

Prayer and Care List

Please pray for those who are homebound, sick and grieving:

At home: Liz & Vann Johnson, Harriet Heath, Pat Spear, Betty

Pittman, Dorothy Williams

Churchland House: Ed Heath

Lake Prince Woods: Sarah & Milt Brown

Parsons: Mary Alice Thomasson

Clergy and Staff

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am to 3pm, Friday 9am to 12pm

Calendar

September 1	7pm Southside Band
September 2	5pm Wednesday Night Dinner
September 3	1:30pm Violin classes 6pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal

Monumental

United Methodist Church

August 30, 2026

14th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Largo

G.F. Handel

Jeff Phelps, cello

Congregational Gathering Song

There is a Wideness in God's Mercy v.1

*There is a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of
the sea*

*There's a kindness in God's justice which is more than
liberty.*

*Call to Worship

God created, from nothing.

God created from the dust of the earth.

God created in God's own image.

God continues to create through Jesus and the Spirit.

God's creativity knows no end.

*In this season, the lantern shines beauty
from inside the stone that God created.*

***In this season, salt connects oceans teeming with life,
with tears shed in grief.***

May God's beautiful Creation inspire our worship.

May God's love inspire our song.

***Hymn** *All Creatures of Our God and King vs 1-4,7*

Hymnal #62

Opening Prayer

Creator God, Breath of Life, Breathe on us once more. Into the context of each of our lives, bring forth your love for sharing, your joy for celebrating, your purpose for motivating, and your mercy for healing. Stir among us, bringing energy to worship. Surprise us with your presence. Encourage us for your ways. Make possible all good things, which you bless. Amen.

Scripture Lesson *Genesis 1:1-2:3*

Offering

Anthem

Berceuse

G. Faure

***Doxology**

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***Hymn** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* *Hymnal #206*

Sermon *It is Good*

Morning Prayers *Touch the Earth Lightly*

*v.1 Touch the Earth lightly, use the earth gently
nourish the life of the world in our care.*

*Gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,
Trust for the children tomorrow will bear.*

Pastoral Prayer

Silence

The Lord's Prayer

*v.4 God of all living, God of all loving
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
Teach us, deflect us, Christ, reconnect us,
Using us gently and making us one.*

***Hymn** *For the Beauty of the Earth* *Hymnal #92*

Benediction

Postlude *Allegro from Sonata on A minor* *A. Vivaldi*

***Please stand if you are able.**

Congregational Offering August 23, 2026

Received: \$1,495.00

TOTAL GIVING FOR 8/23/2026.....\$1,495.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Volunteers and Health & Safety Team Assignments

Vol.1, W. Roane (R1) check-in; Vol. 2, D. Roane (R2) greeter at Chapel entry door; Vol. 3, R. Scott greeter at Dinwiddie Street door/Acolyte; J. Thacker (R3) Addnl. H&S Resp.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Noonday Concert- Monday, Sept. 28th at 12 noon. Mary Dolch, organist and choir master at Galilee Church in Virginia Beach.

SAVE THE DATE-Rise Against Hunger Oct. 3rd 10am-12noon

Charge Conference, Thursday, October 8, 6:30pm. Monumental will host the churches for the Western Region Charge Conference of our district.

The Leadership Board needs You! Are you gifted for Spiritual and Missional Leadership? Is God calling you to serve? Get an application and return it by August 31st.