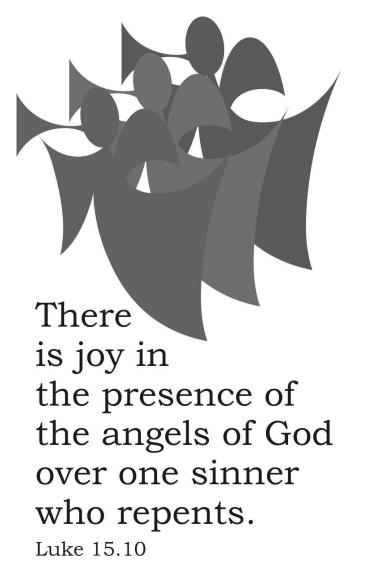
# **Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church**

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17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, September 11, 2016 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

The Prelude

\*Chiming of the Hour

\*Observing the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11

#### \*The Call to Worship

Praise be to the Lord, who has set us free from sin and death! Even while we were lost in our sin, Christ died that we might have life.

But we are saved that we might serve the Lord through all of our days; Bound by our love and gratitude for God's redeeming love in Christ. God remembers those who are faithful, so let us give voice to our praise. Blessed be the name of the Lord!

| *Hymn | "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" | UMH 158 |
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#### **The Opening Prayer**

Almighty and gracious God, in Your mercy, You have again and again led Your children to repent from our sins. Help us to remain faithful, Lord, seeking only Your will in our lives. In Christ we pray. Amen.

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### The Children's Message (Loose Change Collection)

#### **Time of Sharing and Prayer**

Celebrations of God's Grace and Prayer Concerns The Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (UMH 895)

#### **\*Hymn** "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" UMH 357

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

Mighty God, you spoke the world into being; speak now to our hearts. By the power of your Spirit, make these ancient words live, that we might be shaped into your people, eager to bear your claim in the world and to give flesh to your future. For we pray in the name of Jesus, who leads us into life. **Amen.** 

The First Reading – Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

The Second Reading – Luke 15:1-10

This is the Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Message

"Foolish People"

#### 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: O Lord, we bring these gifts as a pledge of our allegiance to your kingdom. Bless them and us as we strive to be worthy messengers of your redeeming love. Amen.

\*Hymn

"Only Trust Him"

UMH 337

#### \*The Charge and Blessing:

Sisters and brothers, we have a choice. We can stand on the margins of the feast, grumbling about the other guests, or we can join in the dance of seeking and saving, feeding and being fed.

May the Creator's holiness burn away our complacency, may the Living Word expose our foolishness, may the Spirit of mercy turn us home, that God's grace might spill from our lives, giving hope to a perishing 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.

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Scripture Readers: Lucy Wi Greeters: Stepher

**Today** Lucy Willard (8:30) Stephenie Newton (11:00) September 18, 2016 Tina Lauber Volunteer Needed

Volunteers Needed for the month of September: The sign-up sheet is on the front center pew.

**Welcome Cards** – We welcome all our guests. 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.

## 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:** "<sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and 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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## September 11, 2016 – September 18, 2016

| TODAY           | Loose Change Collection |  |  |  |
|-----------------|-------------------------|--|--|--|
|                 | 8:30am                  | Worship                                      |  |  |
|                 | 9:30am                  | Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall – Hosted by Rob |  |  |
|                 |                         | & Sherri Minx)                               |  |  |
|                 | 10:00am                 | Sunday School                                |  |  |
|                 | 11:00am                 | Worship                                      |  |  |
| Wednesday, 9/14 | 7:00pm                  | Pastor Parish Relationship Committee         |  |  |
| Sunday, 9/18    | 8:30am                  | Worship                                      |  |  |
| -               | 9:45am                  | Sunday School Opening (Sanctuary)            |  |  |
|                 | 10:00am                 | Sunday School                                |  |  |
|                 | 11:00am                 | Worship                                      |  |  |
| Uncoming        |                         |  |  |  |

#### Upcoming:

| Wednesday, 9/21<br>Thursday, 9/29<br>Saturday, 10/1 | 9:30am<br>7:00pm<br>4:00pm              | Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry<br>Finance Committee (2017 Budget Planning)<br>Fish Fry |  |
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| Sunday, 10/2  | Canned Food Collection/Communion Sunday |   |  |
| Tuesday, 10/4                                       | 7:00pm                                  | Nominations and Leadership Development  |  |
| Friday, 10/7  | 4:00pm                                  | Serving Dinner at Thurman Brisben   |  |
| Thursday, 10/13                                     | 7:00pm                                  | Finance Committee   |  |
|   | 7:30pm                                  | Administrative Council  |  |
| Sunday, 10/23                                       | 3:00pm                                  | Charge Conference at Trinity UMC  |  |
| Saturday, 11/12                                     | 4:00pm                                  | UMW Chili Supper  |  |

# **Birthdays This Week**

### 9/15 Jayden Cleveland, Lisa Simpson 9/16 Marion Nieto

**Prayers and Sympathies** to Kay Roy whose husband, Daryl Roy, passed away on Friday, September 2, 2016.



Join us for the Coffee Fellowship this morning in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 until 10:00. Our thanks to Rob & Sherri Minx for sponsoring the coffee time this month.

**The Pastor-Parish Relations Committee** will meet on Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



**The Fish Fry is coming!** Plan to join us on Saturday, October 1. We will need help with food prep, set up, and clean up. Sign up to provide side dishes, breads, desserts etc. to serve with the meals. Food will be served from 4:00pm - 6:00pm. All donations will go to

the United Methodist Men's group. Please see Allen Coates for more information.

**Confirmation Classes Begin Soon!** All youth who are in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above are invited to take part in Confirmation Class. The classes will begin on Sunday, October 16. The class will meet at 3:00pm. Confirmation Sunday will be November 20. See Pastor Mike for more details.

**Charge Conference is Coming!** Mark your calendars. Our annual charge conference will be held on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00pm at Trinity UMC. We will join with Dahlgren, Trinity, Colonial Beach, and Grace – Oak Grove Churches. Important preparation dates will be announced soon. Pastor-Parrish Relations Committee, Nominations, Finance, Trustees, and Administrative Council will all need to meet over the next few weeks as we get ready for Charge Conference.

#### Prayer Concerns:

**Prayers for our Community and the World:** The congregation and guests of Fletcher's Chapel and our community; the residents and staff of the Thurman Brisben Center; Our Bishop and his cabinet.

**Prayers for Our Church Family:** Colleen Bowie, Jeanne Bullock, Dee Campbell, Arlene Coates, Delores Coates, Dewayne Coates, Ed Curtis, Pat Curtis, Audrey Davenport, Louise Henderson, Gwen Henderson, Grace Humberger, Karis Humberger, Pam Hunter, Evelyn Jackson, Lolita James, McKennah Lauber, Sherri Minx, Lily Radolinski, Clifton Seay, Shirley Seay, Annette Stahler, Pete Sullivan

**Prayers for our Families and Friends:** Krystalene Balao, Mikie Barker, Wesley Berry, Patricia (Tricia) Burgess, Clarissa Busby, The Cameron Family, Barbara Canaday, Stephen Chappell, Felecia Cook, Darrell Critzer, Tommy Davis, Almeta Frazier, The Frazier Family, Gage Ford and Family, Wayne Gallahan, Jake Gallello, Jeff Gilley, Karissa Greecher, Larry Green, Theresa Guarracino, Barbara Hatchell, Betty Jubb, Billy Kennedy, Sylvia Kennedy, Elva Kilby, Robert Klink, Becky Lafferty, Ronald Marshall, Mike Nave, Adolfo Pangilinan, Lina Perry, David Pitts, Elaine Cooley Pitts, Brad Pruett, Robert Pruitt, Chuck Rabbitt, Patrick Robinson, Sam Robinson, Brent Rowand, Barbara Rowe, Joey Rowe, Kelly Roy, Malone Schooler, Joseph Sirrels, K. J. Spears, Claude Stevens, Mary Stewart, Vickie Stewart, Ryland Tedeton, Joan Wehner, Jen Ulrich

**Prayer Request Cards** are available in the pew rack