

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, October 9, 2016

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost



Micah Kearney
Pastor

Greg Cline
Organist/Choirmaster

GATHERING/WELCOME

PRELUDE: *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice* Osterland

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the only Sovereign, who dwells in light;
Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners; the Holy Spirit, who lives within us.

C **Amen.**

P Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of overflowing grace,

C **we come to you with repentant hearts. Forgive us for shallow thankfulness.
Forgive us for passing by the ones in need. Forgive us for setting our hopes on
fleeting treasures. Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness. Bring us home from
the wilderness of sin, and strengthen us to serve you in all that we do and say;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents. By the grace of God in ☩
Christ Jesus, who gave himself up for us all, your sins are forgiven and you are made
free. Rejoice with the angels and with one another! We are home in God's mercy, now
and forever.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: *All People That On Earth Do Dwell All Stand & Sing*

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
 3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good: his mer - cy
 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom

Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
 aid he did us make. We are his folk, he
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times
 heav'n and earth a - dore, from us and from the

praise forth tell; come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.
 an - gel host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1594
 Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

GREETING

P From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.
C And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



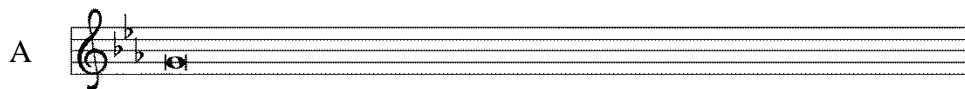
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



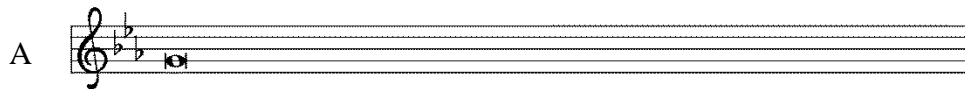
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

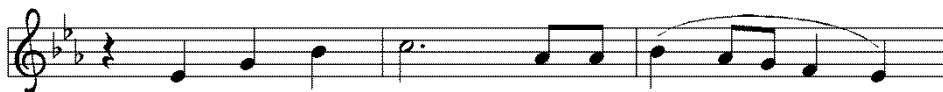


Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

GLORY TO GOD



Glo - ry to God in the high -



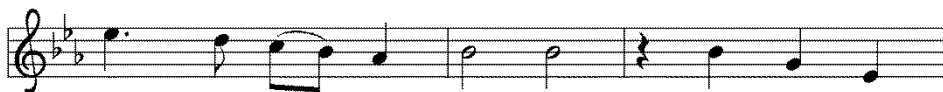
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



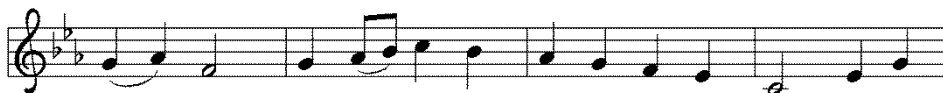
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

*Congregation is Seated and are invited to sing “Jesus Loves Me”
as the children come forward.*

CHILDREN’S TIME

Children ages 4 to 8 years-old are invited to go to the Education building for a 20-minute (or so) time together **immediately after the Children’s sermon**. *Children will return to their parents during the hymn of the day.* Children **birth through 3 years-old** are invited to join others their age **in the nurseries**.

FIRST READING

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

A reading from the fifth chapter of 2 Kings.

Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman’s wife. ³She said to her mistress, “If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.” ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.”

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he

sent a message to the king, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.” ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.” ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, “I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?” He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean’?” ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a-c}Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.”

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 111 All Read Responsively

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

²**Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴**You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

⁶**You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;

holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.**

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 2:8–15

A reading from the second chapter of 2 Timothy.

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, he reminds Timothy that the word of God is never shackled or confined. He encourages his young friend to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel,
⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

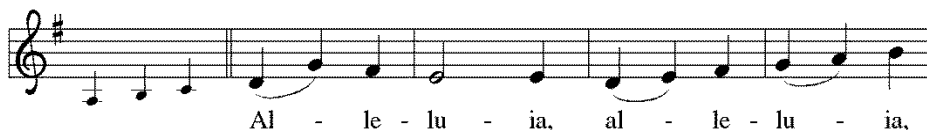
for he cannot deny himself.

