



## Fairfax United Methodist Church

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September 20, 2009

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Music to Celebrate the Presence of God

*Toccatina for flutes*

*Yon*

David Leahey, organ

Welcome

Radical Hospitality Moment

(8:15) Sharron Jones

(9:30) Camille Haberland

(11:00) Margie Gastrock

\* Greeting

### Entrance and Praise

\* Call to Worship

Leader: The invitation is extended. Jesus says, "Come to me, all who labor and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

**People: We are here because we believe that our God is good, and that we live in that goodness. We are here to proclaim our faith and to seek direction along this faith journey.**

Leader: Come together then, to be God's people. Follow Christ and listen for the good things God has done. Rise in praise and thanksgiving!

**People: We will share with others the goodness we have found in God. May our lives be an expression of that goodness.**

\* Hymn No. 2218

You Are Mine

*You Are Mine*

*The Faith We Sing*

\* Opening Prayer

**Holy Spirit of God, who gathers the church into one body, gather us once again in your presence and strengthen the bonds of affection that hold your people together. Bless us with grace to cooperate with one another in love and service, that we may be signs of your uniting love to our fractured world. Teach us to show compassion for those in need, to face challenges with imagination, and to counter disappointments with prayerful trust. So may your church bring forth your will and way. Amen.**

Affirmation of Faith No. 883

*A Statement of Faith  
of the United Church of Canada*

\*Gloria Patri No. 71

Bible Presentation (11:00)

Kathryn Arcia	Sam Baraja-Jackson	Eleanor Jacobson	Morgan Orlosky
Britney Campbell	Bryce Johnson	Roxanne Lypka	Ellie Shriver
Helen Dhue	Madelena Johnson	Mazie Ogle	Maggie Siciliano
			Christian Yost

**People: We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Bible in your home, in your Sunday School classes, and in our worship. We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.**

Children's Message (11:00)

### Response and Offerings

Call to Prayer (9:30 & 11:00) *Open Wide Your Hands* Tracey  
Chancel Choir

The Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Offertory Prayer

Offertory (8:15) *Prière à Notre-Dame* Boëllmann  
(9:30 & 11:00) *Hymn* Stanford  
(after *A Song of Wisdom*)  
Chancel Choir

\*Doxology Hymnal, page 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*Hymn No. 2175 Together We Serve *San Anselmo*  
*The Faith We Sing*

### Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

**We give thanks, O God of sacred stories, for the witness of holy scripture. Through it, you nurture our imaginations, touch our feelings, increase our awareness, and challenge our assumptions. Bless, we pray, our hearing of your word this day. Speak to each of us; speak to all of us; and grant that by the power of your Spirit, we may be hearers and doers of your word. Amen.**

Epistle Lesson	<i>(page 1006, pew Bible)</i>	2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Gospel Lesson	<i>(page 856, pew Bible)</i>	Matthew 22:1-14
Sermon	God's Radical Hospitality	Pastor Steve Bray

### Sending Forth

\* Hymn No. 344                      Lord, You Have Come                      *Pescador De Hombres*  
to the Lakeshore

\* Benediction and Choral Response

*(9:30 & 11:00)*

*Amen*

*Smith*

Postlude

*Boléro de Concert*  
David Leahey, organ

*Wely*

*\* Congregation Standing*

*Thank you for turning off your cell phones during the worship service.*

**Large print Bibles and hymnals are available from the ushers upon request.**

**Worship material for children ages 3–6 and 7–12 is available from the ushers.**

**The audio for the worship service is available at**

**[www.fairfaxumc.org/Downloadaudio.aspx](http://www.fairfaxumc.org/Downloadaudio.aspx)**

**The previous week's service is under archives on the website.**

## WELCOME VISITORS

*Thank you for turning off your cell phones during the worship service.*

**Good morning and welcome to Fairfax United Methodist Church!** As we gather for worship today, we hope that within our sanctuary you will feel the presence of God through friendly faces, meaningful worship, and opportunities to serve God's people in our world. Our hearts are blessed by your presence, our minds are focused on Christ, and our doors are always open for you.

