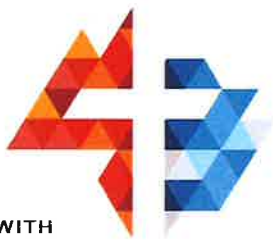


# SKYLAND

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



LEADING PEOPLE INTO A TRANSFORMING RELATIONSHIP WITH  
JESUS CHRIST, LOVING GOD WITH PASSION, GROWING TOGETHER  
IN COMMUNITY, AND SERVING THE WORLD IN LOVE.



## Sanctuary 8:25 a.m.

We welcome you  
to a time of  
contemplation  
and reflection -  
a time to quietly  
connect with God.

### Stewardship Moment

Call to Worship   Liturgy Bk., p. 19

Hymn                     UMH 347  
*Spirit Song*  
Ken Buckingham, piano

Passing of the Peace

Time of Quiet Prayer

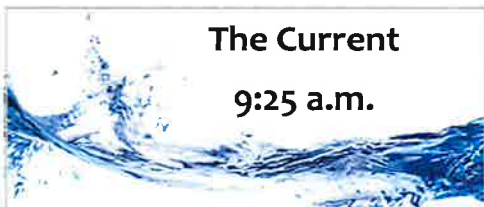
Scripture            *Matthew 16:18-21*  
(Pew Bible NT, p. 18)

Message        *Step Into the Waters:*  
*A Love that Demands a*  
*Deeper Commitment*  
Rev. Wes Sharpe

Communion       Liturgy Bk., p. 19  
*(ask for gluten-free option)*

Hymn                     UMH 666  
*Shalom to You*  
Ken Buckingham, piano

Closing Prayer



## The Current 9:25 a.m.

Gathering

Connect

*Meet your neighbor!*

Call to Worship

Opening Songs

Stewardship Moment

Offering

Prayer

Children's Sermon  
*(then exit for Children's Church)*

Scripture  
*Matthew 16:18-21*

Sermon  
*Step Into the Waters:*  
*A Love that Demands a*  
*Deeper Commitment*  
Rev. Wes Sharpe

Closing Songs

## WELCOME !

October 22, 2017

We are glad you're here for worship today.

If you are new to Skyland, we would love to get to know you and help you get connected. So grab a cup of coffee, introduce yourself to a greeter, ask all your questions, and receive a special gift for being our guest today. Thanks for coming!

TRADITIONAL 10:55 A.M.

20th Sunday after Pentecost



Gathering, Welcome, Announcements  
Passing of the Peace

Trinitarian Chimes

Prelude *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

arr. Larson  
(UMH 400)

\*Call to Worship

O Lord, let my soul rise up to meet you  
**as the day rises to meet the sun.**

Save us that we might give thanks:  
**and glory in your praise.**

Come, let us sing to the Lord:

**Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

Save us that we might give thanks:  
**And glory in your praise.**

*(Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals)*

Entrance of the Light

\*Gathering Hymn *We, Thy People, Praise Thee* UMH 67  
ST. ANTHONY CHORALE

Stewardship Moment

Call to Prayer

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Anthem *Come to the Water* Schrader  
Chancel Choir

Prayer for Illumination

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit that,  
as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear  
with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

Scripture *Matthew 16:21-28* Pew Bible, NT p. 18

Offertory *Largo* Handel/Hopson

\*Doxology UMH 94  
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Children's Sermon  
*(then children exit for Children's Church)*

Sermon *Step Into the Waters:* Rev. Wes Sharpe  
*A Love that Demands a Deeper Commitment*

\*Hymn of Challenge & Response *For the Fruits of This Creation* UMH 97  
(sung to the alternate tune #688 ARHYD Y NOS)

\*Benediction

\*Trinitarian Chimes

Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God* Bach/Hopson

*\*Those who are able may stand*

**WORSHIP NOTES**

*(Please fill out \*WELCOME\* section of calendar Insert & place in offering.)*

**SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

**COMMUNION SERVER: 8:25** Lee Nichols

**GREETERS: 8:25** Jim Nichols, 1 usher

9:25 Ramona Turman, Jason Wicks, 1 usher *(also, Coffee Setup)*

10:55 Marlene Graves, Ann Sizemore, 2 ushers *(also, Coffee Cleanup)*

**LAY READER: 10:55** Steve Chapin

**USHERS: 8:25** Lee Nichols

9:25 Gena Smith, Michael Smith

10:55 Barb Harrison, Jack Harrison, Barbara Loftin, Johnny Loftin

***The altar flowers*** in the sanctuary are given in memory of Carr M. Swicegood, by Jane Swicegood.

***The white carnation*** in the sanctuary is in memory of Rev Dr. Charles Leon Adams.

**NOTES:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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# FINANCIALS & ATTENDANCE — OCTOBER 15, 2017

