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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 31st, 2025

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



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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
****Please stand as you are able in body or spirit***

Prelude~ "Bless the Lord" - #105 AAHH

Welcome

****Opening Hymn~ "Since Jesus Came into My Heart"***
#499 AAHH

Opening Prayer

****Offering***

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

Prayer of Illumination: God of Wisdom, open us to the work of your Spirit, that we may hear and faithfully respond to your holy Word. Amen.

****The Scripture Readings***

First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7: *Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.*

****Psalm Reading~ Psalter 833, verses 1-10***

****Second Reading:*** Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16: *Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison*

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 Sept. 9th at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom only. 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.

Bishop's Day on the District is on September 10 @ 6 pm at ST. Matthews UMC in Bowie, MD. This will be a time to meet with the clergy and laity of the district for sharing and interaction. As our new structure takes effect and we begin new relationships on the Two Rivers District and across the area, this will be an important time of connection. This is an in-person meeting and will not be livestreamed or recorded.

Pastor Cummings's 3rd Anniversary celebration will take place on September 14, 2025. Our theme is "A Good Example," inspired by 1 Peter 5:2-3. The guest speaker is Rev. Chania Dillard. There will be one service at 10:30 a.m., followed by a meal. The colors are purple and white. The committee requests a \$50 love offering in addition to regular giving. Members are encouraged to give cards and gifts to the pastor individually.

The 145th Church Anniversary celebration will take place on October 14th at 10:30 a.m. If you would like to join the planning committee, please contact Sis. Omega Taylor.

***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.**

with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Song of Preparation ~ "No Not One" - #308 AAHH

****Gospel Reading:* Luke 13:10-17: Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a**

sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?” When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

Proclamation~ Sis. Sheila Milburn

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Affirmation of Faith~ 881 UMH

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

Announcements

****Closing Hymn~ “God be with You” - #639 AAGG***

****Benediction~ Sis. Sheila Milburn***



JESUS MAFA. The poor invited to the feast, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN