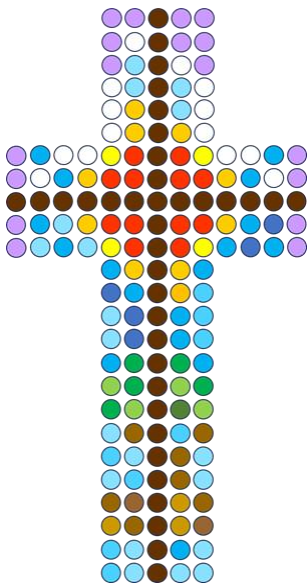




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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

September 28, 2025

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Greeting & Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship**

***Opening Prayer**

***Songs of Praise**

Blessed Be Your Name

The Jesus Way

Children's Message

Announcements

Joys & Concerns

Song of Praise

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

UMH 349

Scripture Lesson

John 10: 14-18

Sermon

Welcome to the Neighborhood:

Am I a Sheep?

***Closing Song**

Living Hope

***Benediction**

Altar Flowers: Caitlynn Cole's Marriage ~ Anita & Tim Cole

Nancy & Tom Phipps 70th Anniversary ~ Anita & Tim Cole

**Please stand as you are able*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events

- **Youth Town Hall** on September 28 @ 5:30pm.
- **October Soup Potluck** on Sunday, October 19 after church services. Sign-up in the Narthex!

Join us for our Church Family Breakfast!

On Sunday, October 5th, we're thrilled to be opening up our breakfast to everyone in our church family. We'll be serving up a delicious meal to fill your belly and warm your heart. Please join us for a time of great food and fellowship!

Date: Sunday, October 5th

Time: 9:00-9:45am

Chef Bob and Chef Gus will be preparing a fantastic spread including:

- Pancakes (and maybe waffles!)
- Crispy bacon and savory sausages
- Eggs any style
- Golden hash browns
- Toast
- And a special cereal for the kids

How to sign up: To help our chefs prepare the right amount of food for our "starving members," please sign up after the church service in the Narthex.

We can't wait to see you there!

Notices

- **Basin & Towel** is collecting cleaning products for the month of October. Please see Keith & Donita to donate.
- **Handbell Choir** will resume on Wednesday, October 8 @ 7pm.

Worship God

- **In-Person Services** are in the Sanctuary on Sundays @10am.
- **Youth Sunday School** is offered immediately following the Children's message during the service.
- **Nursery** is offered every Sunday during our services.
- **Online Services** our service is live streamed every Sunday @ 10am. Join us on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).
- **Check-In** for our service attendance by visiting our [website](#) check-in form whether you're joining us online or in-person.
- **Giving** can be done by placing your offering in the offering box in-person, mail to the church, visit our offering page on our [website](#), or directly through [Tithe.ly](#) or [PayPal](#)

Gatherings

- **Praise Team** Sunday's @ 9am in the Sanctuary.
- **Breakfast with Bob and Gus** Sundays @ 9:00am.
- **Handbells** Will resume on Wednesday, October 8 @ 7pm.
- **Youth Group** Sundays @ 1:30pm in the Youth room.
- **Quilter's** 1st and 3rd Thursdays @7pm in Sonshine Hall.

Fellowship

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study** with Pastor Michael @ 9:00am in the Parlor.
- **Coffee Talk** Join with folks for coffee on Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the parlor.
- **Ladies Bible Study** Mondays @ 7:30pm via Zoom.
- **Weekly Bible Study** Wednesdays @ 11:00am in the Parlor.
- **Thursday Evening Bible study** in person at the Blasewitz home, 2nd and 4th Thursdays @ 7pm. Contact Bob Blasewitz for directions.

Outreach

- **Basin & Towel** are always looking for donations to support the local community. See the bulletin board in the Narthex for specific items being collected each month. See Keith or Donita for more details.
- **Altar Flowers** If you would like to purchase flowers for the Sunday Altar, sign up by filling out the information on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Regular flowers are \$13 per vase. Specialty arrangements can be ordered for a higher price. Questions? Email office@delranumc.org
- **Prayer Quilts** Would you like to join the quilters? Or, if someone is in need of a prayer quilt, please contact Joyce Kelly @ sajkelly@comcast.net
- **Shop Rite Shirley** is alive and well. Our church makes a small income from your groceries when you purchase Shop Rite gift cards to shop with. You can purchase these gift cards at the church office Tuesdays & Thursdays 9-2pm or after church every Sunday.

Spiritual Growth & Prayer

- **Email Prayer Chain** Chris Verduin coordinates an email Prayer Chain for our church family. If you would like to be a part of this email chain, email prayersdumc@gmail.com
- **Prayer Requests** Visit our website for our new Prayer Request form. This new easy form allows you to send in your requests at your convenience. They can then be added to our prayer list.

Volunteers

- **Readers/Greeters/Ushers** Interested in reading the prayers and scripture during services on Sundays? Want to help greet or be an usher? Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.
- **Dedicate A Day** Can you help out with our Children and Youth Ministries? If you're able, can you spend one morning in Sunday School with our younger children? Could you spend a Sunday afternoon with the Youth Group? No prep, no pomp, just your presence. Talk to Libby about picking a day.



Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

~ Thessalonians 5:16-18

Prayer Guide

Follow the acronym P.R.A.Y.

P = Praise God / Thank God

Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together. Psalm 34:3

R = Repent / Confess

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

A = Ask / Ask Big, Ask Boldly, Ask Persistently

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Luke 11:9-10

Y = Yield / Surrender to God's good will

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Matthew 6:10

Prayer Concerns

Those with ongoing health concerns: Meghan Winner, Bill Fink, Nancy Fink

- Prayers for Linda Henderson, who has Covid.
- Prayers for Gus's son-in-law, Chris, who is suffering from stress and dehydration.
- Prayers for young people suffering loneliness.
- Prayers for Maryann's dad, Sonny, whose rectal bleeding has returned.
- Prayers for Patty, who is undergoing radiation treatments.
- Prayers for Faye, who broke her arm.
- Prayers for the cross-country runners that were injured recently.
- Prayers for Sarah Jacoby, who is suffering from sores on her legs.
- Prayers for Katie & Bob Winner, who are recovering from illness.
- Prayers for Lilly, who is under concussion protocol.
- Prayers for Vera's sister, whose granddaughter arrived very early.
- Prayers for Anita Cole's uncle, Bill, who will be getting a defibrillator.
- Prayers for Anita Cole's friend, Lou, who will be having surgery.
- Prayers for the quilt recipients: Vee Thomas, who is recovering from surgery for diverticulitis and Kate Morgan who fell.
- Prayers for the world during this time of great turmoil.
- Prayers for Sharon Vandegrift's friend, Amy, who was diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Prayers for Katie Winner's sister's husband, who is receiving treatment for a leaky heart valve.
- Prayers for Maryann's daughter whose friend Kate overdosed.
- Prayers for John Davis and a family matter.
- Prayers for Maryann Speaker as she continues to search for housing.
- Prayers for Bettyann Melvin, who is recovering from hip surgery in West Virginia.

***Prayer concerns are listed for 3 weeks.**

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Loving God, serving others,
touching lives with the love of Jesus by:

Glorifying God through public and private worship.

Making new disciples for Jesus Christ by witnessing to others
about God's amazing grace through word and action.

Growing in spiritual maturity through training and
equipping opportunities.

Reaching out to others in need; beginning with our community
and moving out across the entire world.

Making a difference in the lives of all for whom Jesus died.



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