**We invite everyone to sign the attendance registration pads** located in the pews. We are blessed to have you worshiping with us. If you would like to receive information from the church via e-mail, **please provide your e-mail address** in addition to the other requested information, or you may provide your e-mail address to the church at [church@fairfaxumc.org](mailto:church@fairfaxumc.org).

**September is Open House month in The United Methodist Church so Be Sure To Wear Your Name Tags!** During this time of new beginnings, with so many new and returning parishioners coming to our worship, wearing name tags is a wonderful way to promote community and welcome newcomers. Temporary name tags are provided in the pews, and we encourage you to take one. Your printed name tag is in the Fellowship Hall if you did not take it home.

**Prayer Request Cards are in the pew racks.** They are cream colored cards with a cross in a circle. If you have a loved one, special need, concern or situation you would like lifted up in prayer, please complete one of these cards. Your pastors and staff will remember you in prayer during the Tuesday morning staff meetings. Please indicate if you desire your request to be listed in the bulletin Prayer List. Each Request will be listed for four Sundays unless you notify us with a request for an extension.

**You are invited to the Fellowship Hall** (directly below the sanctuary) between services this morning (10:30) for coffee, juice, fellowship and to discover opportunities for Radical Hospitality.

**Interested in finding out more about becoming a church member?** Please see one of our pastors today or call the church office, 703-591-3120.

**The flowers on the Altar this morning** are given to the glory of God and in memory of our son, Boone Cox by his loving parents Kelly and XB Cox; and are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 12<sup>th</sup> birthday of Timothy Farr by his parents, Julia and Evan Farr.

**Come Discover Your Spiritual Gifts, Starting Today!** The Seminar Sunday School Class is starting a 9 week study of "Ministering Thru Spiritual Gifts" by Charles Stanley. This will be a book/Bible study with class discussion on defining and determining our Spiritual Gifts in each one of us. We will have guest speakers and different leaders each week. ALL are Welcome. If you can't attend each week, please plan to attend as your schedule allows. We meet in Church Office area each Sunday at 9:30 am. Call Leslie Carter 703-591-8721 with questions.

**Volunteers are needed** to staff the *Spiritual Gifts Inventory* table in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday evenings from 6:15 pm -7:00 pm, through October 18th. Please consider helping the church complete this important project and sign up today at the Ministry Fair or contact Ken or Sue Johnson at [suekenjohnson@verizon.net](mailto:suekenjohnson@verizon.net).

**UMYF Returns Tonight!** We'll be meeting at 6:30 in the Youth Activities Room and kicking off our new theme – *What's Your Story?* Join us as we discuss how God's story, the Bible, is really our story. We'll have games, music, a discussion and more! See you tonight!

**UMYF Parent Meeting Today** – All parents of youth in grades 7-12 are invited to our annual UMYF parent meeting from 12:15pm to 1:30pm this afternoon in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be discussing the upcoming UMYF year, our 2010 youth mission trips, and the ways YOU can be involved!

**Youth Missions Meeting** – Want to swing a hammer in the name of Jesus this summer? Then we've got just the thing for you! Our summer 2010 youth mission teams will be a part of the Appalachia Service Project (grades 9-12, [www.asphome.org](http://www.asphome.org)) and the Jeremiah Project (grades 7-8, [www.jeremiahproject.org](http://www.jeremiahproject.org)). Our first meeting will be next Sunday, from 12:15pm-1:30pm in the Youth Activities Room. Those wishing to attend next summer are asked to attend this meeting, along with their parents. Applications and a \$100 deposit are also due at this time. Please contact Mike Hensley at [mhensley@fairfaxumc.org](mailto:mhensley@fairfaxumc.org) for more information.



