FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 117 N. 2nd Street, Clarksburg, WV 26301 Phone: 304.623.3397 email: cfumc@citynet.net

Rev. Michael Q. Atkinson, Pastor "A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"



August 13 2023 Moring Worship 10:45 a.m.

WORDS OF WELCOMEP	astor Michael Atkinson	
ORGAN PRELUDE	Dr. Jessica Scott	
*CALL TO WORSHIPRox	ane Panarella, Liturgist	
Leader: Sunshine and celebration! Rain and remembrance!	-	
All are part of the richness of God's mercy and love	e for us!	
People: God has blessed us in so many ways!		
Leader: Welcome this day to a celebration of these blessings!		
People: Thank you. We are glad to be here!		
Leader: Lord, open our hearts and spirits to your love		
People: Bring us safely through the trials and tribulations of life,		
for we ask this in Jesus' name.		

*OPENING PRAYER

God of mysterious ways, you take our fears and turn them into triumphs. You remind us that you are always with us and that we do not need to fear the wind and waves of life. Encourage us to step out of the boat; to come across these difficulties to your redeeming and transforming love. Give us courage and strength, joy and peace for all the times ahead. AMEN.

*HYMN #152----- of God"

*PASSING OF GOD'S PEACE

MORNING PRAYER

THE 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. Amen.

OFFERTORY MUSIC - - - "There Is a Happy Land" / arr. Russell Schulz-Widmar *FUMC Choir and Bells*

SCRIPTURE LESSON------- Matthew 14:22-33 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

"Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Leader:The Word of God for the people of God.**PEOPLE:Thanks be to God.**

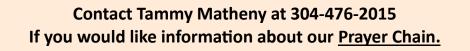
SERMON	-"Stepping	Out of	the Boat"	Pastor Atkinson
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*HYMN #512	"Stand By Me"
*BENEDICTION	
*SUNG RESPONSE #2190, v. 2	
ORGAN POSTLUDE	Dr. Scott

If you or someone you know is in the hospital, nursing home, has a need from the church, or would like a visit, please contact Pastor Atkinson.

Please feel free to call or send a text to Pastor Michael Atkinson at 304-771-3309





THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Tuesday, August 15 -- Monastic Meal at 12:15 p.m., in the Parlor Tuesday, August 15 -- Finance Committee at 5:00 p.m., in the Parlor Tuesday, August 15 -- Church Council at 6:00 p.m., in the Parlor Thursday, August 17 -- Women of First Church at noon, in the Parlor Thursday, August 17 -- Prayer Shawl Group at 5:00 p.m., in the Parlor Tuesday, August 22 -- Men's Group at 8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m., at FOP/Nutter Fort

GRAB AND "STAY" LUNCHES!

The "Grab and Go" Lunch ministry is now "Grab and Stay"

Those receiving sack lunches are to stay and eat in our parking lot. We join many other groups and individuals in providing these meals.



If you would like to help, contact Anita Burns at 304-203-1279.



"JESUS CHRIST, SUPERSTAR"

WVU Creative Arts Center in Morgantown Tuesday, October 10 at 7:30 p.m. \$59.00 (plus tax)

Interested? Call the church office at 304-623-3397 by August 21

IN CONCERT AT FIRST CHURCH

Saturday, August 26 at 7:30 p.m. "An Evening of Sacred Choral Music"



(Don and Brett are singing in the choir, and Jess is organist!)

A Note of Appreciation

"Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$500 to the Vincent Memorial (Inited Methodist Backpack Ministry! That will provide food for the children for a month. God bless!"



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