

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. Look for future information on how to signup to help and/or donate.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS

Over the next five weeks, our church will be walking with children through Faith Milestones. Special moments designed to help them grow in their understanding and practice of faith. In the Methodist tradition, milestones mark the ongoing journey of grace, where we learn to pray, worship, and live as disciples of Jesus Christ. Each week, children will experience age-appropriate teaching and activities that celebrate God’s love and invite them deeper into their walk with Christ.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Carnegie Hall music rehearsals will begin this week. This year, we have 29 adults and youth preparing to perform at Carnegie Hall this November, under the direction of Heather Sorenson. Please keep this group in prayer as they prepare to share God’s word in this special musical way.

October 17 and 18th, our Cornerstone Choir will have a retreat held at the church to begin rehearsing music for the Advent season. If you are interested in joining, please contact Kim Duggins, kduggins@smyrnafumc.org. The Advent/Christmas program will be December 7th.

CHURCH STAFF

Not sure who does what at the church? Have a question regarding a certain ministry? Just scan the QR Code and get a listing of our church staff and what they handle. Or email communications@smyrnafumc.org.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Smyrna First UMC is a Stephen Ministry congregation. All concerns are confidential. If your life is in crisis, and you would like a Stephen Minister, send an email to StephenMinistry@smyrnafumc.org.

TILLMAN HOUSE RESOURCE CENTER

Times are tough for many in our community and the Tillman House is here to help! If you would like to donate diapers, hygiene necessities, and other items, please call us at 770-435-0851. We are open Monday-Thursday from 9am-1pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

No matter your age or stage of life, Sunday School offers a welcoming space to go deeper in your Christian journey. With a wide variety of classes tailored for children, youth, and adults, there’s a place for everyone to learn, grow, and connect.

We invite you to come experience this meaningful time of faith, fellowship, and discovery. Scan QR code for a full list of classes.



THIS WEEK AT SFUMC

Sunday, 9/28 - Carnegie Hall Rehearsal: 2pm, Choir Room
Youth Band Rehearsal: 3pm, Fellowship Hall
Tomorrow’s Promise: 4pm, A205
God’s Light Youth Choir: 4:00pm, Choir Room
Sunday Night Youth: 5:30pm, C-Hallway

Monday, 9/29 - NoteAbles: 10:30am, Chapel
Yarn Disciples: 11:30am, Welcome Center
Pick-Up Basketball: 6pm, Fellowship Hall
Lay Leadership Meeting: 6pm, A107

Tuesday, 9/30 - Girl Scouts: 3:30pm, A205
Cub Scouts: 6:30pm, C-Hallway
CJCEC: 7pm, B-Hallway

Wednesday, 10/1 - Wednesday Bible Study: 10am, A102
Children’s Choirs: 5:15pm, Various Locations
Cornerstone Lightning: 5:20pm, A205
Wednesday Night Dinner: 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall
Youth Bible Study: 6:30pm, C-Hall
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, 10/2 - The Branches Bible Study: 10:00am, A107
CJCEC: 7pm, B-Hallway



September Calendar



Recovery Groups

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

WAYS TO GET THE LATEST NEWS

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To get on our churchwide email list, scan QR Code.