**LISTEN: A New African Narrative** - Come join us for this wonderful documentary on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary. *Listen* is produced by Pray with Africa, a group who wishes to inspire people to connect across continents, to pray each other's prayers, and to put those prayers into action. To learn more go to [www.praywithafrica.org](http://www.praywithafrica.org).



**Have You Signed Up for Paths of Faith?** *Paths of Faith* offers exciting new learning experiences that prepare us to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ, to understand our world and reach out in shared ministry. It is where the path of faith meets understanding.

Each semester is offered over a 10 week period on Tuesday nights from 7:00 - 8:30, beginning this Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, with multiple options. Participants may choose to register for a two week session or an eight-week session or three multi-week options or the combination of your choice! Upcoming *Paths of Faith* classes: "Creating a Culture of Call" is led by Dr. Marjory Bankson and Jason Snow from September 22 - October 27. Biblical stories suggest that God has a purpose for everyone and it goes beyond vocation. It is a lifelong call. During this course, we will look at the pattern of lifelong call and equipping people at different stages of life. "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations", is led by Marty and Betsy Draper from September 22 - October 20. Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity are the Five Practices of vital and fruitful congregations. This course offers an opportunity to explore these concepts more deeply, individually and as a group. This is a commitment to think, pray and learn together about the purpose and ministry of our congregation.

**Parents' Night Out** begins this year on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> with a *Harvest Festival* from 6:30 - 9:30 pm. The children will have dinner and enjoy the traditional fun of fall with scarecrows, apples and pumpkins. The deadline for registration is September 27<sup>th</sup>. The total enrollment must be a minimum of 75 children. The cost is \$8.00 per child with a \$25 maximum per family. This is a cooperative program staffed by the parents who participate. Once each year you must volunteer to assist.



**Tuesday Fellowship Supper is back!** Join us each Tuesday evening from 6:15pm - 7:15pm. This week is Taco night; Tacos, Enchiladas, Refried beans, Mexican Salad, Cornbread. The Children's Menu is: Chicken Nuggets and Macaroni and Cheese. The cost is \$7.50 per adult; \$4.00 child, under 12; OR a \$20 maximum per family. Make your reservation and payment today. Reservations made after today or at the door will increase the price \$1 per person and family tickets will not be available.

**Leisure Ministries** - *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* is our fall outing to the Riverside Dinner Theater on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. One of the first collaborations of Webber and Rice, this musical relates the Biblical story of Joseph, a favorite son with the gift of interpreting dreams. This score blends calypso, early rock, country-western and a bit of vaudeville! The cost is \$50 for lunch, transportation and the show. Please make your reservations **TODAY**. We will depart from the church at 10:30am and return at approximately 6:00pm. *Reservations for this event may be made in the Resource Room or you may call Marty Bechtel (703) 378-7204 or Millie Holdaway (703) 273-4022 or Libby Barricks (703) 591-3120.*

**Join Cub Scouting - Where Character Counts and the Adventure Begins!** Tomorrow, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 6pm - 7pm Cub Scout Pack 187 will be having an Open House in the Multi-Purpose Room where boys in grades 1 - 5 and their families can learn more about cub scouts.

**The Giving Tree** is a way you can make a contribution to the ESL program. The Giving Tree will be placed in the area outside the Fellowship Hall this month with hanging paper "loops" with snack items printed on them. Snack items we would like to have are: individually wrapped packages of cookies, cheese crackers, whole wheat crackers, raisins, etc. and fresh fruit such as oranges and bananas. Please read labels on the snacks to ensure they are peanut free as **Fairfax UMC attempts to be a "peanut free" church.**

**UMM Mulch Sale** – Place your orders in the Fellowship Hall Today! The cost is \$4.50 per each 3 cubic foot bag of shredded hardwood mulch. Home deliveries will be Saturday, September 26. We need trucks and muscle for this endeavor as we try to help friends get ready for fall. All profits go to Rising Hope, St. Andrew Club, Camp Rainbow, and Heart Havens. For information call Jim Conklin, Sr. at 703-273-3884.

