

WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT

September 27, 2020

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WORSHIP SERVICE September 27, 2020

Pastor David Craig, Preaching

9:45 A.M. In-Person Worship (Multi-Purpose Room)

10:00 A.M. Livestream Worship joins In-Person Worship

SUNDAY GOSPEL READING "Matthew 21:23-32"

SERMON THEME: "High Road of Grace"

Remember:

We are pleased to be able to open our church doors again. If you are at risk or feel sick, stay home for your sake and ours. Face coverings are required to be worn during worship services. When worshipping with us, a greeter will register your visit and ask for a Health Acknowledgement Statement which can be found on the church website. Let's beat the virus so we can reach the stage when we worship unhindered!



UPCOMING EVENTS

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9:45 A.M. In-Person Worship Service (MPR)

10:00 A.M. Livestream Worship Service (YouTube)

11:00 A.M. Sunday School (ZOOM)

October 1

9:30 A.M. Thursday Morning Prayer Group (411)

7:00 P.M. Praise/Chancel Choir Practice (MPR)

October 4

9:45 A.M. In-Person Worship Service (MPR)

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October 5

7:00 PM Church Council (ZOOM)

October 8

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ON ZOOM Each Sunday, at approximately 11 A.M., we offer our adult Sunday School class on the video conferencing app, Zoom. If you would like to be a participant, call the church office at (540)786-6162. We will ask you for your name and a valid email address, then email you the login information needed to access the Zoom session. The class starts approximately 15 to 20 minutes after the livestream service has ended. We would love to "see" you there!

YOUTH GROUP (6th through 12th grade) We are winding up September with another Honk and Wave parade! Youth have started a Bible study using a Bitmoji Classroom on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 P.M. which will be for 6 weeks. Youth will also be visiting SECA on September 30 to help out with organizing and clean up. Leaders, please put the *Secret Saints* program on hold at this time. If you are in grades 6 through 12, join us Sundays (except holidays) at noon on Zoom. If you have any questions about Youth Group, please contact Melissa Keylor at needingserenity@gmail.com.

MICAH LUNCHES Since March, the Youth Group has continued to make and deliver Micah lunches monthly during COVID-19. Led by Lauren Higgins, the Youth are supplied with items needed to complete the lunches at their homes with their families. All the Youth have been practicing safe and social distancing but wanted to continue providing services to the community. The Youth have been sanitizing surfaces, wearing masks, and wearing gloves at their homes while preparing the lunches to ensure the safety of everyone. Youth is excited to continue to help those in need through MICAH.

STEPHEN'S MINISTRY Stephen's Ministers are available to provide contact to those who may need someone to talk with, pray with, or just have some friendly conversation. If you would like to talk with one of our Stephen's Ministers, contact Pastor Jim or Susan Pleasants at the church office. You may also contact Stephen's Ministry Leaders Karen Flanagan (540-729-9342) or Bob Gallagher (540-809-7988). All Stephen's Ministry support is strictly confidential.

UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF Hurricane Sally Response: Tabernacle Church is responding to needs left after the storm and flooding in Alabama. You can make a financial contribution to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). To contribute to UMCOR for hurricane relief, either designate a special gift marked UMCOR or make an e-giving contribution through the drop-down list of special offerings. 100% of your contribution goes toward this relief effort.

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 ATTENDANCE

In-Person 37 Livestream 101

The church office is open for phone and email business. Hours are 9-4 M-Th & 9-1 on Friday.



Tabernacle is offering the United Methodist online streaming service “Amplify” to our church members at no charge. If you are familiar with Netflix or Disney+, then you should be able to navigate Amplify with very few problems. You can access the content through your computer, smartphone, tablet, or TV using Roku or Amazon. While Tabernacle is licensed to offer this across the congregation, we are limited to 200 screens or devices. We recommend that you access Amplify on the same device you watch the Sunday Livestream Service.

We were attracted to Amplify to provide Sunday School content for our PreK-5th grade students. As we looked more, we saw this program is expandable to provide content for youth and adult studies, as well. In this time of social distancing, a video library with good Christian content is a welcome friend.

