

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: Sheila Mann Scripture Reader: Matthew Thomas Technician: Matthew Thomas Pianist/Musician: Rose Kessinger Secretary: Jayne Jones Custodian: Carol McManaway	THIS WEEK AT CONCORD CHURCH <u>Sunday, September 13</u> 10:45 AM — Gathering Time 11:00 AM — Worship; Roots & Wings <u>Wednesday, September 16</u> 7:00 PM — Zoom Bible Study <u>Thursday, September 17</u> 6:00 PM — Yoga, Anderson Hall <u>Sunday, September 20</u> 10:45 AM — Gathering Time 11:00 AM — Worship 2-5 PM — Church Council/Committee Meetings <u>Wednesday, September 23</u> 7:00 PM — Zoom Bible Study <u>Thursday, September 24</u> 6:00 PM — Yoga, Anderson Hall <u>Sunday, September 27</u> 10:45 AM — Gathering Time 11:00 AM — Worship; Roots & Wings
Announcements Ladies Night Out — Our next gathering will be on Tuesday, September 22 @ 5:30 pm at Moe’s in Athens. Princeton Parish Project — September — We will be collecting boxed macaroni and cheese for the food pantry. Thank you for continuing to support our neighbors in need. Sunday Council/Committee Meetings — The next round of meetings will be held on Sunday, September 20 . Please mark your calendars. 2 PM — Trustees; 3 PM — Finance Committee; 4 PM —Administrative Council; 5 PM — Rev. Moeller Presentation Mountain Lion Sunday — On Sunday, September 27 , we will welcome Concord University students to worship with us, followed by a potluck lunch . Please plan to attend and help us extend warm hospitality to our CU community. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Anchor Room.	



CONCORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Seek God’s Will ~ Teach God’s Love ~ Serve God’s World

Sunday, September 13, 2026

16th Sunday After Pentecost

ENTRANCE

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

***Call to Worship**
Followers of Christ, we live in a world where we hurt one another, where sin divides us one from another and makes us enemies instead of neighbors.
>Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.
The divisions in our world seem like too much to overcome, and we wonder if this forgiveness thing really works anymore. Maybe it worked for Jesus, but not for us.
>Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.
We find ourselves tempted by easy answers and quick solutions, reticent to do the slow and difficult work of reconciliation.
>Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.
In this place, may we encounter Christ who meets us in the places where we want to give up, where we despair that life-giving change is even possible, with abundant grace to sustain us on the journey.
>God, form us today as people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us. Amen.

***Morning Hymn:** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (UMH 89)*

Roots & Wings Dismissal

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 114 (UMH 835)

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

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture: Romans 14:1-12 (New Testament, Pew Bible page 163)

Message: *"How Do We Forgive?"*
Text: Matthew 18:21-35 (New Testament, Pew Bible page 20)

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: *Spirit Song (UMH 347)*

*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, Andy Walker and Chaplain (Maj) Chip Bennett

August 23: Chris B., prayers for the family of Pamela Wilson Trickett, who died suddenly this past week. Pamela was the aunt of Tommy B.’s wife Sandra; Joyce M., prayers for her brother-in-law, Patrick, who has recently been diagnosed with cancer; Katie H., prayers for her grandmother Maria, who suffered a heart attack this week. She had a 99% blockage and received a stent. Because she is immobile and has diabetes, her cardiac rehabilitation will be especially challenging; Mary G., prayers for a classmate who recently underwent heart bypass surgery. She is missing a leg, which will make her rehabilitation much more difficult; Justin H., prayers for one of his band members who experienced a heart attack with an 80% blockage; Chris B., a joy and celebration: her son Tom, who serves in the Army, has been promoted to Sergeant First Class. Chris will be attending the ceremony and pinning him; Jayne J., a joy that the Concord–Athens Town Social is dedicated today to Tom Bone III.

August 30: Worship Leader – Prayer Request for the survivors and rescue efforts in Nepal; prayers for the pastors and congregations preparing for the upcoming Southern District Charge Conferences; continued prayers for recovery efforts following this summer’s floods in West Virginia; Jerry B., prayers for his daughter, Leah, who is having surgery tomorrow; Joe M., continued prayers for our country, our people, and our leaders; Richard M., prayers for Patrick S., who has been diagnosed with cancer.

September 6: Kathy S., prayers for Patsy R. who had emergency gallbladder surgery; Joyce M., prayers for David C., a cousin living in Ohio, who has entered hospice; Kathy F., it’s a joy that our friend Barry is doing very well, but still needs our prayers; Princeton Tigers has beat Bluefield six years in a row and CU won their game; let’s pray for all our football teams; Matt T., it’s a joy that his Uncle Wayne has recovered from a detached retina and is fully recovered; Joe M., continued prayers for our country, our people, and our leaders; Jack F., continued prayers for all the people in Nepal.

(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