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GROWING UNNOTICED

**“The Mountains—grow unnoticed—
Their Purple figures rise
Without attempt—Exhaustion—
Assistance—or Applause—”**

-Emily Dickinson

Occasionally, I remember the truth of this poem. Every so slightly, mountain ranges continue to be pushed skyward by tectonic plate movements that we almost never notice. Slow movements...consistent progress... God has established a system in creation to bring about perpetual ascending and descending—perpetual change toward some not yet attained future.

I imagine that is a helpful model to keep in mind for all of us as we continue to reflect on the effects of the seven deadly sins on our lives. Very rarely are we capable of making dramatic, life altering decisions or turns of action to better our existence. More often than not, it is a slow and methodical movement towards something better. Acknowledgement of our shortcomings, and slow work skyward are the goal—towards the God who longs to make us whole. I hope you will plan to be with us in worship for the last three weeks of this series as we look for ways to do this sort of soul work in our lives by the grace of God!

This week, I had the opportunity to embrace the ever-changing mountains in a different capacity as I made my way to Camp Crossroads for prayer and sermon preparation for the rest of the year. The 5.5-mile road to the Conference Center is one of the few that I always find myself going slower than permitted to take in all the surroundings. The river was up after a day of rainfall, and I could hear it through the open window. The mountain laurel was in bloom and lined the road with bright pinks. And a couple of times, I had to slow down to allow some fur friends to pass. Mountain time mandates slower movements and more intentional behavior—something I was quite grateful for as I prayed over and organized the topics for our worship services in the remainder of the year.

As you continue to move through the motions of life—ever-changing and often unnoticed—my prayer for you this week is that you would do so with gratitude rather than burden. That you would do so with wonder rather than anxiety—overwhelmed by the eternal Creator who gave you life in this moment to dwell in His love. As always, it is my joy to serve as your pastor. **-Josh**

SUNDAY MORNING

9:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 AM - MORNING WORSHIP

SPECIAL ELEMENTS

Rev. Josh Beeler | “The Seven Deadly Sins” series
“Greed” | Judges 9
Chancel Choir | “Redeemer”
Special Music from the Sanctuary Bells

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

May 17 Marvin Hensley & Marvin Jefferson

DEACONS SERVING MAY 17

David Bryant	Marvin Hensley
Mike Garrett	Ann Irvin
Luke Hamel	Marvin Jefferson

MAY 10, 2026 OFFERINGS

Budget Envelopes.....	\$	4,234.00
(Weekly Budget Needs \$9,424.06)		
Plate Offering.....	\$	75.00
Designated Offering.....	\$	454.50
Miscellaneous.....	\$	0.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT.....	\$	4,763.50
Find Us Faithful.....	\$	335.00



CHRISTMAS CHEER BASKETS

Bisquick and
Corn Bread Mixes



RECOVERY ROCKS PROJECT

SATURDAY, MAY 16
10:30 A.M. TO 12 P.M.

FREE ROCK PAINTING EVENT FOR THE RECOVERY ROCK GARDEN AT THE BEDFORD COUNTY PROBATION OFFICE. EACH PAINTED ROCK CARRIES A MESSAGE OF HOPE AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS IN RECOVERY AND THOSE WORKING TOWARD A FRESH START. ALL AGES WELCOME. ART SUPPLIES AND INSTRUCTION ARE PROVIDED.

SHALOM CREATIVES STUDIO @ MADISON HEIGHTS BC
2ND FLOOR, 329 MAIN ST., MADISON HEIGHTS

KOINONIAS

Tuesday, May 19 at 9:00am
Old Trail Lodge in Crozet.



LADIES NIGHT OUT

Thursday, May 21 at 5:30pm
"New" La Carretta

MILL CREEK LAKE DAY for YOUTH

Sunday, June 7 following worship
Children can go with parents!

CHURCH POOL PARTY & PICNIC

Saturday, June 13
Pool opens at 3:00pm
Picnic under the pavilion
at 5:30pm. Chicken, bread,
and drinks provided.



SAVE THE DATE