

# The Church at Worship

October 15, 2017

11:00 A.M.

## Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



† Indicates the congregation shall stand.

### We Gather To Meet God

Chiming of the Hour	
News of the Church	10:55 a.m. Phil Smith
Prelude	Organ <i>Sonata no. 3 in A Major, Op.65 no. 3: Andante Tranquillo</i> Felix Mendelssohn
† Greetings & Hymn of Praise No. 73 <i>O Worship the King</i>	Phil Smith LYONS
† Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles' Creed
<b>I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.</b>	
<b>I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.</b>	
* universal	
† Gloria Patri	MEINEKE <b>Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.</b>
Prayers for the People	Phil Smith
Responsive Reading from Psalm 106	Randy Mayberry
Praise the LORD! <b>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.</b> Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD, or declare all his praise? <b>Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.</b>	

Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people;  
help me when you deliver them;  
**that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,  
that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,  
that I may glory in your heritage.**  
Both we and our ancestors have sinned;  
we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.  
**They made a calf at Horeb  
and worshiped a cast image.**  
They exchanged the glory of God  
for the image of an ox that eats grass.  
**They forgot God, their Savior,  
who had done great things in Egypt,**  
wondrous works in the land of Ham,  
and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.  
**Therefore he said he would destroy them-  
had not Moses, his chosen one,  
stood in the breach before him,  
to turn away his wrath from destroying them.**

† Offertory Hymn No. 378 <i>Amazing Grace</i>	Pastor Stan AMAZING GRACE
Offering of Our Tithes & Gifts	Organ <b>OLD 100th</b>
† Doxology	<b>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</b>
Children's Message	Caroline McDaniel <small>(Children Pre-K, Kindergarten &amp; First Grades are invited to Children's Church.)</small>

### God Speaks Through His Word

Act of Praise	Adult Choir <i>His Eye is on the Sparrow</i>
Introduction of speaker	Pastor Stan
Homecoming Sermon	Rev. Mike McAfee

### We Respond To God's Word

Invitation to Christian Discipleship	
† Closing Hymn. No. 348 (V. 1 & 4) <i>Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling</i>	Pastor Stan THOMPSON
† Benediction	
Postlude	Organ



The rosebud is in honor of Benjamin Luke "Ben Luke" McAfee.

Ben Luke was born September 8,  
he is the son of Molly & Alex McAfee.

Sunday, October 15: SUMC Homecoming Celebration  
11:00 a.m. Rev. Mike McAfee  
6:00 p.m. Rev. Jimmy Cason  
Luncheon following our morning service.

Thursday, October 19: Open House 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Jennifer Tillirson and Kim David will be coordinating this event  
with Katie Moncus from the Washington County Chamber of  
Commerce. We will have a ribbon cutting ceremony, food and  
fellowship.



### Sunny Day Farm Children's Ministry Trip

On Saturday, October 21 we will be taking a trip to Sunny Day  
Farm in Louisville. All Children Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited.  
Parents are also invited especially if your child is in Pre-k – 1<sup>st</sup>  
grade. The cost is \$10 per person which includes activities and a  
sack lunch. Concession stand and Pumpkin painting are also  
available at an additional cost. We will Leave the church  
at 9:00 am and return at 1:30 pm. Please contact Eric at  
[ehindmon@sandersvilleumc.org](mailto:ehindmon@sandersvilleumc.org) for more information.

### Youth & Children's News for October:

October 15: The SNL kids grades 2-5 will sing for our  
Homecoming Service Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. Kids need to  
be at church by 5:30 to rehearse.  
Children's church for pre-k through first grade and the nursery is  
available.

October 22: SNL is back pre-k through 12th grade.

October 29: Fall Festival All families are invited to attend  
this fun event! More news is coming very soon!

If you are interested in helping with meals on Sunday night then  
please see Neshelle Bailey or Eric.

### October 1 – October 29: Annual Fruit sale!

Please see one of our middle or high school students to  
purchase fruit for our annual Fundraiser!

**Please join us for lunch in the fellowship hall  
following our 11:00 a.m. service.**

## Flowers for Worship

The flowers in the sanctuary  
are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of  
our grandchildren:

**Tut, Kate, Elle and Griffin**

By Mr. & Mrs. Sonny Barksdale



In memory of  
**Julia Wood**  
given by

SUMC Adult Fellowship Class  
to the altar fund.

In memory of  
**Sue Hausladen**  
given by

Norma & Clyde Wright  
to the building fund.

In memory of  
**Julia Wood**  
given by:

Mary Jean Moore,  
Nancy & Ben Tarbuton, Jr.  
to the building fund.

In memory of  
**David Wickersham**

given by: Mary Jean Moore,  
Barbara Sheppard & Family,  
Norma & Clyde Wright  
to the building fund.

In memory of  
**David Wickersham**

given by  
Anne Bivings  
to the SUMC Choir fund.

