PUMPKIN PATCH

Calling everyone that wants to lend a hand placing pumpkins in the patch!
Our second truck will be here this Wednesday, and we need help beginning at 4pm to get our pumpkins displayed. Come out and enjoy the fun!

We also invite all families, or individuals, to sign up for one or more time slots to help sell pumpkins at our annual Pumpkin Patch. Every pumpkin sold **supports our Youth Ministry,** making this a fun and meaningful way to serve our church. **Scan QR code to signup for a shift.**

JOY MINISTRY LUNCH AND LEARN

The "Just Older Youth" MInistry - JOY (55+) will have our monthly luncheon (held on the second Thursday of each month), this **Thursday, October 9th, in the Fellowship Hall at 11am.** Major Louis Defense, of the Smyrna Police Department will be our guest speaker and the topic will be ***"Spotting Scams and Staying Safe"***.

The entree and drinks will be provided, we ask that you bring a side dish to share. RSVP to Rev. Barbara Hatchell, barbarah1118@yahoo.com by Monday, Oct. 6th. Come join the fun, food, and fellowship and bring a friend!

CAROLINA SOUND

Sunday, October 12th, 6pm, Fellowship Hall. Carolina Sound is a **premier a capella group** from the University of Mount Olive. They perform a variety of genres including secular and inspirational, as well as Christian and patriotic. The vocalists within the group have a passion for music and ministry. This will be an evening you won't soon forget. To get a taste of their moving music, scan the QR Code.

CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS

Sunday, October 19th, 5:30-7:30pm. Have you felt overwhelmed with the world? Hard to juggle everything on the calendar and feeling like you're being an uber driver for your teen?

Dr. Chinwe Williams is our parent speaker for our 2025 Critical Conversation on creating sustainable healthy habits in our lives and the life of our children.

We will gather for dinner together as a family with parents and youth before splitting up in 3 groups (parents, High School Youth and Middle School Youth) to have different conversations about the healthy habits in our lives.

Invite all any and all who might benefit from this conversation.

This is a free event but registration is required to get a headcount for dinner.

WOMEN'S GATHERING

Tuesday, October 21st, 7-8:30pm, Fellowship Hall. This Women's Gathering, sponsored by the Anchored Women's Ministry, is a time for the women of our church to come together for a night of building community and sharing stories of faith through an activity! We will each create and take home a seasonal wreath for our homes! We are also excited about our speaker, author and podcaster, Jessica Mathisen.

Scan QR Code to register. For more information reach out to Regina Bivek: 678-763-6285 or *regina.bivek@gmail.com*.

GOOD KITCHEN NIGHT

Sunday, October 26th, 5:30pm. GOOD Kitchen will open their space for this event fun night of food, live music, games, and fellowship, while raising funds for the Confirmation DC pilgrimage. Scan QR Code to RSVP.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Wednesday, October 29th, 6-7:30pm, Hot Dog Dinner, 6-7pm. This is an amazing event that serves the entire community and we would love participation with trunks and providing candy. Candy donations will be accepted in bins outside the Fellowship Hall or you may donate using our Amazon Wish list (Scan QR Code).

THIS WEEK AT SFUMC

Sunday, 10/5 - **Youth Band Rehearsal:** 3pm, Fellowship Hall
Tomorrow's Promise: 4pm, A205
God's Light Youth Choir: 4:00pm, Choir Room
Carnegie Rehearsal: 5:30pm, Choir
Youth Community Worship: 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, 10/6 - **NoteAbles:** 10:30am, Chapel
Yarn Disciples: 11:30am, Welcome Center
Pick-Up Basketball: 6pm, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, 10/7 - **Cobb Collaborative:** 11:30am, Fellowship Hall
Girl Scouts: 3:30pm, A105
Executive Committee Meeting: 6pm, A105
Girl Scouts: 6:15pm, A205
Cub Scouts: 6:30pm, C-Hallway
CJCEC: 7pm, B-Hallway

Wednesday, 10/8 - **Wednesday Bible Study**: 10am, A102
Pumpkin Truck: 4pm, West Parking Lot
Children's Choirs: 5:15pm, Various Locations
Cornerstone Lightning: 5:20pm, A205
Wednesday Night Dinner: 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall
Pumpkin Truck *(no Youth Bible Study)*: West Parking Lot
Cornerstone Choir: 6:30pm, Choir Room
Instruments of Praise: 6:30pm, A207
CJCEC: 7pm, B210, B211
New Praise: 7:30pm, Choir Room
Sounding Joy Handbells: 7:30pm, Bell Room

Thursday, 10/9 - **The Branches Bible Study:** 10:00am, A107
JOY Luncheon: 11am, Fellowship Hall
The Gathering Grief Group: 2pm, A102
Tillman Food Co-Op: 5:30pm, Welcome Center
CJCEC: 7pm, B-Hallway

Friday, 10/10 - **FUEL:** 10:00am, B211

Saturday, 10/11 - **Pumpkins/Public Safety:** 3pm, West Parking Lot

WAYS TO GET THE LATEST NEWS

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October Calendar

Recovery Groups

For information about the recovery groups offered at our church, please click on the QR Code above.

Smyrna First
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Derek Porter
11:15am Classic Worship
October 5, 2025

GIVING MADE EASY

If you would like to make your offering online, simply scan the QR code.

