

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 Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ellis Conley Worship Leader: Rev. Richard Moeller Roots & Wings Moment: Richard Moeller Scripture Reader: Michael Jones Technician: Justin Hill Pianist/Musician: Rose Kessinger Secretary: Jayne Jones Custodian: Carol McManaway	THIS WEEK AT CONCORD CHURCH <u>Sunday, October 11 – Undie Sunday</u> 10:45 AM – Gathering Time 11:00 AM — Worship Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ellis Conley 12:15 PM — CUMC Charge Conference <u>Thursday, October 15</u> 6:00 PM — Yoga, Anderson Hall 6:00 PM — Concord University Homecoming Parade <u>Sunday, October 18</u> 10:45 AM – Gathering Time 11:00 AM — Worship <u>Thursday, October 22</u> 6:00 PM — Yoga, Anderson Hall <u>Saturday, October 24</u> 7:30 AM — Lion’s Club Pancake Breakfast Anderson Hall <u>Sunday, October 25</u> 10:45 AM – Gathering Time 11:00 AM — Worship
Announcements Concord UMC’s Charge Conference will be held today, directly following the worship service. We invite everyone to remain after worship as we gather for this important time in the life of our church. Sunday, October 11 is Undie Sunday. We will be collecting new underwear for distribution to clothing closets our Conference mission projects during the month of October. We will be passing out bottled water in the park across the street during the Concord University Homecoming Parade on Thursday, October 15 at 6 PM. Come join us as we share hospitality with our neighbors and cheer on the Mountain Lions. Athens Lion’s Club Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, October 24 from 7:30-11 AM in Anderson Hall. A memorial service honoring the life of Joelen Purser (Williams) will be held on Sunday, October 25, at 3:00 p.m. Joelen passed away in February due to complications from pneumonia. She had been residing in Beckley. Princeton Parish Project — October — We will be collecting instant potatoes and stuffing mix for the food pantry. Thank you for continuing to support our neighbors in need.	



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

Sunday, October 11, 2026

20th Sunday After Pentecost

ENTRANCE

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

***Call to Worship**
Beloved, God’s never-ending love spills out all around us, drawing us together in beloved community with God, neighbor, and all creation.
>Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

God’s always-present grace surrounds us, enlivening us to love ourselves and our neighbors just as Christ loves us.
>Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

God’s persistent peace sweeps through us, guarding our hearts and empowering us to live as agents of God’s mercy and justice wherever we go.
>Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

May our rejoicing overflow into our families, neighborhoods, and the whole earth that through our living, working, resting, and playing, God may be glorified.
>Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

***Morning Hymn:** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (UMH 384)*

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 106: 1-6, 19-23 (UMH 829)

Offering and Offertory Music

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

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture: Philippians 4:1-9 (New Testament, Pew Bible page 198-199)

Message: "Unexpectedly Included"

Text: Matthew 22:1-14 (New Testament, Pew Bible page 24)

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: *Jesus Calls Us* (UMH 398)

*Benediction



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Prayers
of the
Concord Church

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

September 20: Joyce M., prayers for all the parents balancing their lives between parenthood, work and all their other responsibilities; Janet V., prayers for her great niece, Lindsey D., who is currently in ICU with asthma and pneumonia; Scott M., remember to pray for peace in the Middle East; Richard M., Gratitude to Elizabeth for facilitating last week’s Bible study and providing technical support; and continue to pray for our country, our leaders and our people.

September 27: Prayers for Sheila M.’s sister Cheryl who lost her husband Bob. The service was on Friday, and the ladies pulled together to have a warm luncheon for the family after the service; prayers for Joe and Sharon M. who are sick today; Kathy S. prayers for Steve P. who will be having a double heart bypass surgery in the next couple of weeks; Joyce M., prayers for Trevia’s mother-in-law who is having surgery on Monday; Janet V., it was a joy to visit our grandchildren in Charlottesville the last couple of days; for Joe M., prayers for our country, its leaders, our people and especially our military personnel.

October 4: Elizabeth M., requests prayers for the family and friends of Bill C., who recently passed away. Bill was married to April, was a long-time member of the faculty at Concord, and was a resident of Athens; Phyllis K., requests prayers for Mary and Ken G. as they prepare for their move and navigate all that it entails. She also asks for special prayers as their beloved dog, Dirty Harry, was not well enough to make the move with them; Sharon M. requests prayers for Charlie, the grandson she, Joe, and Kathy S. share. Charlie is a freshman in college and will undergo surgery on October 16.; Joe M., prayers for our country, its leaders, our people and especially our military personnel; Elizabeth M., requests prayers for Janet, who comes to the Kee Street Pantry, and for her friend James, whom she takes to cancer treatments. James has been told that his treatments are no longer working. Please lift both James and Janet in prayer.

(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