

September 20, 2009 / Church Employee Appreciation Day

J. William Harris, Pastor

John G. Hipp, Pastor Emeritus

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" (Psalm 122: 1, NRSV). May the same spirit of gladness be in the hearts of all who have come here to worship. We joyfully welcome you all.

We Turn Our Thoughts Toward God

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP "Not By Might" Choir

WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING (Please register your attendance.)

MOMENT OF SILENT CENTERING

INVOCATION

*Hymn of Praise: 102 "Now Thank We All Our God"

Proclaiming the Word

*Psalter: 738 – Psalm 1

*Affirmation of Faith: 881 – The Apostles' Creed

*The Gloria Patri: 70 – "Glory Be to the Father"

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS:

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

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*THE DOXOLOGY: 95 – "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

*Hymn of Preparation: 452 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison):

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.

THE READING OF THE GOSPELS: 804 – Mark 9:30 - 37

ANTHEM "I'm Standing on the Solid Rock" Choir

THE READING OF THE EPISTLES: 973 – James 3:13 – 4:3, 7 - 8a

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "Getting What You Want" Dr. Bill Harris

Responding to the Word

*Hymn of Commitment: 462 "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE "May You Run and Not Be Weary" Choir

*RECESSIONAL

*Please stand (if your health permits), as a means of giving honor to God.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP ...

TODAY:

09:30am Altar Prayer 12:00pm 3rd Sunday Fellowship Meal
10:00am Sunday School 1:15pm Lay Leadership Committee Meeting
11:00am Morning Worship 2:00pm Finance Committee Meeting

THIS WEEK: *****

Mon., Sept. 21, 7:00pm – Art Class
Tues., Sept. 22, 6:30pm – Cub Scouts
Wed., Sept. 23, 7:00pm – Bible Study 7:45pm – Choir Practice
Thurs., Sept. 24, 7:00pm – '3 Simple Rules' Bible Study
Sat., Sept. 26, 9:00am - 12:00pm – Health Fair

NEXT WEEK: *****

Sun., Sept. 27, 4:00pm – S/PPRC Meeting 5:00pm – Church Council
Mon., Sept. 28, 7:00pm – Art Class
Tues., Sept. 29, 6:30pm – Cub Scouts
Wed., Sept. 30, 7:00pm – Bible Study 7:45pm – Choir Practice
Thurs., Oct. 1, 11:30am – VIP's

Table with 3 columns: SERVING OUR LORD:, Today, Next Week. Rows: Nursery: Volunteer, Acolyte: Andrew Joseph.

Preparation for Worship: Dear Lord, may the fire of your love touch each of us gathered in this sanctuary. May we all be energized to seek and to do your will. Amen.

Welcome to all who visit with us today. Your presence enhances our worship of Almighty God. Please sign a visitor's card, found in the pew racks, and give it to an usher during the offering, or sign the pew register pad found at the end of each pew. You are always welcome at Mathews.

A Memorial for John W. Cox, in remembrance of his 75th birthday on Sept. 17, was received from his family.

Our 3rd Sunday Fellowship Meal is today and is a Church Employee Appreciation Dinner for our staff members; Jesse, Libby, and Ray. We invite everyone to stay after the worship service for our fellowship meal and to join us in expressing appreciation to our staff.

Committee Schedule for our Charge Conference: Today, Lay Leadership will meet at 1:15pm or immediately after dinner and the Finance Committee will meet at 2:00pm. Next Sunday, Sept. 27, the S/PPRC will meet at 4:00pm and the Church Council will meet at 5:00pm.

Health Fair – Don't forget our Health Fair, this Saturday from 9am to 12 Noon in the Social Hall. This is open to the community, so invite your friends and neighbors to come with you. All tests are free; however, you must sign up for the Bone Density Test. See the bulletin insert for more information.

Harris UMC Homecoming – Our congregation will be going to Harris UMC on Sunday morning, Oct. 4, for their Homecoming Celebration that starts at 10:45am. Sunday School and Worship Service for our church will be cancelled.