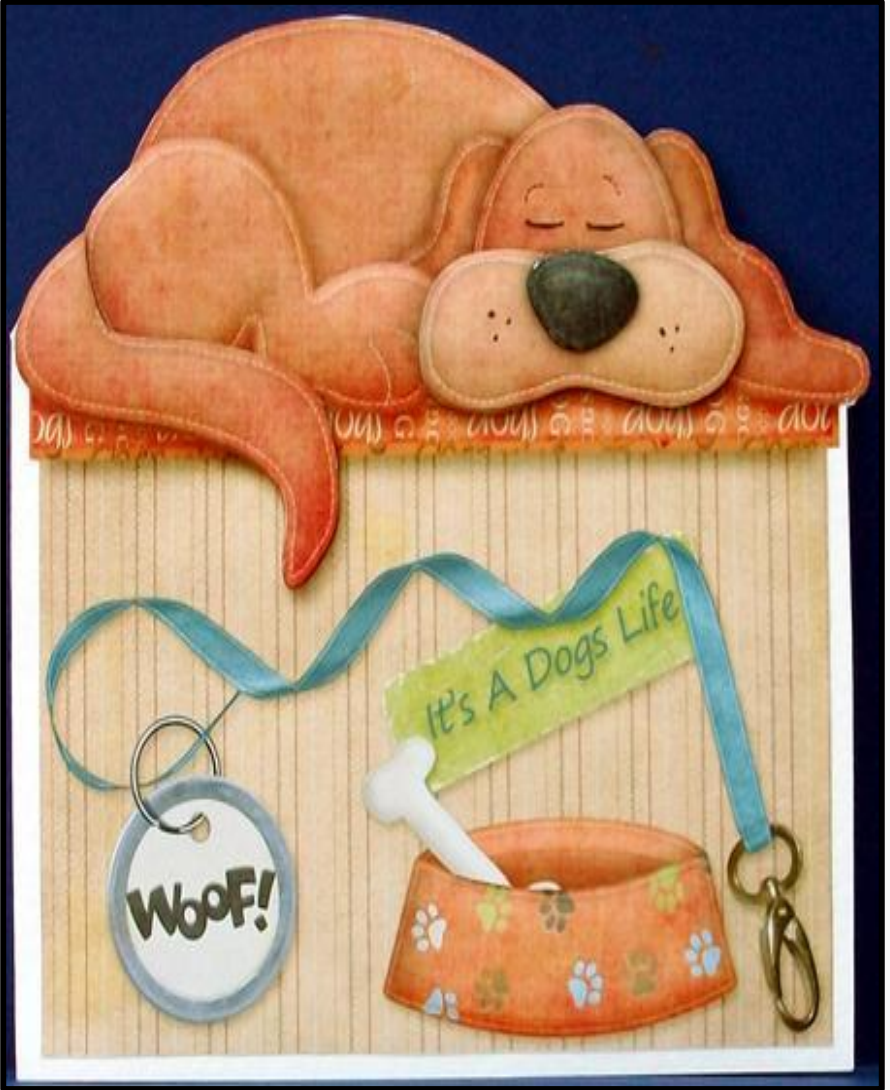


12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2023



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# **WESTMORELAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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*August 20, 2023*

**PRELUDE**                    **“OPEN OUR EYES”**                    **GARY MAYNARD**

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**                    **SHAUNDA RICE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**                    **UNISON**

**You have come from afar and waited long; and are wearied.  
Let us sit side by side, sharing the same bread drawn from the  
same source to quiet the same hunger that makes us weak.  
Then standing together let us share the same spirit, the same  
thoughts that once again draw us together in friendship and  
unity and peace.**

*(Prieres of Ozawamick, Canadian Indian, 20<sup>th</sup> Cent.)*

**\*HYMN**                    **“MY HOPE IS BUILT”**                    **UMH 368**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**                    **UNISON**

**May the words of our mouth, and the meditations of all our  
hearts, be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, Our God and Savior.  
Amen**

**\*RESPONSIVE READING**                    **PSALM 133**                    **UMH 850**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**                    **UMH 95**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**                    **GENESIS 45:1-15**

**SHARING OUR PRAISES & CONCERNS**

*(PLEASE USE YOUR PRAYER CARD AND PUT IN THE  
OFFERING PLATE OR PRAYER BASKET. THANK YOU.)*

**PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERING / \*GLORIA PATRI**

**UMH 70**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**EPISTLE READING**

**ROMANS 11:1-2A, 29-32**  
**STEPHANIE MALCOLM, RLLP**

**\*HYMN**

**“ROCK OF AGES”**

**UMH 361**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**UNISON**

**Almighty God, we confess that we are often swept up in the tide of our generation. We have failed in our calling to be your holy people, a people set apart for your divine purpose. We live more in apathy born of fatalism than in passion born of hope. we are moved more by private ambition than by social justice. We dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice. We try to speak in your name without relinquishing our glories, without nourishing our souls, without relying wholly on your grace. Help us to make room in our hearts and lives for you. Forgive us, revive us, and reshape us in your image. Amen.**

*(Lydia S. Martinez, Hispanic, U.S.A., 20<sup>th</sup> Cent., ALT)*

*All offer prayers of confession in silence.*

*The Lord God is merciful and gracious, endlessly patient, loving, and true, showing mercy to thousands, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin, and granting pardon. Amen.*

*(Jewish Prayer for Forgiveness, U.S.A., 30<sup>th</sup> Cent.)*

**\*GOSPEL READING**

**MATTHEW 15:10-28**

**SERMON**

**“IT’S A DOG’S LIFE!”**

**PASTOR THOM MALCOLM**

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION**

**“FREELY, FREELY”**

**UMH 389**

**\*THE LEADING OF THE LIGHT**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**GARY MAYNARD**

**\*\*\* PPR MEETING TODAY AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE \*\*\***

# *Prayer List*

**Teresa Altizer & Parents  
Pam Baker  
Jacob Ball  
Dawn Baumgardner  
Mike Black  
Sonny Branham  
Beth Carson  
Jill & Jim Combs  
Bob Cox  
Family of Don Crumb  
Judy Given  
Michelle Endicott**

*Remember those not able to join us for church:*

**Jim & Barbara Christain, Betty Craig,  
Donna & Dave Davis, Joy Fetty, Ruth Kelley,  
Loretta Hetzer, Patricia Morgan, Jim Reed,  
Harold Sowards, Dan & Shirley Webster, Marge Wheeler**

*The flowers are placed on the altar in memory of  
Norma Parks for her birthday that was on August 18<sup>th</sup>.  
Forever in our hearts, Sheree, Steve & Sydney Downey*

**Office Hours: Pastor Thom Malcolm Wed/ Thurs 1:30-4:00  
Secretary: Donna Rumbaugh Wed/Thurs 2:30-4:30  
Cell: 304-633-3680**

*(Donna is on vacation during week of August 21<sup>st</sup>)*

**Interim Music Director: Gary Maynard**

**Pianist: Gary Maynard**

**Liturgist: Donna Wolfe**

**Please note that information for the bulletin needs to be  
in the church office by Wednesdays at 1:30pm.**