**Donations are Needed for the Little Angel Consignment Sale** on September 26<sup>th</sup> to support local missions. We are collecting children's fall and winter clothes, toys and equipment, books, videos, and furniture. Place donations in the box outside the Fellowship Hall **by September 23rd**. For delivery of large items or donations, contact Leslie Carter, 703-591-8721.

**United Methodist Women's General Meeting** is on Tuesday, September 22nd at 10 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. Hilda Clemons, one of our own, will present a message on "Beginnings and Endings." All women of the church are invited for a morning of fellowship followed by a delicious potluck lunch. Come join us for our first meeting of this year.

**UMW Bake Sale** - The UMW is looking for a whole lot of bakers for our Fall Bake Sale on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am - 12:30pm. We need - cookies, cup cakes, quick breads, pies and cakes. Donations can be left at the church Friday evening and Saturday morning. Your help is needed and much appreciated. Proceeds support the UMW activities, such as the UMW Reading Program, educational scholarships for women and children, the FaithFest Dessert table and greeting and Christmas cards.

**Our Church Preschool**, an NAEYC accredited and state licensed preschool, is looking for a LEAD TEACHER in the 4 yr. old program, with working hours Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:30-12:30. The teacher works with an assistant to plan sessions and develop a program for the children in accordance with the goals and philosophy of the preschool, including curriculum, conferences, communication with parents, etc. We ask for applicants with an elementary, CDA or related degree, or with some credits in ECE, plus experience in a developmental classroom. Our classrooms are large and well-equipped, our Preschool families are supportive and have a friendly, experienced staff. Please contact Diana Jenkins at (703) 591-3177 or [preschool@fairfaxumc.org](mailto:preschool@fairfaxumc.org).

**Fairfax Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)** is recruiting and training both medical and non-medical volunteers to be mobilized during a public health emergency. Volunteers are needed for leadership positions and for general support. There is a special need for interpreters. The Fairfax Team is holding an informational and recruiting meeting at Fairfax High School on Saturday, September 26 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. If you will attend this meeting, please RSVP to [clsterling07@cox.net](mailto:clsterling07@cox.net). For more information on the MRC program visit [www.fairfaxmrc.org](http://www.fairfaxmrc.org) or contact Cindy Meyer at 703-691-8852. Please consider this opportunity as a practice of Risk-Taking Mission and Service.

**The Acolytes** will be recognized next Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, during the 11:00 am worship service. Students in grades 5 - 12 who would like to participate in this program are invited to stay for a brief training session next Sunday following the 11:00 worship service. For more information, contact Marjorie Bowman at [bowman.branch@verizon.net](mailto:bowman.branch@verizon.net).

**We are happy to announce that Keith Burton is our new custodian.** Keith will be working part-time evenings and Saturday and Sunday afternoons. When you see Keith, please warmly welcome him to our church staff.

## THE MINISTRY

Stephen G. Bray  
*Senior Pastor*

Elizabeth P. Barricks  
*Program Ministries*

Martha D. Peacock  
*Program Ministries*



Michael Hensley  
*Youth Director*

Jason Snow  
*Associate Pastor*

David Leahey  
*Music Ministries*

Ian Lane  
*Music Ministries*

# SERVING US TODAY

SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

8:15 a.m.

Ed Eichelman  
David Bauer  
William McCurdy  
Willard Jenkins

9:30 a.m.

## Ushers

Bob Bruce  
Mark Moffatt  
Ron Rhoades  
Tom Scibilia  
Scott Tribbie

11:00 a.m.

