

Loving, Learning and Serving Together

TODAY (8:30 am) Worship at New Hope UMC
(10 am) Worship at Highland UMC
(7 pm) Community Celtic Worship at St. Peter's Episcopal

FRIDAY (7 pm) Movie Night at Highland UMC

SATURDAY (6 pm) Like the Moon followed by The Harwell Grice Band at Antioch COB

September 9 (9 am) Donuts and Devotions in the Fellowship Hall *2nd Sundays*
Mini Mission Encounter at Smith Memorial UMC
(6 pm) Ice Cream Social at Antioch COB

September 15 Meals and Visiting—see Jennifer Brubaker

September 16 (7:30am) Men's Breakfast at the Roanoker

September 17 (7 pm) UMW *Every 3rd Monday (No meetings Jan, Feb or July)*

September 19 (Noon) Community Lunch at Bethany *Every 3rd Wed. of month*

September 20 Newsletter Due

September 21-22 Piedmont Women's Retreat at Pheobe Needles

September 22 Pastor Amy in Richmond for VA Conference Cooperative Parish Workshop

September 23 Pot Luck with Outdoor Games Hosted by the Youth

September 28 (7pm) Franklin County HS Football Game

September 30 Diabetes Walk

October 7 Council Meeting

October 5-7 Smith Mtn. Lake Charity Home Tour

October 14 (3 pm) Danville District UMC Annual Meeting Halesford UMC

October 19 (7 pm) Franklin County HS Football Game

October 20 (9:30-Noon) Charge Conference at Fairview UMC
Fairview UMC, 1013 Westover Drive, Danville.

October 24 Garden Club meets at Highland UMC

November 2 (7 pm) Franklin County HS Football Game

February 23-26, 2019 Called General Conference of the UMC

Wayne, Marie, Anthony, and Steven Stanley received a card with this poem on it. Marie wanted to share it with the congregation since so many are going through so much.

Jesus, The Great Physician

A physician will ask you how you fell
and what your symptoms are;
The Great Physician knows how you feel and
understands what you are going through.

A physician will have you come to the office;
The Great Physician will stay with you and never leave your side.

A physician will show professional concern for you;
The Great Physician will show you true compassion.

A physician will treat you with the best medicine available;
The Great Physician will treat you with the riches of His grace.

A physician will follow your progress with periodic visits;
The Great Physician will keep you in His constant care.

A physician will send you a bill for services rendered;
The Great Physician does His work without charge.

A physician tries his very best to help you;
The Great Physician assures you that your life
couldn't be in better hands!

*I know you're in the best of care, and
I'm praying that you'll soon be well.*

Communion Prayer for September 2, 2018

Like coming home after a very long day, dog tired, shouldered with burdens and worries, Jesus greets us with supper. He holds out a seat for us and we scoot up to the table, eating with other children of God who know about life; we break bread together.

Grey haired Moses shares how old age changes life
—what one can do and can't do;
when your walker can't walk you over there anymore;
when hopes and dreams change, he says:

“Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread...because it is the Lord your God who goes with you; God will not fail or forsake you.”
(Deuteronomy 31:6)

Young Joshua mourns, grieves the death of a loved one,
facing living and breathing in new ways, he says:

“Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”
(Joshua 1:9)

King David, facing his dying and death,
passes on plans and promises to the next generation:
“Be strong and of good courage. Do not be afraid or dismayed for the Lord God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you.”
(1 Chronicles 22:13, 28:20)

Passionate prophet Isaiah, wishes he could just shake the sin right out of us; how we hurt ourselves, each other, he counsels
Each one—help the other—say to each other —“Take courage.”
(Isaiah 41:6)

Daniel, with a lion's fur shirt and lion's teeth necklace listens to the woe of what it is like to live different than the world; to live counter to the culture, he comforts:

“Do not fear, greatly beloved, you are safe. Be strong and courageous.”
(Daniel 10:19)

Pastor Paul, smelly from jail and smudged with black ink from all his letter writing, bemoans all the grudges and groans, fights and feuds in the church—he shouts:

“Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.”
(1 Corinthians 16:13)

Jesus, reaching out with scarred hands, breaks the bread saying,
“Take, eat this is my Body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then, his rough carpetner hands wrap around the cup:

“Drink this, all of you, this is my blood, shed for you, the new covenant poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.”

For all you face, Jesus prays, **“Take courage, I have conquered the world.”**
(John 16:33)

In the shame, suffering of body and spirit, sorrows and fears,
“Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord.”
(Psalm 31)

Paul, shaking the ship wreck sand out of his sandals, rises to get the apple pie: **“Keep your courage, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as we have been told.”**
(Acts 27:25)

O Holy Spirit, make this meal Christ's courage to pray, love, and serve, so that in our living and dying, we be One with you and One with each other and all the world. We offer ourselves with all Christ offers us with sure and certain hope until we are home with Jesus and all his faithful followers, praising God forever more. Amen.