

MAKING DISTINCTIONS

DOERS OF THE WORD WORSHIP SERIES



South Hill United Methodist Church
September 5th, 2021
11:00 am

**15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 5th, 2021**

ENTRANCE

GATHERING, WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Abide with Me”

Diggle

ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

*OPENING PRAYER

Alan Paton, South Africa, 20th Cent.

**O Lord,
open my eyes that I may see the needs of others;
open my ears that I may hear their cries;
open my heart so that they need not be without succor;
let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger
of the strong,
nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich.
Show me where love and hope and faith are needed,
and use me to bring them to those places.
And so open my eyes and my ears
that I may this coming day be able to do some work of peace for
thee. Amen.**

*HYMN

O Crucified Redeemer

UMH 425

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you,
And also with you.*

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

*GOSPEL READING *Mark 7 : 24 – 37* pg. 713

EPISTLE READING *James 2 : 1 – 17* pg. 854

CHILDRENS TIME

MESSAGE Making Distinctions Rev. Brian Siegle

RESPONSE

PRAYER

**You asked for my hands,
that you might use them for your purpose.
I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them,
for the work was hard.
You asked for my mouth
to speak out against injustice.
I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.
You asked for my eyes
to see the pain of poverty.
I closed them, for I did not want to see.
You asked for my life,
that you might work through me.
I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved.
Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you –
only when it is convenient for me to do so,
only in those places where it is safe to do so,
and only with those who make it easy to do so.
Father, forgive me,
renew me, send me out
as a usable instrument,
that I might take seriously
the meaning of your cross. Amen.**

CONCERNS, CELEBRATIONS, AND TESTIMONIES

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

UMH 438

*BENEDICTION

*FOLLOWING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*POSTLUDE

Immortal, Invisible

Linker

*Those who are able, please stand

James 2: 1 – 17

Don't show favoritism

2 My brothers and sisters, when you show favoritism you deny the faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has been resurrected in glory. ² Imagine two people coming into your meeting. One has a gold ring and fine clothes, while the other is poor, dressed in filthy rags. ³ Then suppose that you were to take special notice of the one wearing fine clothes, saying, "Here's an excellent place. Sit here." But to the poor person you say, "Stand over there"; or, "Here, sit at my feet." ⁴ Wouldn't you have shown favoritism among yourselves and become evil-minded judges?

⁵ My dear brothers and sisters, listen! Hasn't God chosen those who are poor by worldly standards to be rich in terms of faith? Hasn't God chosen the poor as heirs of the kingdom he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Don't the wealthy make life difficult for you? Aren't they the ones who drag you into court? ⁷ Aren't they the ones who insult the good name spoken over you at your baptism?

⁸ You do well when you really fulfill the royal law found in scripture, *Love your neighbor as yourself*. ⁹ But when you show favoritism, you are committing a sin, and by that same law you are exposed as a lawbreaker. ¹⁰ Anyone who tries to keep all of the Law but fails at one point is guilty of failing to keep all of it. ¹¹ The one who

said, *Don't commit adultery*, also said, *Don't commit murder*. So if you don't commit adultery but do commit murder, you are a lawbreaker. ¹² In every way, then, speak and act as people who will be judged by the law of freedom. ¹³ There will be no mercy in judgment for anyone who hasn't shown mercy. Mercy overrules judgment.

Showing faith

¹⁴ My brothers and sisters, what good is it if people say they have faith but do nothing to show it? Claiming to have faith can't save anyone, can it? ¹⁵ Imagine a brother or sister who is naked and never has enough food to eat. ¹⁶ What if one of you said, "Go in peace! Stay warm! Have a nice meal!"? What good is it if you don't actually give them what their body needs? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith is dead when it doesn't result in faithful activity.

Notes:

It is a privilege to worship the Lord and get our loves in tune with the will of God. Joyfully, we welcome all who have come. We are thankful to have you here today.