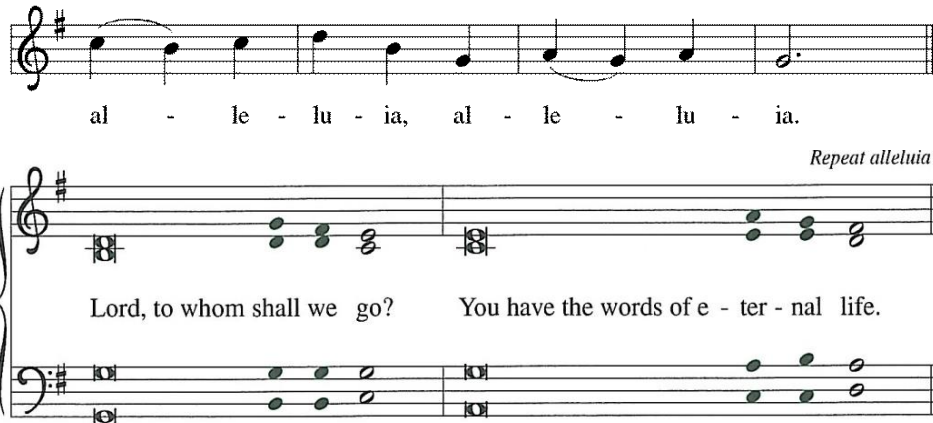
¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE All Stand & Sing





GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' mission includes making the unclean clean again. Unexpectedly, a cleansed Samaritan leper becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.



¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Micah

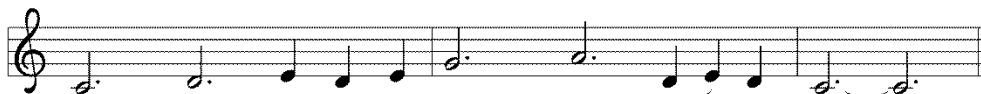
HYMN OF THE DAY: *Baptized In Water* All Stand & Sing



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Seward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living 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.

PEACE

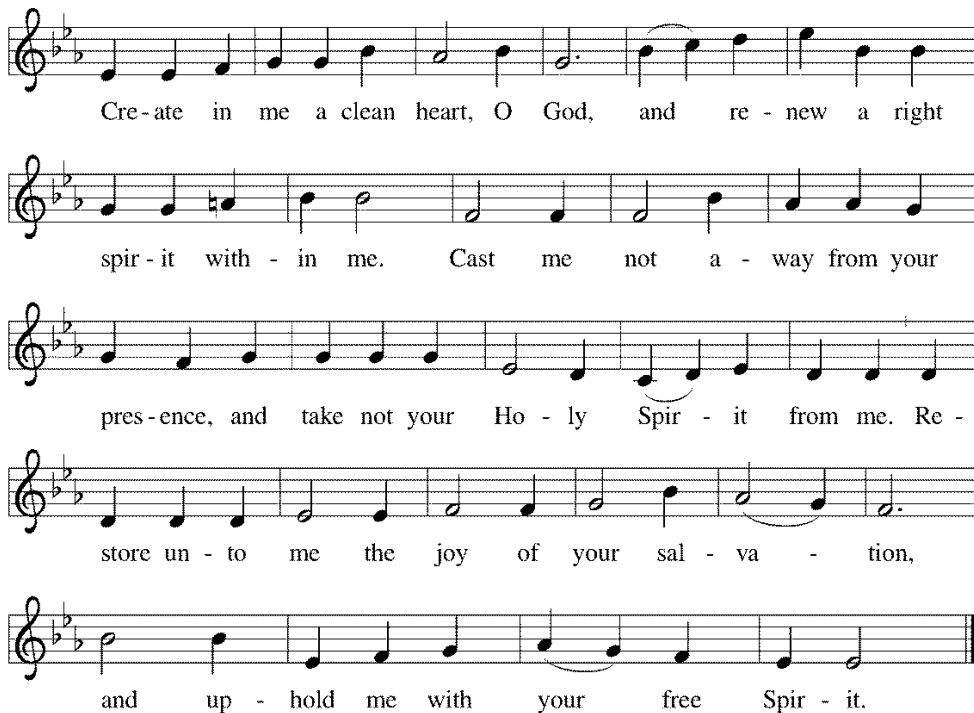
P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord.* . . . Church Choir

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *Create in Me a Clean Heart* All Stand & Sing



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free by the truth of God's gracious love, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

O God, we pray for the church on earth. Make us one in spirit wherever we meet and however we worship. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the health of the life-giving waters of creation (*here local water sources may be named*). Guard them from misuse and pollution. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for leaders in our town, our region, our country, and across the globe (*especially*). Equip them to work for justice for all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those who are sick or in pain, for those who feel unclean in body or spirit, and for all in need of healing (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for this assembly. Send your Spirit to inspire in us words and deeds of healing in our neighborhood and wider community. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for the faithful departed (*especially*), and we wait for the day when we join them in thanks and praise around your heavenly throne. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, faithful God, we place ourselves and our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

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 and ever. Amen.**


BLESSING

P God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life.
The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of
almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever.
C Amen.


