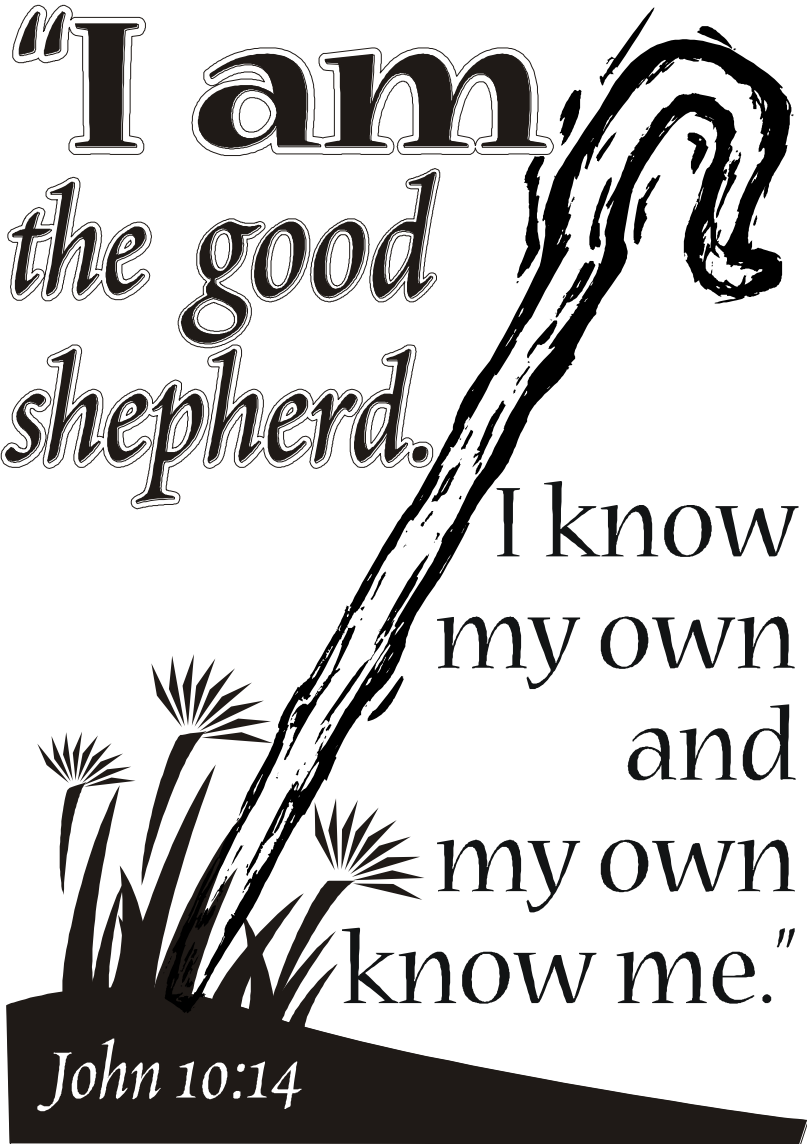


Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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**"I am
the good
shepherd.**



I know
my own
and
my own
know me."

John 10:14

The Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

The Welcome and Announcements

*The Call to Worship

In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name.

Illumine our homes with the light of your love.

We thank you for gifts of love we have received.

**From our mothers and those who have served as mothers in many ways,
nourishing us and guiding us as we grow to be who we are.**

As we have been loved by them, so we are loved by you, O God. Join with us in this day of celebration as we rejoice in being loved.

As you grant us peace in Christ Jesus our Lord, so we come to worship in His holy name.

*Hymn

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

UMH 381

The Opening Prayer

Dear God, We thank you for mothers. We thank you for all those who care for us in quiet, often unrecognized ways; we thank you for all those who care for others in patience and love. We are sorry for those times when we have failed to care for others and pray that you will teach us to care as you do and that you will hold all mothers and caregivers in the light of your presence and guide them to you. **Amen.**

Time of Sharing and Prayer

Celebrations of God’s Grace and Prayer Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer (UMH 895)

The Children’s Message (Loose Change Collection)

*Hymn

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

UMH 348

Prayer for Illumination

Loving God, we pray that your Holy Spirit will strengthen us to be devoted to the teachings of your Word, that through it we may hear your voice and follow it into eternal life. **Amen.**

The New Testament Reading – Acts 2:42-47

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The Gospel Reading – John 10:1-10

p. 1614

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Message

“Of Mothers and Shepherds”

The Receiving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Response: *“In the Lord, I’ll Be Ever Thankful”* (2x)

In the Lord, I’ll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,

Lift up your voices: the Lord is near.

