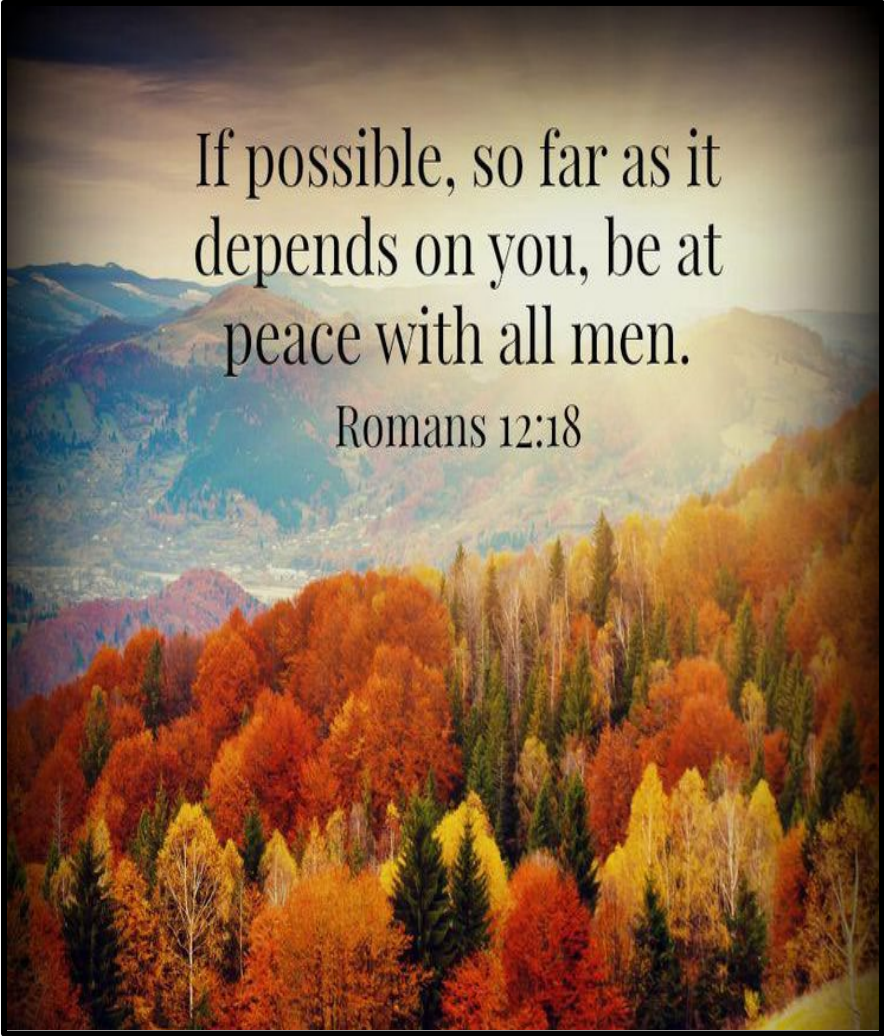




If possible, so far as it
depends on you, be at
peace with all men.

Romans 12:18

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September 20, 2026

***Theme: Forgiveness, reconciliation, healthy boundaries, &
placing what we cannot control into God's hands.***

PRELUDE

ANN McDANIEL

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

SPECIAL MUSIC

"HE KNOWS MY NAME"

CHOIR

PASTORAL WELCOME

REV. JANICE ODOM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DONNA WOLFE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

DONNA WOLFE

Leader: Come, all who carry broken relationships and unfinished conversations.

People: We come seeking the healing grace of God.

Leader: Come, all who are grieving people who are still living, but no longer close.

People: We come trusting that God knows every wound of the heart.

Leader: Come, all who need courage to forgive, apologize, wait, or let go.

People: We come asking God to show us what is ours to do.

Leader: As far as it depends upon us, let us seek peace.

People: And what we cannot change, we place into the hands of God.

All: Let us worship the God of grace, healing, and reconciliation.