SENDING SONG: *Now Thank We All Our God* All Stand & Sing




1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
 2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
 Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C Thanks be to God.

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A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all of our visitors on this **Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**. We pray that you will find a warm fellowship while you are among us and that you will return home with a renewed sense of dedication to Jesus Christ. Please sign our guest register or a visitor's card so that we can become acquainted with you. If you are without a church home, we invite you to investigate membership in this family of God.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP. Jesus said, "let the children come to me!" Parents are encouraged to utilize the Kids Worship Kits found in the Narthex for older toddlers through early elementary age. Nurseries for children (**infants through 3 years old**) are located in the Education building. Let an usher know if you need assistance.



KIDS' WORSHIP CENTER: Pick up kits as you enter for worship! **Please return the tote bag** with the plastic bag of crayons, scratch pads, and pencils to the stand in the narthex. The children may take any papers home with them.

PRAYER REQUESTS: A notebook has been placed in the narthex for your prayer requests during the week. The book will be in the narthex on Sundays and in the church office during the week. **If you wish a name to be added to our prayer list, please fill out a form from the prayer book or fill in a form online at www.holyc.org.**

THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Shelia Kelly in honor of Tim's birthday; and by Jane Howard in honor of Jeff and Evan's birthdays.

Those who have placed flowers on the altar may use the containers to take them home, but please return the containers to the church.

Carmen Buell, Worship & Music

Offering and Attendance Report for September 25 and October 2, 2016:

Attendance: 117 (October 2)

Budget Report

Current Offering Received
Weekly Budgeted Expenses
Offering, Year-To-Date
Offering less Actual Expenses Incurred, YTD
Offering less Expenses Year-To-Date

September 25, 2016

\$ 1,048.35
\$ 5,019.46
\$ 191,615.81
\$ 9,252.09
(\$ 310.98)

Budget Report

Current Offering Received
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October 2, 2016

\$ 5,622.00
\$ 5,019.46
\$ 197,725.81
\$ 12,718.90
\$ 68.61

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTOR: Brian Achor

GREETER: Dee Tucker

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS: Volunteers

TELLERS:

Rochelle & Danny Potter

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 3)

Fran Holland, Co-Captain

Melinda Lingerfelt, Co-Captain

Stephanie Hinson Tracey Nault

USHERS: Volunteers

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Jenn Kearney

NURSERY: (9:30-11:45 am) *Infants:* Staff; *Toddlers:* Volunteer

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: October 9-15

October 10 Tim Kelly

October 11 Evan Howard

Patricia Roberson

October 12 Dee Tucker

October 14 Jean Fergerson

Linda Grimsley

Stephanie Henrichs

Jeff Howard



THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Today, Sunday, October 9

9:30 am Sunday School
10:10 am Church Choir in Choir Room
10:30 am Worship Service
Church Council after
4:00 pm Children's Ensemble
5:00 pm Handbells
6:00 pm Church Choir

Tuesday, October 11

12 Noon Agape Lunch Bunch
6:00 pm Stewardship Comm.
7:00 pm Chamber Choir
Nar-Anon

Wednesday, October 12

6:45 pm Women's Bible Study



PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Cathleen Allen	Ardean Ewing	Holly Peche
Elizabeth Bruchon	Dot Holland	Sherry Perry
Shirley Causby	Zac Hullander	Marguerite Shive
Tommy Causby	Tom Irwin	Denise Taylor
Brenda Dabrowski	Chase Lineberger	Mark Reese
Shawn De Nicholas	Ann Outlaw & Family	Beverly Reynolds

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Father Frank Cancro	Jennifer Lineberger	Bill Walker
Parker Holland	Capt. Basil Jeff Marett	Bruce Zander

