

New Market United Methodist

METHODIST MESSENGER

SEPTEMBER 2021

Dear Friends,

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William "Bill" Pike Phone & E-Mail: Cell: 765-719-0712 bill.pike@inumc.org

Secretary JoElla Haffner Cell: 765-230-0800 As Afghanistan falls into chaos and as Muslim extremists cement a deadly stranglehold on large swaths of the country, one group most certain to be persecuted is the tiny Afghan Christian community.

Estimated at only about 10,000 to 12,000 people, the Christian church in Afghanistan has always lived in fear. The United States military presence has actually done very little to change that over the past two decades. Even before the recent U.S. withdrawal, Open Doors International had ranked Afghanistan as the second most dangerous nation for Christians to live in, only behind North Korea.

Most adult Afghan Christians are converts from Islam, and under Sharia Law as interpreted by both the Taliban and ISIS, converting away from Islam brings with it the sentence of death. Throughout Afghanistan, even if these extremist groups were not in charge, their influence has been widespread and deadly. With full Taliban rule coming, Christians in Afghanistan will face almost certain death. As an August 23rd article in *The Hill* states:

The memories of public executions, floggings and amputations of Christians and other religious minorities under the Taliban's previous rule remain vivid. As the Taliban is reportedly already working to track down the known Christians on its list, some local church leaders are counseling their communities to stay inside their homes, even though they know the best and perhaps only long-term hope is to somehow flee the country. Other Christians are reportedly escaping to the hills in attempts to find safety.

Some Christians on the ground have expressed that, with the takeover of Kabul, they expect to be killed, mafia-style. Although some reports say that the Taliban is already conducting targeted killings of Christians and other minorities found using public transportation, as well as executing anyone found with Bible software installed on their cell phones.

Given today's global realities, the one and only thing American Christians can do for the church in Afghanistan to pray. Please pray for this brave remnant, that they will be protected by God's power and given courage, resolve, and wisdom. Let us also pray that their persecutors will see the light, or face defeat in their schemes to murder Christians. God's church will prevail.



Pastor's Office Hours: Thursday, September 9th & 23rd from 6:30-8:30PM or by appointment

Blessings,

Pastor Bill

September Greeter

JoElla Haffner

September Liturgist

5th	Rhett Welliever
12th	Jacob Pike
19th	Lori Hedrick
26th	Kelly Clifton

September Usher

David & Marcia Shaw

SEPTEMBER CHURCH MEETINGS & EVENTS

Holy Communion—Sunday, September 5 UM Women's—Wednesday, September 1, 7:00PM UM Men's—Wednesday, September 8, 6:00PM Ad Council—Wednesday, September 15, 7:00PM

BY THE NUMBERS ATTENDANCE & GIVING UPDATE

July 25

Sunday School Attendance: 14 Sunday School Offering: \$ 27.00 Worship Attendance: 25 Sunday Offering: \$ 931.00

August 1

Sunday School Attendance: 17 Sunday School Offering: \$ 39.05 Worship Attendance: 22 Sunday Offering: \$ 970.00

August 8

Sunday School Attendance: 22 Sunday School Offering: \$ 36.00 Worship Attendance: 28 Sunday Offering: \$ 1,005.00

August 15

Sunday School Attendance: 20 Sunday School Offering: \$ 41.00 Worship Attendance: 31 Sunday Offering: \$ 506.00

August 22

Sunday School Attendance: 20 Sunday School Offering: \$45.00 Worship Attendance: 28 Sunday Offering: \$1,084.00

