Ferguson | 22. Laurie James Family /
Sandra & Jim Jines | |