Bill Clift  
Tony Almond  
Daniel Cosner  
Millie Holdaway  
Patrick Shea  
Al Wells

## Worship Leaders

Linda Brock

Sue Johnson

Jason Snow

## Sanctuary Greeters

John & Helen Smith

Steve Sherman

Pattiegene Long  
Mike & Laura Cosner

## Our Giving - September 13, 2009

Total Weekly Offering .....	\$26,505
Budget Receipts Year-to-Date .....	\$795,541
Budget Needs Year-to-Date .....	\$858,437
Power Up Capital Campaign Receipts Inception-to-Date .....	\$495,339
Worship Attendance Last Sunday .....	417

### The Passages for Sunday, September 27, 2009:

#### Passionate Worship

Romans 12:1-2, 9-13 Living Sacrifice

Psalm 100 Joyful Noise

# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER 20 - SEPTEMBER 26, 2009

<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00 am	Food Delivery, Fellowship Hall	
	11:00 pm	Third Grade Bible Presentation, Sanctuary	
	12:00 pm	Caring Calls Celebration, Multi-Purpose Room	
	12:15 pm	UMYF/Mission Parent Meeting, Fellowship Hall	
	3:00 pm	Chapel Ringers, 215	
	3:15 pm	Junior Choir, 216	
	4:00 pm	Chapel Choir, 212	
	4:14 pm	Junior Ringers, 215	
	4:15 pm	King David Choir, 216	
	6:30 pm	Family Circle, 112	
	6:30 pm	TNT Sunday School class, Main Office	
	6:30 pm	Jr & Sr High Youth Meeting, 312, Youth Activity Room	
	<b>MONDAY:</b>	4:00 pm	Outreach, Conference Room
		6:00 pm	Cub Pack 187, Multi-Purpose Room
7:00 pm		ESL Classes 101, 107,301-304,306-308,310,313, Youth Activity Room	
7:00 pm		Adult Ringers, 215	
7:00 pm		Open Doors Music Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary	
7:15 pm		Boy Scout Troop 187, 112, Fellowship Hall,	
7:30 am		UMM Prayer Breakfast, 112	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9:30 am	Staff Meeting, Conference Room	
	10:00 am	UMW General Meeting, Multi-purpose Room	
	6:15 pm	Fellowship Supper, Fellowship Hall	
	7:00 pm	Fairfax City 4H Cloverbuds 303, 304	
	7:00 pm	Fairfax City 4H, 306-308	
	7:00 pm	Financial Peace University, 112	
	7:00 pm	Paths of Faith, 113, Multi-Purpose Room	
	7:00 pm	Youth Drama Rehearsal, Youth Activity Room	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	7:00 pm	ESL Classes, 101, 107, 301-304, 306-308, 310, 313, Youth Activity Room	
	7:30 pm	Pray With Africa Documentary, Sanctuary	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:00 am	Lamb Center Lunch Team, Main Kitchen	
	5:00 pm	Nurturing Program, 101, 107, 301 Catering Kitchen & Multi-Purpose Room	
	7:30 pm	Lay Leadership, Conference Room	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 216 (Choir Room)	
	8:30 am	Little Angel Consignment Sale Set-Up, Fellowship Hall	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	7:00 am	UMM Mulch Delivery, Parking Lot	
	8:30 am	Little Angel Consignment & Bake Sale, Fellowship Hall	