OUR SERVICEMEN

Matt Cisek	Jason Gardner	Dillon Kasmer
Leo Kasmer	Tom Kasmer	Mike Kelso



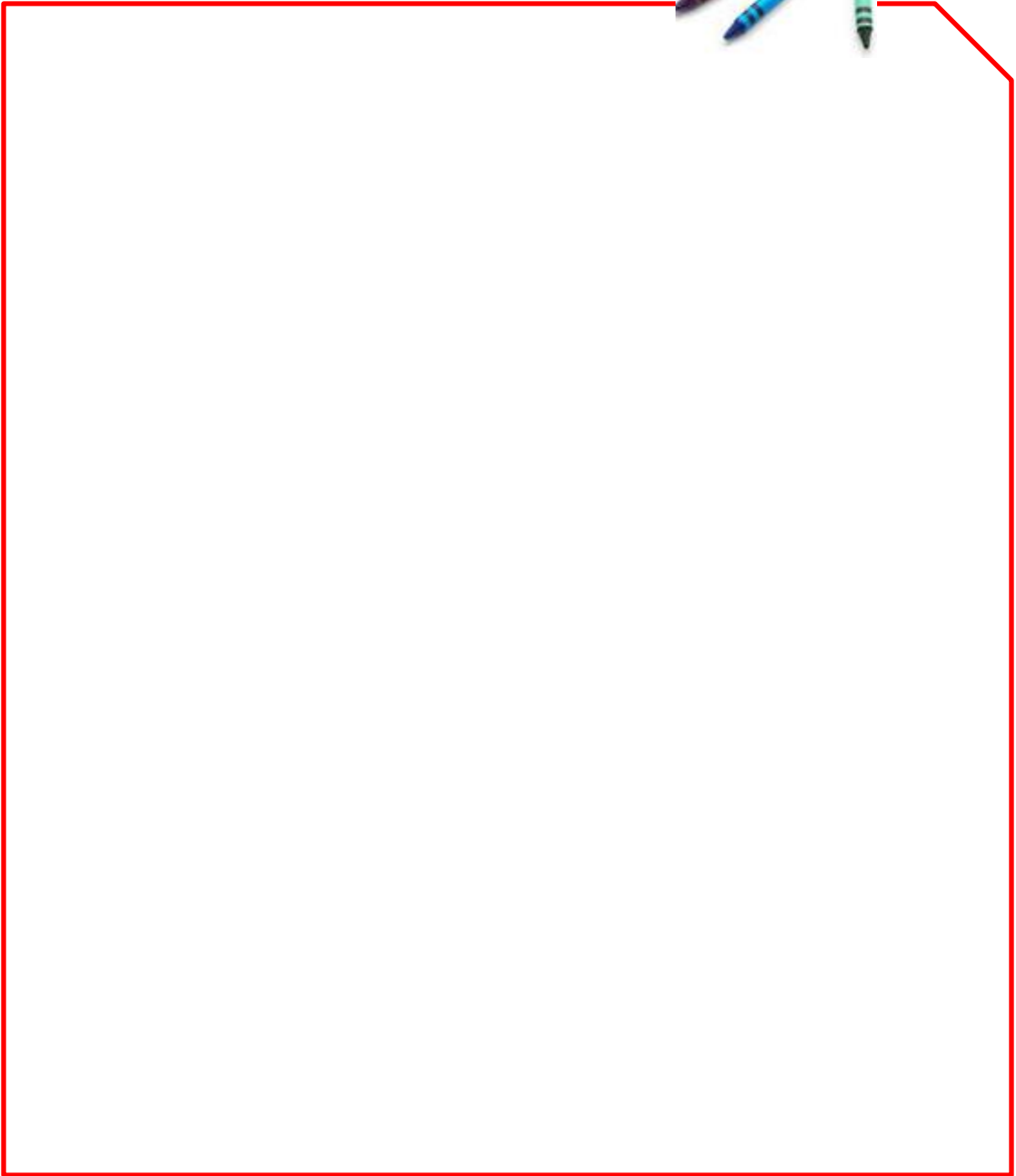
OUR MISSIONARY

Alyssa Buchanan in Manzini, Swaziland Africa

**In order to ensure an up-to-date prayer list, a new list for the
Greater Family of God was started on October 1.**

**Please email or call the church office to add any name you wish to appear on the *Greater Family of God*. Also give us an "end date" for that name,
or the name will remain for just one month.**

Holy Doodles





TRUNK OR TREAT

Is Saturday, October 22 from 3:00-5:00 pm.

Volunteers will be needed for setup, cleanup, games, face painting and cake walk donations.

Please keep your donations for the cakewalk to cupcakes, brownies, cookies and/or donut holes (pre bagged preferably).

Please do not bring/send cake slices.

The Belmont Fall Festival will be going on at the same time.

You are encouraged to contact Tom Bocchino at tbocchino@hotmail.com or at 704-616-3049 if you want to volunteer to help with this year's *Trunk or Treat*.

Contact Misty Koehler if you would like to host a game at your trunk. If you have your own game or any ideas please let us know ahead of time.

BCO OCTOBER ITEMS OF THE MONTH:



Jelly + Rice + Mac & Cheese

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: October 2, 2016

	KIDS	ADULTS
Nursery:	4	2
Preschool:	1	2
Lower Elementary:	4	1
Upper Elementary:	6	1
Middle School:	4	2
High School:	2	1
Seekers:		12
Adults:		6
Totals:	21	27



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SUMMER SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am The Service

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am — 3:00 pm

Micah Kearney, Pastor email: MicahKearney@gmail.com

Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster

Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager