

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

September 14, 2025

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME AND GREETING

Rev. Wil Posey

God is Good **All the time.**
All the time **God is Good**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Robin Burnette

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp unto our feet
and a light unto our path.
All Scripture is inspired by God
and is useful to teach us what is right
and correct us when we stray
and lead us in right paths.
Your words revive our souls
and rejoice our hearts.
They are more valuable than fine gold
and sweeter also than honey.
Your word, O Lord, is a lamp unto our feet.
Come and light our path!

****HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Be Thou My Vision”

UMH 451

****OPENING PRAYER**

Robin Burnette

Holy God, author of the Word made flesh, to whom belongs both the first Word
and the last, open to us your Spirit, that as scripture is spoken and your Word
proclaimed, we may be comforted, convinced, and changed to the glory of Je-
sus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen
-Brian Wren

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

PROCLAMATION

****SCRIPTURE READING**

John 20: 24-29

Rev. Wil Posey

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

****Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
And ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

SERMON

“Bible Year Reflections”

Randy Allman
Sarah June Ely-McCollum

RESONSE

****APOSTLES’ CREED**

John Morton

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in
Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he as-
cended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE


John Morton

Moments of silent prayer & Personal Confession

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****DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

****PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

John Morton

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

****HYMN**

“Close to Thee”

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Ann Smith

UMH 38

SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION

Rev. Wil Posey

****BENEDICTION**

“May The Lord Bless You”

May the Lord bless you, May the Lord Keep you,
May the Lord lift up His face to shine on you,
May the Lord bless you, May the Lord Keep you,
May the Lord lift up His face to shine on you.

Chiming of the Trinity

POSTLUDE

RESPONSE

The light goes before us into the world.

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS: The Faith We Sing

**** Rise in body or spirit**

Our Service of Worship has ended
Our Worship through Service begins
All are welcomed to Worship.

Please assist us by registering your attendance in the notebooks located in
the pews. If you have changed your address or phone number.

Please be aware that we are live streaming and recording this service and will
be posting it to social media.


PRAYERS and CONCERNS

Ukraine and its people; Maria Mcleod; Peter Close; Deanie Avett; Jason Long;
James Dennis Plavcan; Curt Vansickle; Bill and Barbara Hughes; Ken Brant;
Debbie Cocalis; Karen Terkowski; Keith Barber; Billy Major; Michele Leone; Carl
Auvil; Anne Hymen; Dell Douglass; Scottie Draa; Alice Haughboo; Melinda Smith;
Pam Meintel; Susan Satto; Eleanor Vaughn; Jeff King; Sharon; .

PRAYER TEAM:

Email: prayfumc@gmail.com
In an effort to have room for all prayer requests we will rotate off the names every
3 weeks unless indicated, either by a notation on the blue prayer request card or
by calling the church office. **828-837-2718** or email:
admin@murphyfirstumc.org
Prayer Requests can be submitted on our Facebook page, YouTube live
stream or by calling the church office.

Third Sunday Pot Luck September 21
following Worship
Plan to bring a favorite dish and join us
in the Fellowship hall.
The Missions team will be our hosts.



HOLY SMOKE—5:30 pm September 18
at St. William Catholic church \$15/person
This is an annual fundraiser for the Cherokee Clay Ministerial Association.
A good time will be had by all


The Seeker Sunday School class invites you on a ten week journey
through Pastor Greg Finke’s book entitled, ‘Jesus On His Mission: How
To Be An Everyday Missionary’ beginning September 14th and ending
November 23. The class meets in the library of the Education Building at
10:00 each Sunday morning. To secure a text for the study please contact
David Lamb at 407-314-5226 or the church office at 828-837-2718. We
look forward to your joining us.

Safe Sanctuary training September 21 at 9:45am—location to be deter-
mined—Call Pastor Wil to register.


CPR and First Aid Training September 28 following Worship at 12:15 pm
Call Pastor Wil to register.

Recapturing the Wesley’s Vision Bible Study
Starts September 24 1:30– 2:30pm
This study group will be examining our Methodist roots by reading about
the profound effects both John Wesley and Charles Wesley had on the
formation of our Methodist traditions: the foundational beliefs, the struc-
tures that formed our practices, and the influences of music as an integral
part of our worship.

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online button on the web page. Please also turn off your
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send an email to [admin @murphyfirstumc.org](mailto:admin@murphyfirstumc.org).



Parents of Young Children
Children’s Sunday School 9:45 am
During Worship (11am)*
Nursery (2 rooms) - Birth-2, and 3-5 year olds
Worship readiness—K-5th Grade



*Nursery is open from 9:45am-12pm, though children are
welcome in worship and will then be released after Chil-
dren’s Time to return to their nursery or Children’s Church, New Children &
Adult Sunday School classes.

Be Thou My Vision

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Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,
 naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
 Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
 wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

WORDS: Ancient Irish; trans. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.
 MUSIC: Trad. Irish melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1963

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Sermon Notes

Close to Thee

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1. Thou my ev - er - last - ing por - tion, more than
 2. Not for ease or world - ly plea - sure, nor for
 3. Lead me through the vale of shad - ows, bear me
 friend or life to me, all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 fame my prayer shall be; glad - ly will I toil and suf - fer,
 o'er life's fit - ful sea; then the gate of life e - ter - nal
Refrain
 Sav-ior, let me walk with thee.
 on - ly let me walk with thee. Close to thee, close to thee,
 may I en - ter, Lord, with thee.
 all a - long my pil - grim
 close to thee, close to thee, glad - ly will I toil and
 then the gate of life e -
 jour - ney, Sav - ior, let me walk with thee.
 suf - fer, on - ly let me walk with thee.
 ter - nal may I en - ter, Lord, with thee.