***HYMN**

"AMAZING GRACE"

UMH 378

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON

PASSING OF THE PEACE AMONGST US

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 95
UNISON

UMH 389

GENESIS 33:1-4

LUKE 15:17-24

ROMANS 12:18

PRAYER OF CONFESSION UNISON

Go now in the peace of Christ. Where forgiveness is yours to give, give it. Where an apology is yours to make, make it. Where a door can safely be opened, open it. Where a boundary must remain, hold it with grace. And where there is nothing more you can do, place that person and that relationship into the hands of God. As much as it lies within you, live in peace. And may the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the presence of the Holy Spirit go with you now and always. Amen.

ANN MCDANIEL

**Please stand only if you are able.*

Sunday School	Each Sunday	10:00am
Exercise Class	Tuesdays & Thursdays (time changed)	11:00am

Charge Conference **Tuesday, Sept 29** **5:30pm**
*(Will be held, as a Parrish, at Kenova UMC with Kenova UMC,
 Central UMC, Johnson Memorial and Westmoreland.)*

Community Dinner **Wednesday, Sept 30** **6:00pm**
(Sign-up Sheet is in Parlor)

We are participating with Crosspoint Community Church with the "backpack" ministry. For September, we are requesting individual servings of mac and cheese. Thank you!

Prayer List

*If you have any additions or modifications to the prayer list,
please complete a prayer request card or call the church office.*

*For anyone placed on the prayer list, updates will be
requested during worship service*

Justin Abramo
(Rena Black's Son-in-Law)
Cheryl Bowe (broken neck)
(Mother-in-Law of Chris Ward)
Mike Curry (Pastor Janice's
1st Cousin's Son)
Marcus Kirby (Age 3)
(Marty Bentley's Great Grandson)
Shirley Kizzee
(Brenda Carrico's sister)

Jimmy Morgan
(Judy Morgan's Son)
Pastor Janice & Tom
Matt Thomas
(Laura Blake's niece's husband)
Gloria
(Geneva Tyson's niece)
Brenda
(Laura Blake's Sister's friend)

Please pray for those with long-term needs:

Jill & Jim Combs, Milton Clay, Judy Given, Jeff Hunt

Remember those not able to join us for church:

Joy Fetty, Patricia Morgan, Dan & Shirley Webster

Rev. Janice Odom

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(Office Hours: Wed. & Thurs. 2:30 – 5:30pm)

*Please give bulletin updates to Sheree Downey by
Tuesdays @ 2:30pm*

Pianist:
Liturgist:
Acolyte:

Ann McDaniel
Donna Wolfe
Shaunda Rice

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PRAYERS for WORSHIP SERVICE

To be said in Unison

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, You know the relationships that bring us joy and the relationships that bring us pain. You know the words we wish we could take back, the apologies we are still waiting to hear, and the people we continue to carry in our hearts. Search us today. Where we need to forgive, soften our hearts. Where we need to apologize, give us humility. Where we need courage to reach out, give us strength. And where reconciliation is not yet possible, give us wisdom, healthy boundaries, and peace. Remind us that we cannot control another person's heart, but we can surrender our own hearts to You. Heal what is broken within us and teach us to walk in love without allowing bitterness to take root. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Reconciler, we pray. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Generous God, everything we have first came from Your hand. As we return these gifts to You, use them to bring hope where there is hurt, peace where there is conflict, and love where there is division. May our giving be more than an offering of money. May we also offer You our hearts, our relationships, our wounds, and our willingness to become instruments of Your peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that relationships are sometimes difficult for us. We have spoken when we should have listened, remained silent when we should have spoken, held grudges too tightly, and sometimes allowed pride to keep us from making peace. Forgive us for the ways we have wounded others. Forgive us for the bitterness we have allowed to grow from the wounds others have caused us. Give us wisdom to know the difference between reconciliation and returning to unhealthy patterns. Give us the courage to make amends where we can and the grace to release what we cannot repair. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew within us a spirit of peace. Amen.