

Welcome to Epworth United Methodist Church

Worship: 9:30 AM

Interim Minister- Rhonda Tucker, CLM

Lay Leader-Christine "Chris" Mosig

Pianist- Catherine Medovich

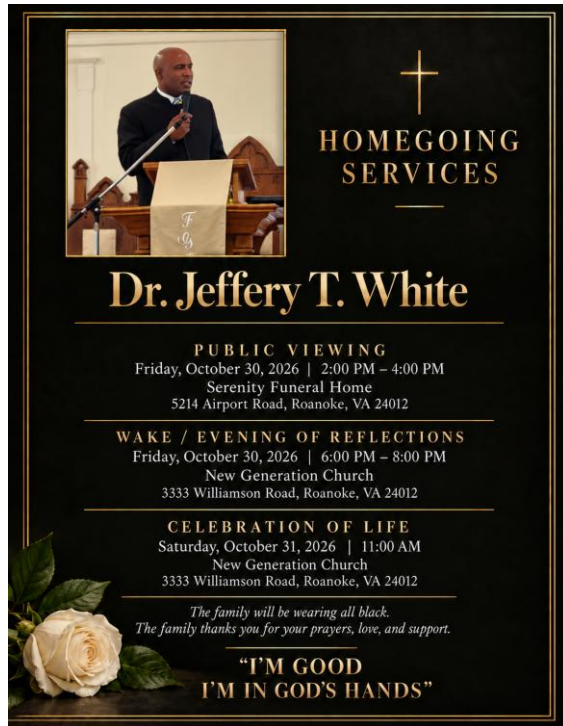
UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 29, 2026--- Thursday "Sunday School" 7:30 on Zoom-
"Unbreakable Courage—Strong Faith in an Age of Anxiety, Chaos and
Exhaustion" by Max Lucado**

**October 29, 2026---Parish Meeting with Rev, Dr Sarah Calvert, DS 2pm
Halesford UMC**

October 31, 2026--- Trunk or Treat **CANCELLED**

**November 8, 2026---Charge Conference, 3pm at Redwood UMC, Rocky
Mount**



A funeral home advertisement for Dr. Jeffery T. White. The ad features a photo of Dr. White at a podium, a cross symbol, and the text "HOMEGOING SERVICES". It lists three events: Public Viewing (Friday, Oct 30, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM at Serenity Funeral Home), Wake / Evening of Reflections (Friday, Oct 30, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM at New Generation Church), and Celebration of Life (Saturday, Oct 31, 11:00 AM at New Generation Church). It also includes a note about the family wearing black and a quote: "I'M GOOD I'M IN GOD'S HANDS".

Dr. Jeffery T. White

HOMEGOING SERVICES

PUBLIC VIEWING
Friday, October 30, 2026 | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Serenity Funeral Home
5214 Airport Road, Roanoke, VA 24012

WAKE / EVENING OF REFLECTIONS
Friday, October 30, 2026 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
New Generation Church
3333 Williamson Road, Roanoke, VA 24012

CELEBRATION OF LIFE
Saturday, October 31, 2026 | 11:00 AM
New Generation Church
3333 Williamson Road, Roanoke, VA 24012

*The family will be wearing all black.
The family thanks you for your prayers, love, and support.*

**"I'M GOOD
I'M IN GOD'S HANDS"**



you are just
one piece in
God's intricate
puzzle of
beauty in this
big world.
Without
you being you,
His puzzle
would not be
complete.

-Krystle Porter



WASHINGTON COOPERATIVE PARISH October 25, 2026

LAITY SUNDAY

**Epworth United Methodist Church
(540) 721-4926 Church
(540) 520-7875 Pastor
Epworthumcmo.net**

Interim Minister- Rhonda Tucker, CLM

Christine Mosig, Lay Leader

Sue Hauptert-Johnson, Presiding Bishop

**Rev. Dr. Sarah Calvert, District Superintendent
MountainViewDS@vaumc.org**

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 25, 2026

*The Mission of the United Methodist Church:
To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world*

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THE CHURCH GATHERS

*PRAISE HYMN

Hymn No. 352 "It's Me, It's Me, O Lord"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* GATHERING HYMN

Hymn No. 170 "O How I Love Jesus"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Cindy Lollar

We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.

Grounded in love, we belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

The Spirit empowers us to live as imitators of Christ in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

Grounded in love, we belong to God, and through God, we learn to love one another.

The Spirit inspires us to receive God's Word with joy in a world that rejects the good news.

Grounded in love, we belong to God, and through God, we live in joy with one another.

Come, let us worship in the assurance of God's love that chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the family of Christ.

We come to worship God in the assurance that we belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER

Cindy Lollar

Loving, living God, be among us now. Show us your ways. Guide our steps. Live in us, that we may be people of steadfast hope and powerful giving. Help us hear your words, challenging us to give you all the things that are yours. Help us remember that all we are and all we have are gifts from you, gifts to be shared in service and love. Holy One among us, help us be a holy people who receive your word with joy and live your message with love. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Marie Flippen

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Theresa Dewitt

PASSING THE PEACE

Chris Mosig

When we give to God the things that belong to God, the most wonderful sense of peace washes over us. Let us share this moment of grace as we pass the peace of Christ.

+JUNIOR CHURCH

Hymn No. 191 "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know" v.1

+ Children are invited to follow teachers to Junior Church

TITHES AND OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Pat Young

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn No. 95 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

OFFERING PRAYER

Pat Young

TO HEAR THE WORD

1st Lesson: Exodus 33:12-23

2nd Lesson: Psalm 99

3rd Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

4th Lesson: Matthew 22:15-22

Lectionary Reading* Sermon Lesson *

HYMN OF PREPARATION,

Hymn No. 351 "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

SERMON

You Are Chosen

Chris Mosig

RESPONDING IN FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED No. 881

Chris Mosig

*CLOSING HYMN

Hymn No. 374 "Standing on the Promises"

*BENEDICTION

Chris Mosig

Strengthened by the presence of God,
we go forth in hope.

Guided by the teachings of Christ,
we go forth to serve.

Led by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we go forth to love.

Leave carrying the light of Christ into the World

*please stand if able