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“Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Sunday, June 22nd, 2025

Rev. Dr. Andreá Cummings, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Johnsie Cogman, District Superintendent
LaTrelle Miller Easterling, Presiding Bishop



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Second Sunday after Pentecost

****Please stand as you are able in body or spirit***

Prelude~ “Praise Him”

Welcome~

****Opening Hymn~ “I’m So Glad” - #238 AAHH***

Opening Prayer

****Offering***

***Doxology~ “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”~#650
AAHH***

***Prayer of Illumination: Holy, Holy, Holy God, your words
feed us, the Word frees us, and the Spirit gives us life. Grant
our ears an appetite for hearing and our spirits strength for
loving you. Amen.***

****The Scripture Readings***

***First Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-15: Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah
had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword.
Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the
gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life like the
life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” Then he was afraid;
he got up and fled for his life and came to Beer-sheba, which
belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a
day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under
a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, “It is enough;
now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no***

Ready to Join?

*Please complete the form and hand it to an usher. Pastor
Cummings will reach out to you to arrange a time to discuss the
membership vows and the date for you to join.*

What are our membership vows?

*Vows are taken when a person joins a United Methodist Church
as a baptized or professing member. By taking the baptismal
and local church membership vows, the individual agrees to
covenant with God and the local church members to keep the
vows that are part of living the baptismal covenant and
reception into membership in the local church.*

*These vows have four parts: (1) to confess Jesus Christ as Lord
and Savior; (2) to believe in the Christian faith as contained in
the Old and New Testaments; (3) to support The United
Methodist Church; and (4) to uphold the local congregation
with one's prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.*

Name(s)_____

Address_____

Phone/Email_____

Mark your Calendar

Summer Cleaning: Join us to clean the church and enhance its exterior appearance. We will volunteer to pull weeds, pick up, and lay down new mulch. Lunch will be provided. We will begin cleaning at 8:00 a.m. and finish at 1:00 p.m. on June 28th. Contact Sis. Kim Scriber.

Homecoming Committee: If you would like to join the Homecoming Committee, please contact the chair, Sis. Judy Butler.

Pastor Anniversary Committee: If you would like to help plan Pastor Cummings' 3rd Pastoral Anniversary, please contact Min. Kevin Harris.

Cleaning Committee: We are seeking volunteers to assist with cleaning the church. Please contact Sis. Kim Scriber for more information.

Flowers for the Sanctuary: Purchase flowers in honor of a loved one, anniversary, birthday, celebration, or other special occasion. Contact Sis. Janie, with any questions.

better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus.

***Psalm Reading~ Psalter 77, 1-11**

***Second Reading:** Galatians 3:23-29: Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would

be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Song of Preparation ~ "Lord, We Praise You"

****Gospel Reading~ Luke 8:26-39:*** *Then they arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me," for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the*

demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Proclamation ~ Min. Kevin Harris

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed) ~ pg. 881 UMH

Prayers of the People: Response - Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Announcements

****Closing Hymn~ "Always Remember" - #640 AAHH***

****Benediction~ Min. Kevin Harris***