In honor of  
**Jennifer Tillirson**

given by  
Dianne & Cliff Sheppard  
to Bread of Life.

### Preschool Annual Nut Sale

The Sandersville United Methodist  
Preschool is selling nuts  
to raise money for the preschool  
program. All of the products are  
from the Atwell Pecan Company in  
Wrens and are of excellent  
quality. Please contact Patti Hitchcock  
at 478-232-1739 if you would  
like to place an order.  
Orders are due on October 29.

### Next week at Sandersville UMC

#### Sunday, October 15

10:00 a.m. Sunday School\*  
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary\*  
12:00p.m. Homecoming Lunch in the fellowship hall  
6:00 p.m. Worship - Sanctuary\*

#### Monday, October 16

7:00 p.m. UMW meeting in Heritage Hall

#### Tuesday, October 17

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
12:30 P.M. Stewardship Meeting Geo D.  
Conference room

#### Wednesday, October 18

10:00 a.m. Newell S. Thompson Circle  
4:00 p.m. BOL  
6:00 p.m. Small Groups  
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir practice

#### **\*Nursery Provided**

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#### Assisting in Worship

##### Worship Leader

Phil Smith

##### Lay Reader

Randy Mayberry

##### Usher Captain

Steve Joiner

##### Acolytes

Mary Thomas Smith

Elizabeth Tarbuton

##### Children's Church

Lindsey Noggle

Sydney Barrett

##### Children's Message

Caroline McDaniel

##### Infant Nursery Volunteer

Erin Gatliff

##### Toddler Nursery Volunteer

Peyton Prince

##### Oliver's Outreach

Deana & Ken Bibb

Randy Mayberry

## In Our Prayers Our Church Family

Tarver Averett Billy Kay  
Edna Bailey Tommy Walker  
Pete Booth Mary James Wright  
Ronnie Dorman

#### ECF Residents:

Alice Carlson  
Barbara Turner  
Sue Durden

#### Home Bound:

Frances Miller Carolyn Craft  
Margaret Carr

#### Heritage Inn:

Idanne Buhler

#### Tennille Assisted Living:

Carol Raines

Debbie Stanley

#### Pruitt Magnolia Manor (Moultrie GA):

JoAnn Marshall

### Friends & Family of the Church

Family of Corey Cowart

*(Debbie Wilcher's nephew)*

William Hood

*(Leslie Meeks' father)*

Mary Jean Wilson

*(Martha Armstrong's sister in law)*

Sheriff Thomas Smith

Shannon Everett

Jessie McWhorter

*(Jessalyn Alexander's grandmother)*

Casey Ogden

Robbie Theile

Cecilia Ashley

Sissy English Cooper

*(Ted English's sister)*

Allyson Maffett

*(Patti Hitchcock's friend)*

Joy Lord

*(Brownie Barksdale's friend)*

John Dickey

Tom Siepp

Pat Wolfe



**Please continue to save your  
cans for Glenn. You may  
drop them off at the church  
office with Felicia.**

### Attendance & Stewardship

October 8, 2017

Sunday School	77
9:00 a.m. Worship	28
11:00 a.m. Worship	131
Total Worship	159
Weekly Need:	\$ 9,920.85
Given This Week:	\$ 5,642.04
Year to Date Need:	\$ 396,834.00
Given Year to Date:	\$ 392,274.17
Pledged:	\$ 515,884.20

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## Homecoming Celebration

Homecoming is a happy occasion! It is that for college alumni returning to their alma mater, for family members reunited after an absence, for persons who completed their assignments and can come home again. A well-known song from the Civil War era expresses happiness at the thought of a soldier's homecoming. A hearty welcome awaits him: "The church bell will peal with joy; the laurel [wreath] is ready now to grace his loyal brow."

There was joy when the Son of God, having completed His work on earth, returned home in triumph. Jesus' ascension, 40 days after His resurrection, marked His heavenly homecoming. Saint Paul wrote of it: "He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe" (Ephesians 4:10). He, the Maker of all things, now resumed His throne in heaven to rule the universe. Sitting at the Father's right hand, He especially governs and protects the church, of which He is the Head.

As we celebrate our Homecoming, let it be a reminder of how Sandersville United Methodist Church has been a blessing to us throughout the years. Of all the wonderful fellowships and the relationships we've established, of all the many ways we've grown through its ministries and its people, and of the ways it has challenged, encouraged, and supported us.

And let Homecoming be a reminder of our responsibility to each other, as "the flock" which God has drawn to this wonderful church. As God's church, we are called to love and accept one another. Let us show that same love and acceptance to those in our community, as we seek to serve them.

And most of all, let our Homecoming be a reminder of the sacrifice Christ made for His church. It was His sacrifice which gives us something to celebrate on this special day in the life of Sandersville United Methodist Church!