**\* ONLINE GIVING NOW \*** on our website: [skylandumc.com](http://skylandumc.com)

- ⇒ *Give online to Skyland UMC in a safe and secure manner using your debit or credit card.*
- ⇒ *Make a quick, one-time donation or set up recurring payments.*
- ⇒ *Receive a quarterly and year-end statement of your contributions.*

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>NET INCOME</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
WKLY Actual	\$ 7,591.50	\$ 2,843.98	\$ 4,747.52	(October 9 -
WKLY Budget	\$ 8,898.12	\$ 11,267.00	\$ (2,368.88)	October 15)
YTD Actual	\$ 437,731.82	\$ 443,369.73	\$ (5,637.91)	Small Groups: 137
YTD Budget	\$ 373,721.04	\$ 473,214.00	\$ (99,492.96)	Worship: 315

## OFFERING EXTRAS:

Children's Ministry	\$ 250.00	Youth Missions	\$ 70.00
Scout Hut	\$ 100.00	Special Offerings	\$ 26.00
Sunday School Offering	\$ 9.00	<i>(Layettes for Nome \$25, Helpmate \$1)</i>	
Wesley Class Fund	\$ 41.00		

<b>2017 Pledges</b>	<b>\$ 462,702</b>
<b>+ Projected Non-pledge Income</b>	<b>+ 92,180</b>
<b>= Total Projected 2017 Income</b>	<b>\$ 554,882</b>
<b>Approved 2017 Budget (revised 2-27-2017)</b>	<b>- 585,884</b>
<b>Projected 2017 Deficit</b>	<b>(\$ 31,002)</b>

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## **LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

### NEEDS AND CONCERNS (New ones in ***Bold Italics***)

*Please call the church office to **add** and to **remove** names on this list.*

Amanda, Michelle Browning, Sue Brinkley, Don Bryant, Kristy Bryant, George Butler, Leslie Buckner, Chris, Capt. A. J. Cox, David Downs, Linda S. Erwin, Rita Franks, Marian Gass, Jo Gibbs, Henry Gibbs, Winona Holland, Ruth Ingle, Ted Kirk, Bill Lanning, Larry Liggett, Boyce Lyon, Hal Martin, Ben Milling, Dick Moery, Roberta Morgan, Rosa Nazario, Sue Nicholson, Tom Noblett, Bob O'Brien, Phil Osborne, Genie Peake, Susan ReMine, Clarence Schmidt, Robin Shope, Don Sells, Nancy Senneff, Ed Sizemore, Mary "Tootsie" & Grady Snyder, Kathy Woods

### THE SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS of our church family are extended

to the family and friends of **Rev. Dr. Charles Leon Adams** upon his recent death (Dr. Adams was pastor at SUMC 1981-1984.)

to **Jordan & Catharine Laufer** and family in the recent death of Jordan's father.

### SUMC BLOOD DRIVE REPORT:

Our Blood Drive was a **big success!** A special **thank you** to the **57** people who came to donate blood on October 10: **55** people gave 53 complete whole units & 2 complete double units. There were 19 first-time donors, and only 2 who could not give. -- *Dorothy Coleman & Karon Smith, SUMC Blood Drive Co-Chairs*

### SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY at the **UMC Mission Response Center**

in **Terrell, NC** (a 2-hour drive from SUMC) to **sort and pack humanitarian aid items!** We don't know exactly what our tasks will be, but we are guaranteed to be busy! We need **up to 14 people** to join us on **Saturday, November 11**. We leave SUMC around 8:00 a.m., and return around 4:00 or 5:00 p.m. The church van is not available, so we need a **couple of vehicles & drivers**. Adults and families with children are welcome (but it could be somewhat physical work; there is no childcare). So, if you are ready to say "YES Lord" or if you have questions, please call **Kari at 828-335-5331**. Thank you! -- *Kari & Kevin Kopp*



**CONCERT: Friday, November 3 - 7:00 p.m.  
Skyland UMC Sanctuary**

**Join us for a moving evening of choral music!**

The Emory and Henry College Choirs are delighted to present their fall tour program "All Things Bright and Beautiful". Their primarily sacred repertoire spans nearly 400 years of choral music. It includes Scarlatti's *Exaltabo te Domine*, Rutter's *For the Beauty of the Earth*, Gjeilo's *Ubi caritas*, Arnesen's *Even When He is Silent*, and Aguiar's *Salmo 150*. The program also features well-known spirituals and folk songs.

