

CONCORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH P.O. Box 746 (Vermillion and Church Streets) 109 Vermillion Street Athens, WV 24712 Office Phone: (304) 384-7922 Email: rh2851@bellsouth.net Website: concordathens.org Online Giving : concordathens.org/give Pastor: Rev. Richard Moeller Worship Leader: Justin Hill Roots & Wings: Sheila Mann Scripture Reader: Michael Jones Technician: Michael Jones Pianist/Musician: Rose Kessinger Secretary: Jayne Jones Custodian: Carol McManaway	THIS WEEK AT CONCORD CHURCH <u>Sunday, August 23</u> 10:45 AM – Gathering Time 11:00 AM — Worship, Roots & Wings 1 – 4 PM — Concord Athens Town Social <u>Wednesday, August 26</u> 7:00 PM — Zoom Bible Study <u>Thursday, August 27</u> 6:00 PM — Yoga, Anderson Hall <u>Friday, August 28</u> 6:00 PM — Vespers & Church Picnic, Side Lawn <u>Sunday, August 30</u> 10:45 AM – Gathering Time 11:00 AM — Worship <u>Wednesday, September 2</u> 7:00 PM — Zoom Bible Study <u>Thursday, September 3</u> 6:00 PM — Yoga, Anderson Hall <u>Saturday, September 4</u> 8:00 AM — Men’s Breakfast, Anderson Hall
Announcements Princeton Parish Project — August — We are collecting dry cereal, instant oatmeal, canned milk for the food pantry. Military Care Packages — If you would like to donate items, please bring them to the church and place them on the table with the food pantry donations. Boxes will be sent as they fill up. Suggested items are on a list on the donation table. Join us on Wednesdays from 7–8 PM for our Zoom Bible Study . We will be discussing the July–August edition of <i>The Upper Room</i> , focusing this week on August 26: “Encouraging the Encouragers.” Please contact Elizabeth if you would like to join. Join us on Friday, August 28th at 6 PM for our Vespers and Church Picnic . The Moellers will be providing hamburgers and hotdogs, and everyone is invited to come out for an evening of fellowship, worship, and good food. Please bring a side dish to share, and enjoy this time together as a church family. Prayer Email — Contact Jayne (in person, text, or email) if you are interested in receiving the Prayer Email to stay connected in prayer throughout the week.	



CONCORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Seek God’s Will ~ Teach God’s Love ~ Serve God’s World

Sunday, August 23, 2026

13th Sunday After Pentecost

ENTRANCE

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship
In a world where powerful people make decisions to lift themselves up and cast others aside, how does God teach us to use our power?
>God teaches us to protect the vulnerable, resist the oppressors, and persist in doing good.
In a world where power means might, how does God show us what power means?
>God shows us through the midwives’ daring, Peter’s truth-telling, and Jesus’ humility.
In a world where power is held over people’s heads, how does God exercise power?
>God exercises power with—with the oppressed, with the outcasts, with the poor and downtrodden.
Beloved, we gather to recognize our world as it is and to grow as disciples and imitators of Christ. So, how will you use your power today?
>We will side with the vulnerable, build community in the margins, and love all of our neighbors with the exuberant and all-encompassing love of Christ. Amen.

*Morning Hymn: *Majesty, Worship His Majesty* (UMH 176)

Roots & Wings Dismissal

Prayers of the People
Together, let us pray for
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

*Please stand as you are able.

Pastoral Prayer

Now, with the confidence of God’s people, may we pray together the Lord’s Prayer.

>The Lord’s Prayer (UMH 895)

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. Amen

Psalter Reading: Psalm 124 (UMH 846)

Offering and Offertory Music

*Doxology, Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (UMH 94)
*Offertory Prayer

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture: Romans 12:1-8 (New Testament, Pew Bible page 161-162)

Message: *“Building A Winning Team”*
Text: Matthew 16:13-20 (New Testament, Pew Bible page 18)

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: *Precious Name* (UMH 536)

*Benediction



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Pray for: Sick and shut-in members; The United Methodist Church; Bishops; District Superintendents; Pastors; the President; the Governor; the military and their families; world leaders and elected officials; and pray for peace.

Military Personnel: Tom Bone IV and Andy Walker

August 2: Elizabeth M. asked for prayers for Jennifer W., who is home recovering from a mastectomy and will be undergoing breast cancer treatment; Richard M. shared a tremendous joy that his oldest brother, after 44 days of pancreatic cancer treatments four days a week, received a scan showing he is now cancer-free; Matthew T. and Cat celebrated his grandmother’s 101st birthday in Charleston; Joe M. asked for continued prayers for our country, its leaders, and especially those serving in the military; Kathy F. requested prayers for all students returning to college this week, particularly first-year students and their parents; Linda P. asked prayers for her sister, Theresa H., who will undergo testing this week; and Richard M. lifted prayers for Scott M. as he preaches in Beckley for Rev. Don Stilgenbauer, who is away on a mission trip.

August 9: David M., prayers for Charlie M. and Bobbie K. as they continue recovering; Richard M., safe travels for Michael and Katie H. in Greece; Sheila M., prayers for all students heading to college and their parents; Rose K., prayers for Ken and Mary G. as Ken regains strength at home after last week’s hospitalization, and their neighbor Hank B. as he undergoes a heart catheterization; Joyce M. prayers as she has an unplanned CT scan tomorrow; Greg B., prayers for our country, its leaders, and all who serve in the military; Jayne J., prayers for Don V., who is returning to surgery this morning following heart surgery on Friday, praying for healing and a smooth recovery.

August 16: Elizabeth M. – Prayers for the family of Betty Jo Snider, who passed away last Friday. Her service will be held on Thursday; Rose K. – Prayers for Mary and Ken G. Ken is feeling better but still recovering; Katie H. – Gratitude for all the travel prayers while they were in Greece. Please pray for her as the CU organic chemist position is now vacant, and she has stepped into the role of chemistry professor, increasing her load to 16 contact hours. Prayers also for the new faculty candidate interviewing on campus Wednesday; Matthew T. – Prayers for all students returning to school during Back-to-School Week for Monroe County, Mercer County, and Concord University; Joe M. – Continued prayers for our people, our leaders, and our country, especially those serving in the armed forces; Matthew T. – Prayers for his Uncle Wayne, who had surgery for a detached retina and faces a long recovery

(Prayer requests will be listed here for three weeks.
First names and last initials are used with details omitted to protect privacy).

* Please stand as you are able.

** The Year A Lectionary: Daily Readings may be found on our website at concordathens.org