***The Doxology** (UMH 95)

***The Prayer of Dedication:** Holy and generous God, you have anointed us and we are yours. Bless these tithes and offerings that they may become green pastures and still waters for any and all who need your comfort and restoration. **Amen.**

***Hymn**

“Happy the Home When God is There”

UMH 445

***The Charge and Blessing:**

“As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you” (Isaiah 66:13).

Go now in the comfort and peace of the One who gave birth to us. Go in the assurance that the Comforter is with us always. Go to give comfort and peace to others.

Divine Wisdom guide us as we go forth on Her paths of peace. May She give us blessings more precious than silver or gold (Proverbs 3:13-15, 17).

May we find joy in sharing these blessings with others. May Wisdom empower us to change our world! Amen

Postlude

“Bless the Lord” (2X)

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s Holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

**Please stand as you are able.*

All are Welcome to our service of worship this morning. We are glad you are here. There are welcome cards located in the pews. Please take a moment to fill one out and place it into the offering plate during the collection. Our hope is that you will feel God’s blessing during this time with us.

PASTOR:
MUSICIAN:

Michael B. Reaves
Elizabeth Pruett

Assisting with Worship Today:

Scripture Reader: Lucy Willard (8:30am)
Greeter: Kenny Newton (11:00am)
Children's Church (11am): Mary Ellen Emory

Assisting with Worship Sunday, May 18:

Scripture Reader: Pam Hunter (8:30am)



Can You Help? Volunteers are needed to read Scripture, deliver children's messages, serve as greeters, and teach Children's Church on Sunday mornings. Please see the sign-up sheet.

About Fletcher's Chapel Church

Our Vision is to be a beacon in the name of Jesus Christ to the world, to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to send them forth to proclaim God's Word and serve God's will everywhere and always.

Our Mission: "19Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
-- Matthew 28:19-20

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Our website is at www.fletcherschapel-kinggeorge-va.org

Access the calendar of events. Listen to today's sermon or a sermon you may have missed.

"Like" us on Facebook: If you are a Facebook user, help spread the word about Fletcher's Chapel's page. Search for "Fletcher's Chapel UMC-King George, VA" and when you find our page, click "Like" so you can keep up with the latest news and events at Fletcher's Chapel.

THIS WEEK: May 11 - 18, 2014

TODAY	<u>Mother's Day/Loose Change Offering</u>	
	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship

UPCOMING:

Wednesday, 5/21	9:30am	Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry
Thursday, 5/22	7:00pm	Pastor Parish Relations Committee
Sunday, 5/25	4:00pm	Confirmation Class (Week 3 of 4)
Friday, 5/30	4:00pm	Serving Dinner at Thurman Brisben Center
Sunday, 6/1	4:00pm	Confirmation Class (Week 4 of 4)
Saturday, 6/7	9:30am	United Methodist Women
Sunday, 6/8	<u>Confirmation Sunday</u>	
Saturday, 6/14	8:00am	UMW Yard Sale

Birthdays This Week:

5/11 Lucille Gordon, Orion Carroll 5/12 Carol Kieffer 5/14 Mary Ellen Emory
5/15 Amanda Odin 5/17 Pat Curtis
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Happy Mother's Day to all who are remembering and celebrating moms! May this day be a blessing to all.

The Loose Change Offering is collected by the children on the Second Sunday of each month. These gifts will go to Heifer International whose mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. By giving families a hand-up, not just a hand-out, the Heifer Project empowers them to turn lives of hunger and poverty into self-reliance and hope. With gifts of livestock and training, Heifer Projects help families improve their nutrition and generate income in sustainable ways.



Church Directory Address Change: Lolita James, 17611 Lindstrom Court, Gaithersburg, MD 20877. Consider sending Lolita a card at her new home.

God expects us to provide for our families.

“And whoever does not provide for relatives, and especially for family members, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever” (1 Timothy 5:8).

Emergency Contact: The Reverend Pat Tony of St. Matthias United Methodist Church will be available for any pastoral emergencies while the pastor is away. If there is an emergency between now and Sunday, May 18, you can reach her at 373-8759 (church) or (434) 430-1560 (cell).

Guest Speaker on Sunday, May 18: John Wright from Dahlgren United Methodist Church will bring the message next Sunday while Pastor Mike is away. Mr. Wright is a certified candidate for ministry in the UMC and is currently a part time student at Asbury Theological Seminary while working full-time at Dahlgren NSWC.

The Samaritan Program

SINCE 1948, Virginia United Methodist Homes, Inc. (VUMH) has been providing financial assistance through the Samaritan Program to residents who, through no fault of their own, are unable to meet the full cost of their care. During 2013, the Samaritan Program provided over \$800,000 in benevolent care which allowed thirty-one residents to remain in their “home” at their respective VUMH community. The Samaritan Program truly impacts residents’ lives when they are at their most vulnerable.

