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***If you have an announcement or prayer request, please email it to zionlexpk@gmail.com by Wednesday.**



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

Sunday, August 10th, 2025

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



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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude~ “I Will Sing Hallelujah”

Welcome~ Rev. Dr. Andrea Cummings

****Opening Hymn~ “Just a Little Talk with Jesus” - #378 AAHH***

Opening Prayer

****Offering***

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

Prayer of Illumination: Oh God, by your Spirit enlighten us; illumine us; transform us for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom we live. Amen.

****The Scripture Readings***

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6: After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O LORD God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him,

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

The Unified Board Meeting is scheduled for August 12th at 6:00 p.m. in person and via Zoom. We encourage all members to attend. To submit an agenda item, email Sis. Stephanie Lee at stephanielee13@gmail.com ten days prior to the meeting. Please make plans to attend if you submit a request to the board.

Annual Homecoming is August 24, 2025. The theme is “Faith Through the Generations: A Legacy of Testimonials.” Supporting Scripture: “For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations. ~ Psalm 100:5.” The colors are shades of blue and white. The committee is requesting a **donation of \$50.00** in addition to your regular tithes. If you would like to join the Homecoming Committee, please contact the chair, Sis. Judy Butler.

Pastor Cummings’s 3rd Anniversary celebration will be held on September 14, 2025. If you’d like to help plan Pastor Cummings’ 3rd Pastoral Anniversary, please reach out to 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.

“So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

****Psalm Reading~*** Psalter 767, Response #2, verses 12-22

****Second Reading:*** Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith, with Sarah’s involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Song of Preparation ~ “Lord I Believe”

***Gospel Reading:** Luke 12:32-40: “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Proclamation~ Dr. Cummings

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Affirmation of Faith~ 881 UMH

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

Prayer of confession, assurance, and pardon~ pg. 8 UMH

Thanksgiving & Communion~ pg. 9-11 UMH

Post Communion Prayer: *Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

Announcements

***Closing Hymn~** Till We Gather Again - #638 AAHH

***Benediction~** Dr. Cummings