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**HOUSING for 66 STUDENTS:**

If your family can house 2 or more students on Friday night, please fill out this form & return it to the church office or email Linda Jones (linda.t.jones@charter.net).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I can house \_\_\_\_\_ students (at least 2, or more).

Circle your choice: Male / Female / No preference

Circle all that apply: I have indoor cats / dogs / no indoor pets

**\* WELCOME \***

***We are glad you are here!***

*Please place completed form in the offering plate.*

**SUNDAY - OCTOBER 22, 2017**

     8:25 am         9:25 am         10:55 am

FAMILY LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

First Names \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

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Please check all that apply:

- Member of Skyland UMC
- Attend Here Regularly
- Wish to Join Skyland UMC
- Desire a Call
- New Resident
- Visitor
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**WEDNESDAY MEAL RESERVATIONS**

**Meal Cost:** \$5 Adult/Child (ages 10-up)  
\$3 Child (ages 3-9);  
\$15 family max.

**DEADLINE: MONDAY 12:00 Noon**  
(cancel by 2:00 p.m.)

**TOTAL # Meal Reservations:**

- \$5 Adult/Child 10-up Reg. Meal
- \$3 Child 3-9 Reg. Meal
- \$3 Child 3-9 Simple Kid's Meal  
(specify Meal choice for ages 3-9)

THIS WEEK @ SKYLAND 

**CHOW (Church Happenings On Wednesdays: Meal & Small Groups)**

*NOTE: CHOW is canceled if Buncombe Co. Schools are closed due to weather on Wednesday.*

Join us for a delicious meal by Chef Albert (served 5:30-6:00 p.m.) and fellowship with your church family! To make your reservations: fill out the section above, call the church office (684-7283), or sign up on the website (skylandumc.com) by **Monday at 12:00 noon**; any **cancellations** are due **by 2 p.m.** on Monday.

**Cost**

- \$5 Adults & Kids ages 10+
- \$3 Kids ages 3-9 (*must specify Regular or Kid's Meal*)
- \$15 Family limit

**October 25 Menu:**

- Regular:** Chicken burrito, Mexican bean salad, chips, salsa, & dessert
- Simple Kid's:** Fried fish and chips & dessert

**10/22 Sunday**

- 8:25 am Sanctuary Service, *Sanctuary*
- 9:15-10:45 am Sunday Morning Coffee, *Colonnade*
- 9:25 am The Current Service, *FH*
- 9:35 am Small Groups, *Various start times/ages/rooms*
- 10:55 am Traditional Service, *Sanctuary*
- 4:00 pm Bells 9th-12th Grade & Adults, *Sanctuary*
- 5:00 pm 3rd-5th Grade Bible Exploration, *FH*
- 5:00 pm All Adult Small Groups, *various rooms*
- 5:00 pm Blessed & Stressed Drop-In Parenting Group, *Asbury*
- 5:00 pm Bells 6th-8th Grade & Adults, *Sanctuary*
- 5:00 pm 6th Grade Confirmation, *Wesley*
- 6:00 pm Chimes 3rd-5th Grade, *Sanctuary*
- 6:00 pm 7th-12th Youth Dinner, *FH*
- 6:30 pm 7th-12th Youth, *FH, Youth Arena*

**10/23 Monday**

- 9:00 am-2:00 pm ATS Preschool, *Children's Wing, Wesley, Colonnade, FH*
- 9:00-10:30 am Statistics Team / Office Team-Sort/Recycle, *Chapel*
- 5:30 pm Administrative Board, *Chapel*

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

Skyland UMC staff pray for you every Tuesday morning. Please indicate if you also want your request added to:

- Prayer Chain  
 Newsletter Needs & Concerns

**YOUR NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRAY FOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

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How did you find Skyland UMC?