This Week at South Hill UMC

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| Today: | 8:45 am | Worship Service |
| | 9:45 am | Sunday School |
| | 11:00 am | In-person & Online Worship in Sanctuary |
| Tuesday: | 7:30 pm | Synago |
| Wednesday: | 8:00 pm | AA Group |
| Friday: | 7:00 pm | AA Group |
| Saturday: | 8 – 3 | Upper Room Sale |

Next Week's Sermon:

James 3: 1 - 12

Taming the Tongue

Coming Events:

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| September 6 th | Labor Day Holiday – Office Closed |
| September 7 th | Bible Study begins 10:00am |
| September 12 th | Youth Kick Off begins |
| September 13 th | United Methodist Women's Meeting 10:00am |
| September 14 th | Finance Meeting 5:30 pm |
| September 15 th | October/November Newsletter Articles Due |
| September 19 th | Church Council Meeting 12:15 p |

This Week's Worship Team

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| Liturgist: | Jim Hofler |
| Teller: | Cammie Puckett |
| Music Director/Organist: | Jimmie Crowder, Jr. |
| Worship Technician: | Sophie Crowder |
| Bishop: | Sharma D. Lewis |
| District Superintendent: | James H. Carey, Jr. |

Known Prayer Concerns: Members

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| Bristol Glen: Ethel Klingenberg | Chestnut Grove: Georgia Shoop | Harmony: Dan Wilson |
| Hundley Center: Jo Carol Cole | Petersburg Home for Ladies: Marjorie Grammer | |
| Pineview: Ann Nichols | Missionaries: Guthrie Family and Annie Judd | |

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Doris Turner, also for the family of Maxine Crowder.

Home:

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| Shirley Carrillo | Herbert Farrar | Doris & Virgil Peters |
| Brenda Child | Ann Hardin | Brandon Spence |
| Anne Cole | Lynn Haskins | Roger Tanner |
| Paul, Nancy & Peggy Conner | Barbara Hudson | Julia Taylor |
| Mary Coulter | Billy Judd | Herbert & Deborah Tuck |
| Maxine Crowder | Evelyn Lambert | Martin & Shirley Wetherbee |
| Donald Curtis | Lewis Nichols | Dylan Willis |
| Betty Young | George Pearson | Sam Moore |

Family & Friends:

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| Amanda Turner Haithcock | Delores K. Allen | Heather Kemp |
| Baby Mackenzie | Betty Campbell | Judi C. Newman |
| Rev. Deb Shipp | Linda Montgomery | Jackson Pegram |
| Christopher Brack | Queen Williams | Marsha R. Smith |
| Rachel Clary | Our Leaders & Our Nation | Robert Smith |
| Hope Zincone | Transformation at SHUMC | |

Church Office Hours This Week

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Office phone: 434-447-4761

Notes of Interest

September Special Offering - The Bread Box is a non-profit organization that helps supplement the food needs of those in the South Hill Area. Give as you feel led.



Registration is open for the Foundation Golf Classic, an event to benefit the Foundation's Grant Ministry! The tournament will be followed by a celebratory dinner to commemorate the Foundation's 50th Anniversary! Secure your spot by registering today.



- When: October 11, 2021
- Range opens at noon. Shotgun start at 1pm, rain or shine!
- Where: Independence Golf Club (600 Founders Bridge Blvd, Midlothian, VA)
- Box lunch will be provided.
- Entry Fee: \$125/player or \$500/team

ANNOUNCEMENT

INSTALLATION SERVICE for James H. Carey, Jr. District Superintendent of the Farmville District September 19, 3 p.m. Farmville United Methodist Church Laity and clergy, your attendance will make this a memorable day for Jay. Come to hear him speak, then take time to welcome him and his wife, Ann, after the service. As of now, there will be a reception after this special service. *We will be taking the van*

Charge Conference - October 6th, 6:30PAM at Boydton UMC, 25 Bank Street, Boydton, VA 23917 Every church/charge must have officers (laity) and their pastor in attendance. If not, it is not an official charge conference for you. Please plan now to be in attendance.



Youth Kick-Off starts September 12th!

9/11 and the New Middle East Conference—sponsored by Chosen People Ministries and the Alliance for the Peace of Jerusalem, is designed to help our faith family in New York City and around the globe honor the fallen and survivors on the twentieth anniversary of 9/11 and to see the New Middle East through the lens of Scripture.

Please join us in the Sanctuary for 9/11 and the *New Middle East* on Friday and Saturday, **September 10–11, 2021.**

If you are visiting us, kindly take a moment to complete the Visitor Card and place it in the offering plate.

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