

GATHERING:

WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS – JOYS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* Page 95

PRELUDE *“O Master Let Me Walk With Thee”* Arr. Dale Wood

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His Name.

People: Sing praise to the Lord and tell of His wonderful works.

Leader: Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually.

People: Praise the Lord! (Psalm 105)

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Take Up Thy Cross* Page 415

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Arioso”* J.S. Bach

PRAYER CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

RESPONSE **All: Lord, hear our prayers.**

*SCRIPTURE *“Matthew 16: 21-28”*

SERMON Pastor Hurley

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”*
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *“Trumpet Voluntary”* Gordon Young

** Indicates to stand if able*

The flowers this morning are given by
Don & Alison Godfrey in memory of their daughter, Dawn Marie Godfrey,
And by
Gary and Alice Ward with Thanksgiving to the Lord for His Love, Faithfulness
and Provision in all circumstances.



Welcome to St. Matthews By-the-Sea United Methodist Church

Our Vision: “To be a loving community that supports all people in finding new life in Christ.”

Our Mission: “To offer our service, facility, and church programs to meet the needs of our community and beyond so that lives are transformed to the glory of God.”

Ron Jones, Bob Nickle– Worship Leaders
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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 30, 2020

Welcome to St. Matthews By-the-Sea. It is our hope that during our time of worship you will experience the presence of the risen Christ. **If you are worshipping with us from the parking lot, please tune in to 100.5 FM on your radio!**

The **Prayer Group** is once again meeting in person at the church every **Monday at 9:00am** for an hour of praise and supplication. The **Prayer Group invites** all who believe in the power of prayer to join them and bring your mask!

The **Crafty Ladies** will start meeting again on **September 8, 2020 in Clendaniel Hall at 9:30 am.** Bring your crafts that you made or your ideas that you had during COVID. It's also not too early to start collecting your used books, jewelry and white elephant items for the Christmas Bazaar on November 13 – 14, 2020.

The **UMW** will hold their September meeting at **John West Park in Ocean View on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at Noon.** Bring your own picnic lunch and drink. All ladies are welcome!

“UMM will meet Saturday, September 5th at 7:30 AM for Breakfast, Bibles & Brotherhood; 8:00-9:00 AM Program: This will be a SPECIAL MEETING OF ALL MEN OF SMBTS to discuss “The Way Forward” for the World Wide UMC and the issue of human sexuality and church doctrine that says homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching, no ordination of homosexuals and prohibition of same sex marriages. We will begin with song, followed by Communion and then Rev. Doug Stewart and I will open the conversation. Each attendee then will have 5 minutes to present their comments and/or submit a written statement. We will then move to a Q & A session to be followed by a non-binding straw vote. **All Men are invited for this special program! Sign up in the Narthex or with Phil Drew by calling 703-402-5735 or by email at Phil@AFGmortgage.com to make sure we have enough food and seating for breakfast! Wear your mask and bring your beach towel please.”**

Attention all SMBTS walkers! We will have another opportunity to fight hunger just by continuing to do our daily walks! Each walker will obtain sponsors to contribute to **CROP Hunger Walk.** The walk will be done individually or small family groups from Sept. 20 - Oct 18, 2020 following our local guidelines. 25% of donations remain in Sussex County for our local food pantries. So, get ready! Challenge: \$1.00/mile x 20 miles (for 2020) x 20 sponsors = \$400.00!!! Details coming soon. ☺ Sandy Pierce

Upcoming Leadership Meetings:

Lay Leadership Committee Meeting – TODAY – Following the 10:45 Service
SPRC Meeting - September 2, 2020 3:00 pm
Missions Committee Meeting – September 3, 2020 1:00 pm

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*Sunday, August 30, 2020
8:30 & 10:45 AM*