

CONCORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH P.O. Box 746 (Vermillion and Church Streets) 109 Vermillion Street Athens, WV 24712 Office Phone: (304) 384-7922 Email: rh2851@bellsouth.net Website: concordathens.org Online Giving: concordathens.org/give Pastor: Rev. Richard Moeller Worship Leader: Elizabeth Muldoon Roots & Wings: Scripture Reader: Michael Jones Technician: Matthew Thomas Pianist/Musician: Rose Kessinger Secretary: Jayne Jones Custodian: Carol McManaway	THIS WEEK AT CONCORD CHURCH <u>Sunday, August 16</u> 10:45 AM – Gathering Time 11:00 AM — Worship <u>Monday, August 17</u> 5:30 PM — Ladies Night Out <u>Wednesday, August 19</u> 7:00 PM — Zoom Bible Study <u>Thursday, August 20</u> 6:00 PM — Yoga, Anderson Hall <u>Sunday, August 23</u> 10:45 AM – Gathering Time 11:00 AM — Worship, Roots & Wings 1 – 4 PM — Concord Athens Town Social <u>Wednesday, August 26</u> 7:00 PM — Zoom Bible Study <u>Thursday, August 27</u> 6:00 PM — Yoga, Anderson Hall
Announcements Princeton Parish Project — August — We are collecting dry cereal, instant oatmeal, canned milk for the food pantry. Military Care Packages — If you would like to donate items, please bring them to the church and place them on the table with the food pantry donations. Boxes will be sent as they fill up. Suggested items are on a list on the donation table. Ladies Night Out – Monday, August 17. We will meet at 5:30 PM at either Brandon’s or the Pipestem Dining Room. If you would like to carpool, meet at the church parking lot at 5:00 PM. Please let Elizabeth Muldoon know if you would like to attend. Zoom Bible Study — Come join us beginning Wednesday, August 19, from 7:00–8:00 PM. Concord Athens Town Social is August 23. The sign-up sheet is on the back table in the Anchor Room. Please consider volunteering to sit at the table, visit, and hand out water. We would also appreciate cookies or baked goods to share. Vespers & Church Picnic — Friday, August 28th. Prayer Email — Contact Jayne (in person, text, or email) if you are interested in receiving the Prayer Email to stay connected in prayer throughout the week.	



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Seek God’s Will ~ Teach God’s Love ~ Serve God’s World

Sunday, August 16, 2026

12th Sunday After Pentecost

ENTRANCE

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship

Family of God, we gather today to unite our voices and our lives in praise to God!

>How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

We gather to celebrate how God binds us together to live, work, play, and rest as the Body of Christ!

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We gather to remember how God has worked through us to share Christ’s love with one another and our neighbors through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

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Family of God, today we come as diverse and unique members of the Body of Christ to learn and grow not in uniformity but in unity to love God, self, neighbor, and all creation.

>How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity! Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Morning Hymn: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee (UMH 452)*

Roots & Wings Moment

Prayers of the People

Together, let us pray for

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

*Please stand as you are able.

Pastoral Prayer

Now, with the confidence of God’s people, may we pray together the Lord’s Prayer.

>The Lord’s Prayer (UMH 895)

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, and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Psalter Reading: Psalm 133 (UMH 850)

Offering and Offertory Music

*Doxology, Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (UMH 94)
*Offertory Prayer

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 (New Testament, Pew Bible page 160-161)

Message: “Desperate Times Call For...”

Text: Matthew 15:21-28 (New Testament, Pew Bible page 17)

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: *Freely, Freely* (UMH 389)

*Benediction



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Pray for: Sick and shut-in members; The United Methodist Church; Bishops; District Superintendents; Pastors; the President; the Governor; the military and their families; world leaders and elected officials; and pray for peace.

Military Personnel: Tom Bone IV and Andy Walker

July 19: Jennifer W. – prayers for healing and strength; before her lumpectomy, her doctors discovered an additional spot and performed a biopsy. Lift up Jennifer and her family; Charlie M. & Bobbie K. – continued prayers as they convalesce and regain strength; Doris Kelly’s Family – prayers of comfort for all who mourn her passing this week; Scott & Lynn M. – safe travels to Weston and back as they deliver hygiene kits to flood victims; Michael & Katie H. – prayers for safety and joy as they vacation in Greece, and for a safe return home; Joyce, her sisters and Treva – prayers for their sister trip; and for Richard as he travels to meet Joyce and bring her home; Flood Recovery Efforts – prayers for all affected by recent flooding and for the workers and volunteers assisting in recovery; Blessing for Caregivers – Chris B. lifts up those who care for families in need, especially when situations are difficult or cooperation is limited; Joe M. – continued prayers for our country, its people, and our leaders; Bob & Brenda W. – celebrating their 58th wedding anniversary, with 54 of those years spent here in this church. We rejoice with them and give thanks for their faithful witness and love.

August 2: Elizabeth M. asked for prayers for Jennifer W., who is home recovering from a mastectomy and will be undergoing breast cancer treatment; Richard M. shared a tremendous joy that his oldest brother, after 44 days of pancreatic cancer treatments four days a week, received a scan showing he is now cancer-free; Matthew T. and Cat celebrated his grandmother’s 101st birthday in Charleston; Joe M. asked for continued prayers for our country, its leaders, and especially those serving in the military; Kathy F. requested prayers for all students returning to college this week, particularly first-year students and their parents; Linda P. asked prayers for her sister, Theresa H., who will undergo testing this week; and Richard M. lifted prayers for Scott M. as he preaches in Beckley for Rev. Don Stilgenbauer, who is away on a mission trip.

August 9: David M., prayers for Charlie M. and Bobbie K. as they continue recovering; Richard M., safe travels for Michael and Katie H. in Greece; Sheila M., prayers for all students heading to college and their parents; Rose K., prayers for Ken and Mary G. as Ken regains strength at home after last week’s hospitalization, and their neighbor Hank B. as he undergoes a heart catheterization; Joyce M. prayers as she has an unplanned CT scan tomorrow; Greg B., prayers for our country, its leaders, and all who serve in the military; Jayne J., prayers for Don V., who is returning to surgery this morning following heart surgery on Friday, praying for healing and a smooth recovery.

(Prayer requests will be listed here for three weeks.
First names and last initials are used with details omitted to protect privacy).

* Please stand as you are able.

** The Year A Lectionary: Daily Readings may be found on our website at concordathens.org