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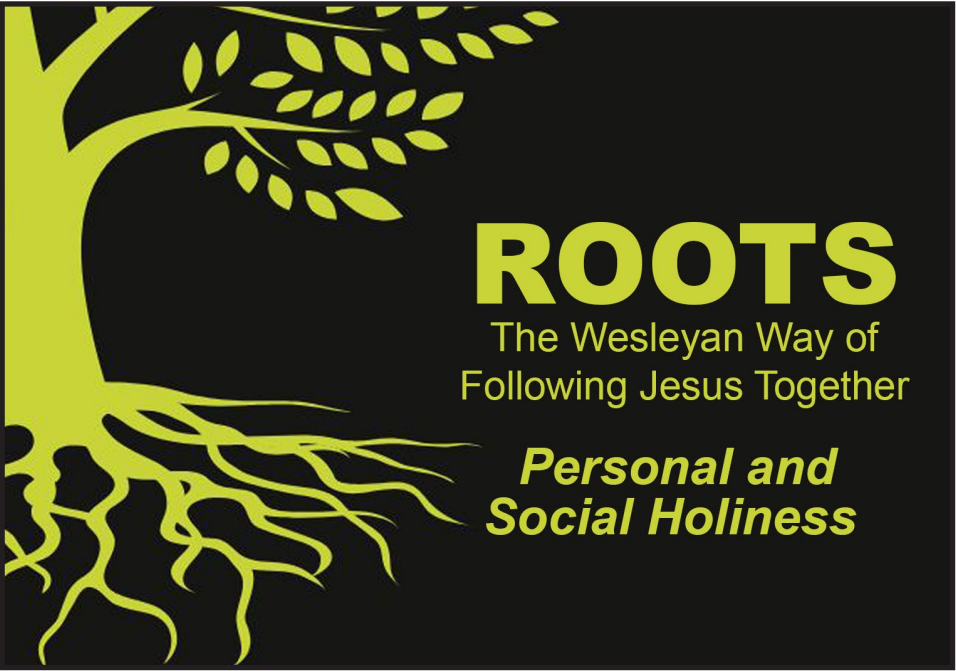
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Rev. Beverly Marshall-Goodell, Rev. Dr. Dawn Britt



Rev. Jono Moehlig
11:15am Classic Worship
September 28, 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

16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 28, 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

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Instruments of Praise

TRINITY CHIMES

WELCOME

Rev. Derek Porter

HYMN

* *O Worship the King*

#73

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

* The Apostles’ Creed

#881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection
of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

* Gloria Patri

#70

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen***

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Honor, Glorified, Exalted

Cornerstone

HYMN

* *Spirit of the Living God*

#393

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

I Will Rise Up

New Praise

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. Derek Porter

MESSAGE

Personal and Social Holiness

Rev. Jono Moehlig

Ephesians 2:8-10

HYMN

* *Grace Greater Than Our Sin*

#365

BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Barbara Kincaid

* *Congregation, please stand as able.*

Music Director: Kim Duggins Instruments of Praise Director: Bobby Nelson
Accompanists: Barbara Kincaid, Rick Quinton
Ushers: Ken Kincaid, Leonard McKenzie, Earl Rice, Corey Stiles

*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.*

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.*

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.

Sympathy to Elisabeth and Andre Lovas and family on the passing of Elisabeth's mother, Janie Baker.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Join us for this midweek meal together in the Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm-6:30pm: Menu will be shared in the Monday email. Adults: \$10; Children: \$5

YOUTH COMMUNITY WORSHIP NIGHT

Sunday, October 5th, 5:30pm-7:30pm, Fellowship Hall. Get ready for an unforgettable evening designed just for youth in our community! Join us for A Night of Worship, a powerful time to gather, praise, and connect. Doors open at 5:30pm and worship is from 6:00–7:00pm. 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!**

PUMPKIN PATCH

The Pumpkins Are Here! It’s that time of year again...and what a wonderful tradition it is! We invite **all youth families** 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.



And here’s the best part: You don’t have to be part of a youth family to help! We would be honored to have any church member join in this festive fundraiser. Come be part of the fun, fellowship, and fall spirit! **Scan QR code to sign up for a shift.**

NOTE: Second Truck will arrive on Wednesday, October 8th!

PUMPKINS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Saturday, October 11th, 3:30-5pm. Join us at the Pumpkin Patch for a fun-filled event hosted by Smyrna Public Safety!

Bring a new winter item—coat, hat, socks, blanket, etc., to donate, and enjoy: Pumpkin decorating, tasty snacks, and a friendly time with our amazing police and fire personnel.

All proceeds go to support the Tillman House Resource Center. Come out, give back, and celebrate fall with us!

CAROLINA SOUND

Sunday, October 12th, 6pm, Fellowship Hall. Carolina Sound is a **premier a ccapella 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.



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.

Future dates to put on your calender for gatherings:

Tuesday, February 3; Friday, May 1; Tuesday, August 25; Tuesday, November 3, 2026