Making Disciples Who Make Disciples

Therefore, go and make disciples of all. Matthew 28:19

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Worldwide Holy Communion Sunday
October 5, 2025 • 11:15am Classic Worship

As the prelude is playing , please silently prepare your hearts and minds for worship. We kindly ask that you silence your phones.

PRELUDE

Rick Quinton

TRINITY CHIMES

WELCOME

Rev. Derek Porter

HYMN

** O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* #57

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

What's In the Box? Creating a message from the unknown.
4 years (by Sept. 1, 2025): B106; K-3rd Grade: C204

HYMN

** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #384

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Kathryn Davis

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERTORY

Sing Out Your Song, Christians of the World Cornerstone

DOXOLOGY

* ***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Rev. Jono Moehlig

MESSAGE

Good Enough Rev. Derek Porter

Romans 5:1-5

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The children will return to have Holy Communion with their families.
Parents, we ask that you pick them up from the back pews as you go to receive communion.

A TIME OF REFLECTION

Come Sinners to the Gospel Feast Kris and Michael Clancy

BENEDICTION

Please remain in your pews until the acolytes pass with the Light of Christ.

POSTLUDE

Rick Quinton

**Congregation, please stand as able.*

Music Director: Kim Duggins
Accompanists: Rick Quinton, Laura Thompson
Ushers: Martha Curtis, Pat Haley, Garry Harvil, Jim Moore
Holy Communion Stewards: Amelia Carmichael, George Davis, Vicki Davis, Travis Lindley, Marty Merletti, Tracy Styf
Acolytes: Moseley Douglas, Taylor Joiner Beacon: Sarah Graves Caldwell

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We invite our youngest members (8 wks - 3 yrs.) to join our nursery ministry; however, children of all ages are always welcome in worship services.

Reminder: This service is live-streamed and there may be a chance you and/or your children will be on camera.

Service of Holy Communion

Gluten Free Station is located in the middle

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in unity and peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for Christian unity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader to people: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Leader and people: Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader to People: The Lord be with you.

People to Leader: And also with you.

Leader to People: Lift up your hearts.

People to Leader: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader to People: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Leader and People Together: It is right to give our thanks and praise. It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Leader to People: You formed us in Your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, Your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets. And so, with Your united people on earth, united with the company of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

Leader and People Together: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

Leader to People: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed Him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recover sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to unite Your followers in ministry and mission, and to announce that the time had come when You would save Your people. Jesus healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of His suffering, death, and resurrection You gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and united us with You and with one another through the new covenant by water and the Spirit.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, He promised to be with us always, in the power of Your Word and Holy Spirit. On the night in which He gave Himself up for us, He took bread, gave thanks to You, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me. "When the supper was over, He took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Leader and People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Leader to People: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at His heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

LEADER: Stewards, please come forward.

BREAKING THE BREAD

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go united into this world through the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYING FOR

Beverly and Mike Ford, Amanda Schmidt, Becky Newton, Jeff Pickard, Kelly Busbin, Iris Cave, Dale Metcalfe, Jane Davis, Lamar Roberts, Scott Mokrzycki, James Belcher, Rosa, Kyle Benson, Patricia Roper, Debbie Clayton, Blake Brinkley, Jr., Tim Shannon, Patricia Shannon, Claudia Bacon, Marvin Waldrep, Megan Skelley, Lily Rose Reynolds, Josh Woods, Karen Terry, Barbara Turner, Vann Beasley, Bailey Wood, Stevie, Sherri, Megan, Allison, Chelsea and family, Jesse, Meschke family, Ray Shiraishi, the Mayo-Lamberte Family, Gary and Mary Lytle, Justin Van Broekhoven, the McKormick family, Colin Tibbs, Bill Mason, Ann Butler, Tanya McDonald, Andy Goodell, Betty Turley.

Sympathy to Michael and Kris Clancy on the passing of Michael's father.

Sympathy to the family of Sue Hampton on her passing (funeral will be tomorrow at noon in the Sanctuary).

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES

We now have Assistive Listening Devices. If you would like to use one during one of our worship services, please ask for assistance in our Narthex (for the Classic Services) or in the back of the Fellowship Hall (for our Common Foundation Service). *Check to see that the location on the device screen is set to the correct room.*

YOUTH COMMUNITY WORSHIP NIGHT

THIS EVENING, October 5th, 6pm-7:30pm, Fellowship Hall. Join us for A Night of Worship, a powerful time to gather, praise, and connect. Our youth will share dinner at 5:30pm and doors will open for the communitee at 6pm and worship is from 6:15–7:00pm. Music provided by our Sunday morning Praise Band and Evie Hanover will deliver the message. Hang out afterward with FREE treats from the King of Pops cart! **Bring your friends, bring your energy, and come experience a night filled with music, faith, and fun. You don't want to miss it!**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Come join a meal with the church family**, October 8, 5:30-6:30pm, Fellowship Hall.** Adults: $10; Children: $5. Menu will be published in Monday's email.

CHOIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM

This internship is open to college students majoring in music and offers hands-on experience in church music ministry. Responsibilities include: assisting with children's choir programs and active participation in the adult music program. Position duration: now through May 2026.

For a full program description, scan the QR code provided. This is a great opportunity to grow musically and spiritually while serving the church community.