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THIS WEEK AT CONCORD CHURCH

Sunday, October 18
10:45 AM – Gathering Time
11:00 AM — Worship

Thursday, October 22
6:00 PM — Yoga, Anderson Hall

Saturday, October 24
7:30 AM — Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast
Anderson Hall

Sunday, October 25
10:45 AM – Gathering Time
11:00 AM — Worship
3:00 PM — Memorial Service for Joelen Purser (Wheeler)

Thursday, October 29
6:00 PM — Yoga, Anderson Hall

Saturday, November 7
8:00 AM — Men's Breakfast, Anderson Hall

Sunday, November 8
10:45 AM – Gathering Time
11:00 AM — Worship and Holy Communion

Announcements

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. A potluck meal will be held after the service for the family and the church congregation. Please join us as we gather to remember, honor, and celebrate Joelen's life.

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.

We are also collecting new **underwear throughout October**. Current needs include men's t-shirts and women's socks.

The Men's Breakfast will be held on **Saturday, November 7, at 8:00 a.m.** in **Anderson Hall**. All are welcome to join us for food, fellowship, and conversation.

CONCORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Sunday, October 18, 2026

21st Sunday After Pentecost

ENTRANCE

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship
We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.
>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.
>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.
>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.

Morning Hymn: His Name Is Wonderful (UMH 174)*

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 99 (UMH 819)

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

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (New Testament, Pew Bible page 203)

Message: *"Caesar's? God's"*

Text: Matthew 22:15-22 (New Testament, Pew Bible page 24-25)

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord (UMH 540)*

*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 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.

October 11: From Doug W., prayers for Scott and Teresa S, who lost their son Evan in a motorcycle accident. He leaves behind a wife and two young children; Greg B., for Joe M. prayers for our country, its leaders, our people and especially our military personnel; Justin H., pray for all the families affected by Hurricane Isaiah and all the weather-related incidents across our country; Justin H., travel prayers for Joe and Sharon M.; Katie H., prayers for the two promising candidates who are advancing on to the second round of interviews for the Organic Chemistry professorship at CU; Rose K., prayers for Ken and Mary G. as they prepare for their move this week.

(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**