## In Our Prayers

September 20, 2009

*Prayer Requests will be listed for four Sundays unless otherwise requested*

Eldrey Appler	Roger Kaveney family (uncle of Gerry Weaver)
Sally Wong Avery (friend of Connie Hom Rust)	Nicole Lamb (sister of Michelle Beistle)
Bob & Glenna Bailey	Jim Mathias
Jim Bailey (brother of Garnett Bailey)	Ed McMeans
Wayne Barr (brother of Mary Camper)	Rodney McSwain (friend of Tony Almond)
Aidan Bracken (friend of Stan & Cindy Schelhorn)	Austin Morales (friend of Carol Stiller)
Jean Button (mother of Joan Hensley)	Carole Moran (mother of Kevin Moran)
Paul Chodorov (friend of the Camper Family)	Roy W. Muth II (son of Fay Muth)
Jim Conklin, Sr.	Virginia Parrish
Walter Daron (friend of Diana Jenkins)	Beverly Ruggeri (sister of Lois Darnell)
Dr. James Dingell (grandfather of James Dingell)	Norman Schelhorn (father of Stan Schelhorn)
Sherri Doxey (sister of Debbie Brabrand)	Diane Schwartzmeier
Mark Draper (brother of Marty Draper)	Lindsay Shaw (friend of Molly Weaver)
Carol English (aunt of Kay Downey)	Bud and Ann Shoemaker (brother and sister-in-law of Melza and Glenn Sharpe)
Linda Evans (Friend of Susan Bruce)	Burman & Ryan Skrable (friends of Margot Von Forell)
The Feldman Family (friends of Linda Brock)	Nellie & Doug Spitz (Aunt & Uncle of Linda Brock)
Stella Ferguson (granddaughter of Walter & Judy Ferguson)	Frances Stream
Wally Ferguson (son of Walter & Judy Ferguson)	Betty Taylor (friend of Mary Camper)
David Filvarof (friend of Linda Gramlich)	Eunice and Woodrow Turner (mother of Dana Dingell)
Janice Freeman (sister of Juanita Lewis)	John & Sue Wallace (father & mother of Sue Crane)
Joalynn George (friend of Carrie Grohmann)	Andrew Willetts
Virginia Gillum (aunt of Cindy Schelhorn)	Lisa Williams (daughter of Bob Boughton)
Virginia Hamme (mother of Kat McCormick)	Cindy Yost
Carolyn Holt (friend of Sharon Hibarger)	Laura Zotian
Fisher House Families	
Lynn Hutchinson (cousin of Camille Smith)	
Deepa Jiandani (friend of Alan Payne)	

**Our Prayers and sympathies are expressed to the family and friends of Guyanne Parker, mother of Libby Barricks, who died September 12, 2009.**

## Our Prayers are With Those Serving Our Country Overseas. . .

Stephen Anderson (cousin of Daniel Cosner)	James Mayer (grandson of Jim & Gloria Joyce)
Jesse Charles Andrew (grandson of Alma Eblen)	Ann Mazur (friend of Doug & Maureen Frank)
Ray Britt (son of Diane Britt)	Christopher McClung (nephew of Pete & Leah Fortney)
Patrick Bull (grandson of Ed & Marilyn Bull)	Billy Mitchell (father of Madison & Michael Mitchell)
Tyler Butterworth (son of Marion Butterworth)	Gregory Orrell (nephew of Mikki Goubeau)
Charles Cashin (friend of Jeanne & Bob Buchanan)	Gary Rhodes (friend of the Charles Walter family)
Keith Corey (friend of the Foggs & the Bouchards)	Daniel Richitt (nephew of Souren & Lori Tashjian)
David Fernandez (grandson of Art & Marcy Bivens)	Col. Robert Rigsby
Brian F. Foley (son of Nina Deluca-Phillips)	Joseph Scanlin (son-in-law of Larry & Mary Branch)
Paul Gault (nephew of Pete & Leah Fortney)	Mike Schenaker (friend of the Sachlis family)
T. J. Graham (friend of Gale Pearson)	Scott Shackleton (friend of the Clemon's family)
Robert Hensley (son of Joan Hensley)	Greg Soulé (nephews of Walter & Judy Ferguson)
Jeff Hicks (nephew of Ted & Jean Tedder)	Jim Sparks (nephew of Sue & Fred Bowers)
Matt Hilton	Chris Stephenson (cousin of Patty Stephenson)
Matthew D. Hudson (son of Sharon & Chip Hunt)	Col. George Walsh
John & Jennifer Huntsman (nephew and niece of Jen & Mark Tajnai)	Joe Weeren (relative of Alex & Rosemary Graham)
Jay Martin (son-in-law of Joan Hensley)	

*As the status of friends and family changes, please notify the church.*