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**I would like more information:**

- Becoming a Christian  
 Church Membership  
 Small Groups  
 Youth Ministry  
 Children's Ministry  
 Music Ministry  
 Opportunities to serve:

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### 10/24 Tuesday

- 9:00 am-2:00 pm ATS Preschool, *Children's Wing, Wesley, Colonnade, FH*  
9:30 am Chapel, *Sanctuary*  
9:30 am Staff Worship Planning (tentative), *Pastor office*  
10:30 am Staff Prayer/Planning, *Pastor office*  
10:30 am Office Team-Receptionist, *Office*  
12:00-6:00 pm Traditional Worship Planning/piano lessons-Jones, *Sanctuary*

### 10/25 Wednesday

- 9:00 am-2:00 pm ATS Preschool, *Children's Wing, Wesley, Colonnade, FH*  
1:00 pm Staff Worship Planning, *Pastor office*  
4:15-5:15 pm Women's Covenant Small Group/Cole, *Asbury*  
5:00 pm Children's Alleluia Choir (K-6th), *Sanctuary*  
5:30 pm Feed the Homeless/MEN, *ABCCM*  
5:30-6:00 pm CHOW Dinner, *FH (reservations required, Mondays by noon)*  
6:30 pm 4 yrs.-6th Grade God's Kids, *Children's/Preschool Wing*  
6:30 pm 6th-12th Youth Worship Band, *FH*  
6:30 pm Adult Small Groups, *various locations*  
6:30 pm Newcomers Class, *Pastor's office*  
7:30 pm Adult Chancel Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*  
7:30 pm Worship Team Rehearsal, *FH*

### 10/26 Thursday

- 7:30-8:30 am Women in the Word, *Prayer Room*  
9:00 am-2:00 pm ATS Preschool, *Children's Wing, Wesley, Colonnade, FH*  
9:00 am Women's Small Group/ Styron, *in various homes or Youth Arena*  
12:00-5:00 pm Traditional Worship Planning/piano lessons-Jones, *Sanctuary*  
2:00 pm Office Team/Bulletin-Newsletter, *Chapel*  
7:00 pm Casa Azul Bible Study, *Casa Azul*

### 10/27 Friday

- 9:00 am-2:00 pm ATS Preschool, *Children's Wing, Wesley, Colonnade, FH*  
9:15 pm Food Prep/Set up for The Welcome Table, *Kitchen*  
10:00 am Women of Faith, *Aldersgate*

### 10/28 Saturday

- 9:30-11:00 am The Welcome Table - Community Breakfast, *FH, Kitchen*  
2:00-4:00 pm Fall Festival, *SUMC (inside & outside)*

**Skyland hosts these community groups & activities on a regular basis:**

*Girls Scouts, Boy Scouts, Literacy Council tutors, Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Kindermusik, Piano lessons, Christian Writer's Group*

## MISSIONS / PRESCHOOL, CHILDREN, YOUTH, & MUSIC MINISTRIES



**MISSIONS @ SKYLAND: October Mission Moment is Caretakers of God's Creation**, a new ministry here at Skyland. Our purpose, with God's guidance as a body of faith, is to engage SUMC in sustainable practices as responsible caretakers of our earth and community, both local and global.

We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month after the 10:55 service in Aldersgate classroom (located up short stairs near colonnade entrance & through single door, classroom on left). **Other Opportunities to Serve:** Greeters at 9:25 & 10:55 services - **ABCCM** cooks/servers 4th Wednesday - **Welcome Table** servers 1st Saturday. **Flood Bucket Items** - bring your items **Oct. 28-Nov. 3**; we will assemble them as a church family on **Nov. 5**. Please see sheet in colonnade for items requested. We are asking that you bring one of each of the 4 items listed under the letter that corresponds with your last name. **Questions/more info? Contact Joy Moss.**



**NURSERY MINISTRY: ages birth - 4 years** - Your child will be loved and nurtured by Nursery staff and volunteers, using age-appropriate lessons that include music, games, crafts, books, snacks, and (of course) play! There is no shortage of fun for this group! **Childcare is available** in the preschool/children's wing **during all worship**

**services, Sunday small group times, and Wednesday night activities.** Our staff and volunteers have been background checked as part of our Safe Sanctuary Policy and are CPR and First Aid certified.



**Around the Sun Preschool**  
A Ministry of Skyland United Methodist Church

**ATSP** - Our preschoolers and staff enjoyed a visit from Smokey Bear this week. Smokey Bear is the living symbol of wildfire prevention and wildfire conservation. A BIG Thank you to our forest rangers:

Dillon Michael, Nick Boone, & Chris Winslow.