YOUR GIFT to the Samaritan Program supports residents in our VUMH communities who have been blessed by longevity but have outlived their financial resources. Samaritan gifts are not used for operational, capital or administrative costs but are instead made available only for benevolent care. Your gift ensures someone’s personal security and peace of mind.

SAMARITAN GIFTS, which are received from Mother’s Day, May 11th, through Father’s Day, June 15th, may be designated to any of our seven VUMH communities. Undesignated gifts will be used where the need is greatest. Both designated and undesignated gifts serve the same purpose: to provide financial assistance to residents whose ability to pay for care has been diminished. A Good Samaritan has come to mean any person who helps another without thought or reward. Please consider making a gift today to help those who are in need of your generosity. You truly can make a difference in someone’s life.

*Happy
Mother's Day! ♥*



Prayers for our Community and the World: The congregation and guests of Fletcher's Chapel and our community; Those having difficulties in their marriages; The residents and staff of the Thurman Brisben Center; Those working with the incarcerated; Our Bishop and his cabinet.

Prayers for Our Church Family: Colleen Bowie, Dee Campbell, Jayden Cleveland, Arlene Coates, Delores Coates, Faye Coates, John Coates, Audrey Davenport, Ruby Hawkins, Louise Henderson, Gwen Henderson, Pam Hunter, Evelyn Jackson, Lolita James, Clifton Seay, Marie Smith, Pete Sullivan, Sherry Garner Taylor, Dinah Taylor

Prayers for our Families and Friends: Mikie Barker, Wesley Berry, Shirley Cahoon, Barbara Canaday, Inez Carver, Darrell Critzer, The Frazier Family, Virginia Garner, Alvin Gill, Christine Holdren, Becky Lafferty, Ceili Leahy, Bryan McGhee, Mike Nave, Hugh "Little Boy" Newton, Pat Pelletier, David Pitts, Brad Pruett, Chuck Rabbitt, Kert Ryder's Great-Aunt, Hubert Roberson, Sam Robinson, Joey Rowe, Keith Sager, Tai (re: Lori Radolinksi), Claude Stevens, Patty Darr Sullivan, Joan Wehner

***Prayers for Our Neighbors (Zip Code 22485):** 1304 Forest Ridge Dr, 1321 Forest Ridge Dr, 1335 Forest Ridge Dr, 1338 Forest Ridge Dr, 1361 Forest Ridge Dr, 1375 Forest Ridge Dr, 1389 Forest Ridge Dr, 1403 Forest Ridge Dr, 1410 Forest Ridge Dr, 1419 Forest Ridge Dr, 1422 Forest Ridge Dr, 1429 Forest Ridge Dr, 1432 Forest Ridge Dr, 9038 Flora Ct, 9046 Flora Ct, 9058 Flora Ct, 9064 Flora Ct, 8427 Passapatanzy Rd, 8479 Passapatanzy Rd, 8484 Passapatanzy Rd, 8491 Passapatanzy Rd, 1373 Dogwood Pl, 1389 Dogwood Pl, 1403 Dogwood Pl, 2096 Shelton Ln, 2112 Shelton Ln

***Prayer Request Cards** are available in the pew racks. Please fill one out and place it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor after the service.*

**There are 1,000 homes within a 2.7 miles radius of this church. In 2014, we will include twenty of these homes in our weekly prayer list.*

Stewardship: Applying Bible Principles

One of the most striking accusations the Lord Jesus made when He was on earth was to label someone a hypocrite. Time and time again, He criticized the Pharisees and others for their hypocrisy. They said one thing but did something entirely different. They fit the description used by Zig Ziglar who said, “A hypocrite is one who is not himself on Sunday.”

That’s perhaps what the Apostle Paul had in mind when he wrote to Timothy: “And whoever does not provide for relatives, and especially for family members, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.” In other words, to give credence to Christianity, to give lip service to following Christ and to trusting in Him as Savior and Lord, and then to fail to provide for our own family, is hypocrisy. To do so, in reality, is to deny our faith and to be considered as someone who has no faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and no interest in spiritual matters.

It seems like such a small thing — relatively speaking (pun intended) — that Paul is exhorting Timothy to do. Provide for your own household, your own relatives. Take care of those under your care. In other words, minister to those closest to you as a demonstration of your Christian faith.

Yes, we are to give to His ministry here at Fletcher’s Chapel United Methodist Church. Yes, we are to be involved in ministering to others “on our own” and as part of the outreach of this church. But we are also to provide for our own families. We are also to minister to them and to care for them, for by doing so, we demonstrate the practical reality of our Christian faith. We thereby avoid the label of hypocrite since what we say is what we do.

How’s the balance in your life? Are you providing for the needs of this ministry and those of your household? As a result, do others (especially your family) see Jesus in you?

