

Welcome!

It is good to be worshiping God together at Bon Air UMC!

Please let us know of your presence by signing the registration pads and passing them across the row.

Announcements

Administrative Council: Tuesday at 7:00pm online

Book Study: *Conversations with God* by Neale Donald Walsch. Room 1104, Each Thursday in September from 10:00am to 11:30am. Questions? mikemayton@vaumc.org. 757-876-9784

Civil Conversations: a conversation with Dr. Jacob Cook. 10:00 a.m. teaching on September 22nd and preaching at 11:00am. May the church rise up in overcoming the chatter of the culture with conversations that unite our hearts as neighbors, family and the children of God!

Pumpkin Patch: Coming September 29th at Noon! Our annual kickoff to the pumpkin selling season begins with unloading the pumpkin truck. Please come help get half of a truck load of pumpkins off of the truck. Bring a friend or 3. This is a great way for students to get community service hours. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

2024 Charge Conference: October 20th at 5:00p.m at Providence UMC. Everyone may attend. Elected and appointed leaders may vote.

Prelude	Prelude on NYLAND	Aaron David Miller		
Invocation				
*Hymn UMH 158	Come, Christians, Join to Sing	SPANISH HYMN		

Prayers of The People (unison)

Heavenly Father, Loving God,

The connections we have with each other are blessings from you. Help me to strengthen the relationships in my life. Bless me to honor, respect and care for the people I meet with open and respectful conversation. Make me strong to say what needs to be said in the right time and in the proper way. Grant me restraint to say no more than what's needed: nothing hurtful, rude, and inappropriate before You. Amen.

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.

Anthem

Offertory Chancel Choir

John Ness Beck

A Reading from the Old Testament Ruth 1:1-9, 16-19B NIV Mary Etta Boyce In the days when the judges ruled, [a] there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there. Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband. When Naomi heard in Moab that the Lord had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. 7 With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah. Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the Lord show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. May the Lord grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband."Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud.

But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her. So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they arrived in Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them.

The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!

Sermon

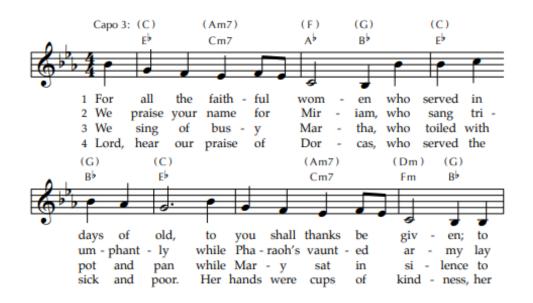
The Sermon With Ruth

Rev. Mayton

*Hymn 324

For All The Faithful Women

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*Offering our Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory

Elevation No. 11

Paul Benoit

Rev. Mayton

*Closing Song TFWS 2281 May You Run and Not Be Weary PRINCE OF PEACE May you run and not be weary, May your heart be filled with song. And may the love of God continue, to give you hope and keep you strong. And may you run and not be weary, May your life be filled with joy! And may the road you travel always lead you home.

Benediction

Postlude

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

*Please stand as able.

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