

Upcoming Events and Information

Tues July 18: WC Chosen Study 9:30AM

Tues July 18: Women's Zoom Study 6:30 PM

Sun July 23: Sperryville Genesis Study 10 AM

Aug 3 or 4 TBD: Rappahannock Clergy Association Sponsored
Rappahannock PS Teacher and Staff Appreciation Lunch

Aug TBD: PPR Charge Budget Meeting

Sat Sept 30: WC Reager Breakfast 7-10AM

Sun Oct 29: Rockingham Male Chorus at all three churches
Willis Chapel at 8:45am; Flint Hill at 10:00am; Sperryville at
11:30am. Fried chicken and drinks provided. 1:00pm potluck at
Willis Chapel (bring a side dish or dessert). The chorus will sing
again at WC for a community concert at 2:30pm.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

FLINT HILL: 19 Sharon Dodson, 29 Wayne Payne

SPERRYVILLE: 1 Rosemary Jenkins, 11 Tony Wayland,
19 Deidra Woods

WILLIS CHAPEL: 2 Neal Myers, Jr., 13 Dean Hahn,
Ginger Miller, 15 Becky Myers, 20 Roger Miller, 28 Don Deal
Pastor Jeff 7/29

JULY Mission: School Supplies Rappahannock County ES
Shopping lists of requested items in the back of sanctuaries.

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Rappahannock
United Methodist Charge



7th Sunday After Pentecost July 16, 2023

Sunday Morning Worship

8:45 AM: Flint Hill

9:55 AM: Willis Chapel

11:15 AM: Sperryville



PO BOX 97

Flint Hill, VA 22627

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RAPPAHANNOCK CHARGE

7th Sunday After Pentecost

July 16, 2023

***Standing (either literally or in spirit remaining seated)**

PRELUDE

ENTER LIGHT OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Seeking the light of Christ,

We come to connect with God's word.

Seeking understanding,

We come to hear Jesus speak.

Seeking inspiration,

Open our hearts through the Spirit to see, hear, and believe!

***OPENING PRAYER**

The prophets guided the Israelites and often were ignored. You came down to dwell among us Lord Jesus, and still we often fail to be obedient. Help us, through your Spirit to listen. Help us to see and to hear. Help inspire us in the fertile soil of your love as we worship you and seek the promises you provide.

Amen.

***HYMN 707 Hymn of Promise**

PRAYER OF YEARNING

Merciful One, we often feel the burden of living, as though we've been tossed on rocky soil and left to struggle on our own. Other days, we throw ourselves too quickly onto wrong paths. We are tested by hungry birds, choked by thorns, and wither in the scorching sun. We are here to choose the fertile soil and bear much fruit. Show us the way so that we will not stray. Help us to hear your word, understand it, and nurture a beautiful garden with an abundant harvest. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION P6

SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 29:1-6

PSALTER: Psalm 119:1-8, 33-48 P841-842

SCRIPTURE: Romans 8:1-11

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 13:1-9

SERMON "Rocks and Soil"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN 314 In the Garden

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

***95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

OFFERING PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN 57 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

***BENEDICTION**

May your path be gentle, your soil rich,
and your harvest abundant.

As we go into the world, we will look for gardens of your people to water, feed, and cultivate; nurturing the love of Christ in others, as well as in ourselves! Amen

***HYMN 666 Shalom to You**