

OUR PRAYER PAGE

for the week of August 9, 2026

Hudson Best	Ron Bowers
Tia Boyce	Sheryl Dean
Bob & Shirley Farnham	Marsha Graham
Donna & Valerie Grubb	Todd Hackney
Laura Keyes	Tom & Bonnie Linerode
Michael Masters	Nancy Springer
The Sullivan Family	Priscilla Swegheimer
Bruce & Lisa Tennis	Greg & Rose Wade
Tiffany Wallace	Kathy Wilks

Family and Friends of David Kibler and Steve Marshall

Audrey Wood-Clayton, Green Meadows
Craig & Carol Datz, Bel-Air
Peggy Hawkins, Virginia
June Truax, Green Meadows

Our Compassion Child: Maria Valentina (Colombia)
Mission of the Month: Mission Marlinton

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Welcome to **SCIENCE HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH**

*“To joyfully share the good news of Jesus Christ
and lovingly care for others.”*

9:30 a.m. August 9, 2026

PRELUDE

WELCOME

MISSION MOMENT *Mission Marlinton*

*CALL TO WORSHIP *God’s Love and Mercy #69*

*HYMN *10,000 Reasons (video)*

SCRIPTURE READING (seated) *Matthew 18:21-35*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER CHORUS (seated) *There Shall Be Showers of Blessing (insert)*

PRAYER

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE *Derek Swegheimer*

OFFERTORY *Thank you for your tithes and offerings.
They can be placed in the wooden box before or after the service.*

*DOXOLOGY #809 and PRAYER

*HYMN *O How Blest Are the Poor in Spirit #603*

*TODAY’S BEATITUDE *Matthew 5:1-7*

MESSAGE *“The Mercy Rule”*

*HYMN *There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy #486*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESSIONAL

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**(Indicates standing as you are able.)*

The Elders are available to pray with you following worship.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Jonathan Truax Pianist: Nancy Springer
Secretary/Treasurer: Theresa Marks
Children’s Ministry Director: Holly Swegheimer
Custodians: J & D Cleaning Service / Elizabeth Courtwright

THANK YOU FOR SERVING OUR CHURCH

Greeters: Mike and Jenn Wilks
Ushers: Jim and Erma Hastings
Liturgist: Jan Raber
Bell Ringer: Natalie Stropki
Acolyte: Nathan Stropki
Sound/Video: Bailey Courtwright

FAITHFULNESS LAST WEEK

August 2nd: Attendance: In-person 62 and On-line 16
Offering: \$8501.00

THIS WEEK

...Today: 9am Prayer Time; 9:30am Worship
...Monday: 2pm Tech Committee; 7pm Consistory, the Spiritual Council
...Tuesday: Serving the community dinner at Christ United Methodist Church at 4:30pm
...Wednesday: 6pm Financial Peace (last session)
...Saturday: Lunch & Learn from 11:30am – 1:30pm is “Identity Theft – Protecting Yourself Against Scams.”
...Next Sunday: 9am Prayer Time; 9:30am Worship - Outdoors

NOTICES

...The Altar Flowers today are given by the family of Linda Geisse, who passed to eternal rest on July 30, 2026.
...August Mission Offering: Mission Marlinton
...Science Hill Book Club: “Broken Bread,” by Tilly Dillehay. Find out how to stop using food and fear to fill spiritual hunger. Gathering for discussion will be Thursday, September 17th at 6pm.
...Sign up for tickets to “Elijah: Prophet of Fire” and dinner in Amish Country on Saturday, October 17th. Limited tickets are available and there is a sign-up sheet in the Science Hill Room. Tickets are \$70 and include the dinner and show.
...Community Connection will resume every Tuesday at 6pm beginning with September 15th. We begin with a shared meal then classes for all.

***CALL TO WORSHIP: #69 God's Love and Mercy**

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits –

L: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

P: The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

L: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

P: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

L: As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.

P: As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

L: But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

P: The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

L: Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, obedient to his spoken word.

P: Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will.

L: Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

***HYMN 10,000 Reasons (insert)**

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 18:21-35

Forgiveness

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made.

So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.'

Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until

he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

PRAYER CHORUS: There Shall Be Showers of Blessing (insert)

1. There shall be showers of blessing; this is the promise of love.

There shall be seasons refreshing, sent from the Savior above.

*Refrain: Showers of blessing, showers of blessing we need;
mercy drops round us are falling, but for the showers we
plead.*

2. There shall be showers of blessing, precious reviving again.

Over the hills and the valleys, sound of abundance of rain.

Refrain

3. There shall be showers of blessing, send them upon us, O Lord.

Grant to us now a refreshing, come, and now honor thy Word.

Refrain

4. There shall be showers of blessing, O that today they might fall.

Now as to God we're confessing, now as on Jesus we call.

Refrain

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY #809**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

***HYMN #603 O How Blest Are the Poor in Spirit**

1. O how blest are the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of heaven; and how blest are the sad and mournful – they'll be consoled by God.

Refrain: Blest and happy we shall be = listen to the Master's word! Soon the kingdom's coming – watch and see: the kingdom of the Lord!

2. O how blest are the meek and humble, they will inherit the earth; and how blest those who hunger for goodness – they all will feast with God.

Refrain

3. O how blest are the mercy-givers, such mercy they will receive; and how blest are the pure in heart – they surely will see God.

Refrain

4. O how blest are the true peace-makers, they will be known as God's children; and how blest those who suffer for justice – they will be honored by God.

Refrain

***TODAY'S BEATITUDE: Matthew 5:1-7**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.”

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.”

***HYMN: #486 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.

2. There is welcome for the sinner and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.

3. For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

4. If our love were but more simple, we would take him at his word,
and our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.