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1874
 MUSIC: Silas J. Vail, 1874

CLOSE TO THEE
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Next Week: September 21, 2025
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

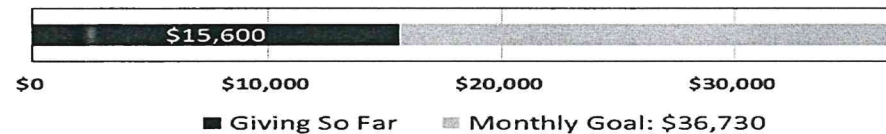
This Week's Ministry Opportunities

Sunday, September 14		Wednesday September 17 Continued	
Children's Sunday School	9:45 am	Children's Choir	3:15 pm
Sunday School	10:00 am	Wesley Ringers	4:30 pm
Worship Service	11:00 am	Chancel Choir	5:30 pm
Women's Spiritual Formation	3:00 pm		
Youth group	5:00 pm		
Monday, September 15		Thursday, September 18	
Preschool	8:00 am	Mom's Spiritual Formation	9:30 am
Coffee With The Pastor at Rare Bird	11:00 am	Quilters	10:00 am
	10:00 am	Soul Table	11:00 am
		Holy Smoke	5:30 pm
Missions Team	11:00 am	Friday, September 19	
Chair Exercise class	11:30 pm	Preschool	8:00 am
Admin Council	5:30 pm	Chair Exercise class	11:30 pm
Tuesday, September 16		Saturday, September 20	
Wednesday, September 17		Al Anon	10:00 am
Preschool	8:00 am	Sunday, September 21	
Worship Meeting	10:00 am	Safe Sanctuary Training	9:45 am
Greeting Card Ministry	10:30 am	Children's Sunday School	9:45 am
Chair Exercise class	11:30 pm	Sunday School	10:00 am
Willing Hands	11:30 am	Worship Service	11:00 am

OUR FAITHFULNESS 2025

Worship attendance September 7 197
Received September 7 \$ 10,746
Detailed Financial information is available at the church office upon request.

Monthly Giving Report September



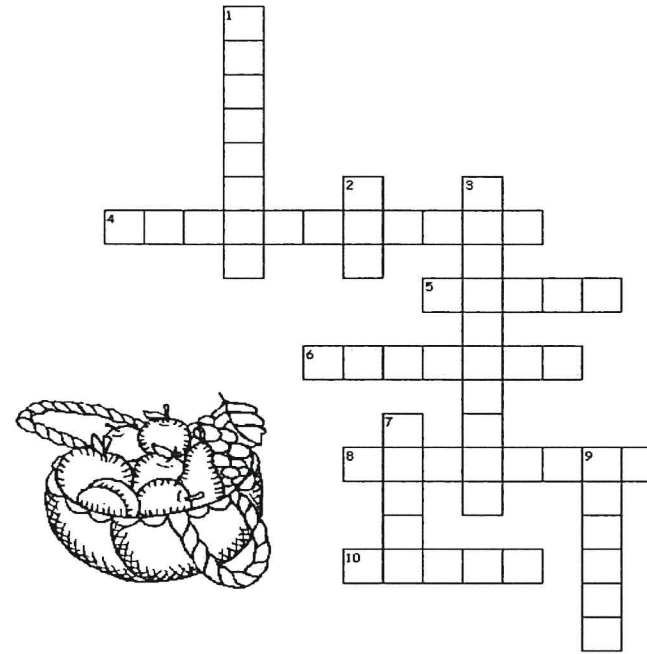
*The richest wealth is Wisdom.
The strongest weapon is Patience.
The best security is Faith.
The greatest tonic is Laughter.
And surprisingly all are free.*

Ursula Lasky, one of our Trustees, is heading up a team of volunteers to keep the Harshaw Chapel cemetery mowed through the summer. Every 2nd and 4th Thursdays, starting at 8am, please bring your equipment and help us maintain the grounds. If you have questions, please contact Ursula at (732) 684-9012. Many hands make light work!



LIKE TO QUILT? DO HANDICRAFTS? Join us every Thursday morning in the Library beside Pastor Wil's office, from 10am to 12pm for friendly conversation and project support. Bring what you're working on and come join us.

Fruit of the Spirit Crossword



Across

4. This fruit of the spirit is a bit like faithfulness or being dependable.
5. God will give us these fruit or ____ if we ask and work on it.
6. Just like real fruit, the fruit of the Spirit also makes us this inside.
8. This is another word for gentleness.
10. If we try to ____ by reading the Bible we will understand how to become more fruitful.

Down

1. Having this fruit means you will turn away from bad choices.
2. This fruit of the Spirit is about being more than just happy.
3. When we have more fruit of the Spirit we become more ____.
7. Being full of this means that you don't worry but believe God to take care of things.
9. This part of God helps us develop the different fruit in our lives.

TRUSTEE ON CALL

September—Freddy Lochaby

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Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Monday and Friday Closed

First United Methodist Church Murphy, NC



Our Mission is to:

Live as a community transformed by God's grace,
sent to love and serve like Jesus.

Our Vision is to:

Build communities of hope where all people
experience belonging and abundant life.

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