

## **SCRIPTURE**

### **Scripture 1 Romans 14:1-12**

14 Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. 2 Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. 3 Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. 4 Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. 5 Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. 6 Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God. 7 For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. 8 If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. 9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. 10 Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. 11 For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." 12 So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

### **Scripture 2 Matthew 18:21-35**

21 Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times." 23 "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. 24 When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, and as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. 26 So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' 27 And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' 29 Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' 30 But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. 31 When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. 32 Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' 34 And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. 35 So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."



## **Hand Memorial** **United Methodist Church**

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**Children Ministries**

**Ben Gunter**

**Music Director & Pianist**

**Jimmy Rogers**

**TV Ministry**

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## **Disaster Relief**

### **Responding to Hurricane Idalia**

#### **Financial Gifts**

Your financial gift to UMCOR is especially appreciated as our giving is flexible in application and offers high impact. Monetary donations can be given to our disaster Conference Advance Special #6796 - South Georgia Storm Relief

#### **TELEVISION MINISTRY**

**CNS Channel 6:** Monday 7:30 p.m., Wednesday 9:30 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m.

**Facebook:** Live Prayer Weekday at 7:00 p.m.

Videos of Worship will be posted each week.

#### **GREETERS**

*Greeters:* 09/17 Katy Adams  
09/24 Nan McPherson

#### **Mark Your Calendar!**

**09/14 - 09/18 Rev. Kathy out of town.**

**09/19 Parsonage walk through at 6:30 p.m.**

**09/24 Administrative Council at 6:00 p.m. (Changed!)**

**\*All meetings will be in the Library unless noted otherwise.**



## **Hand Memorial** **United Methodist Church**



It's week three of our, "Come to the Table" series. Today we come to the Table of Peace. We often recall peace talks between country's in order to resolve war and conflict. Peace can have many different meanings. Sometimes I think we define peace incorrectly by saying peace means there are no disagreements. However, peace is being able to have harmony with those whom we disagree with.

I'm grateful that Rev. Andy Frazier is leading worship this week as we are invited to Come to the Table of Peace. Jesus invites us to the Table of Peace, but we may have to make some preparations before we come. What do we need to do before we come to the table this week?

God's Grace & Peace,

Rev. Kathy

Hand Memorial United Methodist Church  
16th Sunday after Pentecost Liturgical Color: Green  
September 17, 2023

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Come to the Table”

Choir

PASTORAL RESPONSE

Chorus

Come to the Table

**Come to the table of peace,  
Come to the table of peace.  
This is God’s Table, it’s not yours or mine  
Come to the table of peace.**

Pastor We gather today to listen, to learn, and to love.

**All We are ready to share and to hear what  
others have to say.**

Pastor Though we are all different, we yearn to find a  
mutual understanding.

**All We are standing on common ground.**

Pastor We take our seat at the Table of Peace.

**All We know that God is already here!**

\*HYMN

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

UMH 431

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,  
help us know, O God, your presence;  
let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story ‘till we claim it as our  
own; teach us through this holy banquet  
how to make Loves victory known.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 14: 1 - 12  
& Matthew 18: 21 - 35

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

CHOIR

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

UMH 599, v. 1

SERMON

CALL TO PRAYER

“Fill My Cup, Lord”

UMH 641

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.**

\*HYMN

“Near to the Heart of God”

UMH 472

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY MUSIC

“Remember Me”

Gustafson and Nystrom, 1992

\*DOXOLOGY

“Be Present at Our Table, Lord”

UMH 621

**Be present at our table, Lord,  
be here and everywhere adored;  
thy creatures bless, and grant that we  
may feast in paradise with thee**

\*CLOSING HYMN

“It is Well with My Soul”

UMH 377

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

\* Please stand as able.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Charles Sokowski, Voncile Davis, Millie Edwards, Lincoln  
Humphries, Odessa Marshall, Katie Wood Campbell, Stephen  
Houston, Rick Strickland, Charles & Betty Griner, Anne Allen,  
Sallie Jones, W.C. Kinard, Barbara Cleveland, Larry Frosteg and  
Tony Stiltner.

*Shut in:* Millie Edwards at Southern Pines in Thomasville.  
Sara Caldwell at Pelham Parkway.  
Priscilla Arwood at Woodleaf Senior Care.

*At home:* Margie Frosteg.

*-Please contact the church office with all prayer concerns  
at [handumc@hotmail.com](mailto:handumc@hotmail.com) or (229) 294-8390.*

**MEMORIALS:**

**Jason Tatum** by Bennett & Patti Adams.

**Emoryette McDonald** by Miriam Powell.

**Wednesday Night Supper**

Wed. Night suppers this year are provided by Lillibel  
Wingate and Eagle’s Nest Catering.

Menu this week: Chicken, Pasta, Spinach & Bacon  
Casserole

Price remains the same: \$8 for Adults, \$4 for children over  
3. \$20 max charge for a family of 4 with 2 adults and 2  
children. \$ 25 max.charge for family of 2 adults and 3+  
children. Children over 12 will be charged the adult price.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of reservation \_\_\_\_\_

No. from 18 mos - 12 years old \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent \_\_\_\_\_ 09/20 \_\_\_\_\_