### REGULAR SCHEDULES (see Welcome Card / Calendar Insert for changes)

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Day	Program	Ages	Time	NOTES
Sun	Children's Church	4 years - 2nd grade	9:25/10:55 a.m.	After Children's Sermon; NOT on 1st Sundays
Sun	Bible Exploration	3rd-5th grade	5:00-6:00 p.m.	
Wed	God's Kids	4 years - 6th grade	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	

#### PRE-TEEN & YOUTH MINISTRY

Day	Program	Ages	Time	NOTES
Sun	Confirmation Class	6th	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	
Sun	Youth Dinner	7th - 12th	6:00-6:30 p.m.	
Sun	Youth Group	7th - 12th	6:30-7:30 p.m.	
Sun	<b>828 Youth Group</b>	7th - 12th	<b>6:30-8:00 p.m.</b>	

#### MUSIC MINISTRY

Day	Program	Ages	Time	NOTES
Sun	Skyland Ringers	9th-12th & Adult	4:00-5:00 p.m.	
Sun	Joy Bells	6th-8th & Adult	5:00-6:00 p.m.	
Sun	Notes from Heaven Chimes	3rd-5th	6:00-7:00 p.m.	
Wed	Alleluia Choir	Kindergarten-6th	5:00-5:45 p.m.	
Wed	Youth Worship Band	6th-12th	6:30-7:30 p.m.	
Wed	Chancel Choir	Adults	7:30-9:00 p.m.	
Wed	Worship Team	Adults	7:30-9:00 p.m.	



**LIFE OF THE CHURCH (continued)**

**SUMC'S ALL ARE WELCOME GROUP** hosts a meeting of Carolina Mountains Reconciling Group on **Sunday, October 29, 4:00 p.m.** in our Fellowship Hall. The program is on how to engage in a meaningful "crucial conversation on LGBTQ topics". Members of our congregation are invited to attend.

**COMMUNICATING IS SO IMPORTANT!** Our **Communications Team** needs some new members! If you have an interest or background in communications or marketing, or just want to help spread the good word about events and activities going on at SUMC, please prayerfully consider joining us! Even if you do NOT use digital communications (*such as internet, websites, e-mail*), you are needed on this team for your input on improving communications with all in our church family. Current projects we need help communicating are: youth tee-shirt fundraiser, updating web pages and website pictures, compiling items for SUMC's Google calendar, and maintaining a monthly Save-the-Date document. This team meets once per month for about an hour. If you can serve in this way, please contact Kris Kaufman at: [kristine.a.kaufman@gmail.com](mailto:kristine.a.kaufman@gmail.com) OR 828-775-0493.

**ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2018:** Many thanks to all of you who added beauty to the Sanctuary by providing altar flowers for 2017 and to those who have signed up already for 2018! The **2018 Altar Flower Chart** is located in the rear of the Sanctuary. To provide flowers in **2018**, please **(1) choose a date & place your name next to it, (2) take "Altar Flower" form & write the date you have chosen and provide the rest of the requested information, (3) place your completed form with payment for the flowers in the Offering or bring to the church office.**

**A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AT ESTES ELEMENTARY:** There is a plan to offer a **unique reward** for children/classrooms reaching their personal goals: a **special dining experience** in our "dining room" at school. If you have any dinnerware (fine china or not) or rectangular tablecloths that you would like to donate, please contact Cindy DeGrave: email ([cynthia.degrave@bcsemail.org](mailto:cynthia.degrave@bcsemail.org)) or phone (828-702-1184). Thank you all for your continued support of Estes Elementary! -- *Cindy DeGrave, SUMC Congregations 4 Children (CAC)*

**ESTES ELEMENTARY RESOURCE CENTER NEEDS (bin in colonnade):** Rice, chicken broth, paper goods (napkins, paper towels, etc.), small underwear, boys pants/shorts sizes 3-4 and 7-8, Clorox wipes, tissues

**MINISTRY STAFF**

Rev. Wes Sharpe, Senior Pastor, [revwes.skyland@bellsouth.net](mailto:revwes.skyland@bellsouth.net)

Rev. Joy Moss, Associate Pastor/Children's Ministry, [revjoy@bellsouth.net](mailto:revjoy@bellsouth.net)

Lance Craig, Youth Ministry/Contemporary Worship, [lancecraig@bellsouth.net](mailto:lancecraig@bellsouth.net)

Linda Jones, Traditional Worship/Handbells, [linda.t.jones@charter.net](mailto:linda.t.jones@charter.net)

**Casa Azul Latino Ministry - Blue Ridge District, WNCUMC**

Ramon and Rosa Nazario, (704-207-6228; [rnazarioglm@hotmail.com](mailto:rnazarioglm@hotmail.com))

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

*Monday-Thursday: 8:45 am - 4:00 pm*

*Friday: 8:45 am - 2:00 pm*

*(Hours may vary due to staff schedules or weather conditions.)*

**SKYLAND**



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