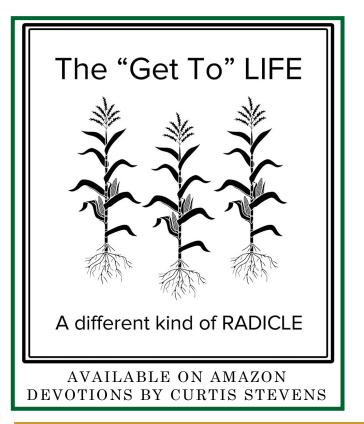
PRAYER REQUEST

- Don Argentiero
- Gary Austin
- Susie Austin
- Lois Ator
- •Heather Billard
- DeAnna Block
- Heidi Bonwell
- •James Bosworth
- •Marjorie Bowman
- Gloria Brand
- •Teresa Brook
- •Mary Evelyn Bruin
- •Art Buck
- Judy & Byron Butler
- Judy Byers
- James Caldwell
- •Nancy Hampton Campbell
- Dick Chadd
- Marci Conkright
- Troy Cope
- •Dan Cramer
- Patty Curry
- •Kay DeBusk
- •Debbie Ebaugh
- Kennedy Ellis
- •Bentley Hall
- •Denise Hall
- •Sue Howell
- •Larry & Louise Hulse
- Seth Hutchison
- •Christopher Johnson
- Linda Johnson
- •Mitzi Keller
- •Glenellen King
- •Pete Largent
- •Donna Lideski
- •Barb Lidester
- •Steve Lidester
- •Glenn Livesay

 Joan Livesay •Brad Long Payton Long •Eladio Lopez •Mary Ann Lowe •Jenny Lynn •Mike Marcel •Jay McClaine •Mary Jane Meadows •Jan Minnick • David Myers •Linda Horn Myers •Brian O'Hare •Baby Holden Olin •Kim Oliphant •Judy & Kevin Payne •Marjorie Pike •Richard Pruitt •Bill Reed •Dean Richmond family Nancy Sandlin Norma Sillery Angie Staggs Mallory Stripling •Melvin Sturgeon Talia •Billie Ann Thomas • Dion Thomas Jean Thomas •Denisa Timberman •Bill VanBebber •Dennis & Elaine Weir •Larry Wiatt •John & Karen Wilbur Edna Williams Covid Patients

- Afghanistan
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Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **Bob Jenkins**



Have you ever considered that God has fallen in love with you..? He sends you flowers every spring. He sends you sunshine every morning. Whenever you want to talk, he listens to you. He can live anywhere in the universe, but he chose you, your heart. God didn't promise days without pain, laughter without sorrow, sun without rain, but he did promise strength for the day, comfort for the tears and light for the way.. Amen -Unknown

The United Methodist Men

UMM met on August 11th with five members present. Dan Welliever reported that 21 people had attended the Father-Son Banquet in June. Total expenses were \$189.60 leaving the UMM treasury at \$2,033.87. The group decided to change meeting times back to 7:00 p.m. and Bill Thomas will host the September 8th meeting. After discussing the upcoming food court at the rummage sale, the group watched the next installment in "The God I Never Knew."

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The profit from the bake sale was \$676.05, The sale was organized by UMW, but would have been impossible without the entire congregation. There were so many varied items and everything sold by about 12:30. Thank you to everyone who donated items and a special thank you to the cinnamon roll crew who made 280 rolls. There were only six left on the counter Sunday morning. The money is added to the rummage sale profit.



Track Update

We will no longer be working at the track for Sissy Martin since she is getting out of the food business and just focusing on renting out her equipment. We will have a report of earnings from the Brickyard and the total amount of what we have made over the years in the next newsletter. Thank you to everyone who has worked the track....good fun and good memories.

FOOD FINDERS MOBILE PANTRY served 97 families at the August 3 food finders distribution. We had lots of church and community help. The next distribution is Saturday, September 11th at 11:00AM. Volunteers need to arrive at 10:30AM.





New Market Community Rummage Sale 2021







apples autumn birds blanket bonfire changing cider

colorful frost harvest hayride deciduous jacket equinox leaves flannel migrate foliage orchards

cozy

crow

quilt rake rustling scarecrow season spider

pumpkin

squirrel sunflower sweater trees vegetables wheelbarrow

squash



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1UMW Meeting 7PM</i>	2	3	4
5 Holy Communion	6 Labor Day Office Closed	7 Stacy Burkhart Birthday	8 UMM Meeting 6PM DJ & Kim Ruggles Anniversary	9 Pastor's Office Hours 6:30-8:30PM Zoey Jones Birthday	10	11 Food Finders 11AM Kathy Lidester Birthday
12	13	14	15 Ad Council Meeting 7PM	16	17	18 Nick Hedrick Birthday
19	20	21	22 First Day of Autumn	23 Pastor's Office Hours 6:30-8:30PM	24 Lori Hedrick Birthday	25
26 Kevin Sillery & Brandon Paddack Birthday	27 Bill Pike Birthday	28	29 Rachel Welliever & Janet Fruits Birthday Jamie & Marci Welliever Anniversary	30 Levi DeBusk Birthday		

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COME WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday School: 9:30 AM Worship Gathering: 10:45 AM



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