To access Tabernacle’s Amplify account:

Go to Tabernacle URL

<https://my.amplifymedia.com/tabernacleumcinfredericksbur>.

Enter Tabernacle’s Congregation Access Code: **NZVTXD**

You will then be asked to create an account.

The prompt makes it seem as if you are setting up a trial, but as long as you use our congregation access code, you are all set. Please set up ONE account/email/address per family since Tabernacle’s subscription is for a total of 200 memberships/families.

Our children will be using the program *Celebrate Wonder* for Sunday School. You can access the children’s portion through the search icon. *Celebrate Wonder* is the same content we will use when in-person Sunday School resumes. We hope our congregation will enjoy the new studies and learning resources offered through Amplify.

2020 LAY SERVANT ACADEMY The 2020 Lay Servant Academy will be held via Zoom on Saturday, November 14. Three courses are being offered: *I Love to Tell the Story*, *Older Adult Ministries*, and *Online Worship*. Each course costs \$30. Registration may be found at <https://na.eventscloud.com/lisa>. Each course will have a reading and written assignment due prior to the Academy. There will also be a post-assignment that will be due by Nov. 28. Zoom links and assignments will be sent in October. Questions? Please contact Tianna Durbin, Lay Servant Academy Director, tiannad@arcolachurch.org.

ATTENTION STRING AND RHYTHM MUSICIANS!

The Praise Team is expanding and wants additional musicians to play during the worship service. All levels of experience are welcome. Contact Wendy at wpianogirl21@gmail.com 650.786.4601

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE! If you have a gift of music that you would like to share, contact Donna Steckler at dsteckler2001@yahoo.com. I miss you all and am praying for your health and happiness.

SECA Current hours of operation are: Monday/Wednesday 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. for food and financial assistance only; Tuesday/Thursday 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. for thrift store only. SECA is closed on Friday. If you would like to donate food, clothing, or household items, drop them off at SECA during these times (Monday through Thursday). You may also leave food donations, clothing, and small household items at the SECA designated area in Tabernacle’s Multipurpose Room during church office hours.

PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY The Prayers and Squares quilting group makes quilts for those needing prayer. Go to www.tabumc.org, click on Prayer, click on the word “**here**” in red, and provide prayer concern To ensure anonymity during livestreaming, only the recipient’s initials will be given along with brief information for prayer.

ELECTRONIC PRAYER REQUEST To make a prayer request, visit www.tabumc.org, click on *Prayer* at the top of the page, then fill out the information requested. We also have phone prayer chains. Call the church at 540-786-6162 and leave your request with Susan Pleasants.

SEPTEMBER COMMUNION OFFERING

PROJECT JAMES 2:16 / RISE AGAINST HUNGER

The Rise Against Hunger organization has cancelled all meal packing events for the rest of 2020 due to the pandemic. What would have been our 11th annual multi-church packing event this year to pack International meals will not happen. However, Tabernacle is still planning to pack 40 Thanksgiving Food Baskets for local individuals and families in need. This will take place in mid-November. Plans are to distribute these Thanksgiving Baskets as they have been in the past. It is estimated that we will need \$2,500.00 to pack 40 baskets. This will include pre-packaged meal items for a family of 8 and a \$25.00 gift certificate that can be used locally by the recipient to buy fresh food (meat, vegetables, bread) to augment the pre-packaged items. Donations to TUMC should be designated for “Project James 2:16 / RAH”. Stay tuned for more information on requesting a food basket for yourself or for others. Thank you.

TREASURER’S REPORT FOR AUGUST

Budget Donations	\$24,937.15
Budget Expenses	\$29,312.79
Budget Balance for August	(\$4,375.64)
Budget Balance to Date	(\$2,580.36)
<u>Other Donations (partial list)</u>	
Building Fund	\$4,465.00
SECA	\$695.00
YWAM	\$705.00
UMCOR	\$150.00
Abukloi	\$370.00
Communion	\$95.00

School is open. Pray for our teachers and students.