



THE SPIRE

BELLE MEADE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Equipping the Saints

BY GABE HORTON

Today, our sisters and brothers in the Episcopal Church celebrate the day of “Saint Philip and Saint James.” We Methodists do not like to talk about saints (unless it’s St. Patrick’s Day!), but did you know that in the Episcopal, Catholic and Orthodox churches, there is a saint assigned to almost every single day of the year? I think we probably avoid the word “saints” because putting certain people on a pedestal seems to take away from the power of God’s grace.

Ephesians 4:12, however, tells us that God has given us all gifts in order to “equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” We have all received gifts, and we are all called to use them in the service of God’s glory. In God’s eyes, then, we are all meant to be saints!

So, what are the gifts God has given you? How is God calling you to use those gifts to build up the body of Christ? By using our gifts to build up God’s work on earth, we can truly “come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ” (4:13).



**Welcome to
Our Newest Members**
Remember to check out the ‘New Member Boards’
located in the Narthex and administrative lobby.



Youth Ministry News

Jeff McCormick, Director of Youth Ministries, has accepted a position with the Interfaith Dental Clinic. The Staff Parish Committee has formed a selection committee to find Jeff's replacement. We are sad to see Jeff go. He leaves big shoes to fill. On the other hand we are happy for him as he begins this new phase of his life journey.

There will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall to honor Jeff during the Sunday School hour on his last day, May 19th. Please pray for Jeff and our church as we seek new leadership for our youth and Youth Ministries.

May's Communion Offering

Each May, the McKendree Village Foundation sponsors the Annual Golden Cross Offering to help fund the benevolent care services for McKendree residents. This special offering is conducted in cooperation with hundreds of Middle Tennessee United Methodist churches in the Tennessee Conference. The communion offering for May will go to McKendree Village for the Golden Cross Fund. Founded in 1963 by the Tennessee Annual Conference, McKendree Village is a continuing care retirement community located in Hermitage, Tennessee. McKendree has made it their priority to grow with the Nashville community and provide their services for seniors in a secure, Christian environment.



How Great Thou ART and Music Camp 2013

July 22 - 26, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

For children rising 3rd - rising 7th grade



We will explore various media including clay, pottery, drawing, painting, & collage. It will be a fun time learning about art & creating together while experiencing artistic ways to glorify and connect with God. Led by local artist Carrie Duborg. (www.OliveThisArt.com) Music and worship led by Anna Carro. Morning snack, water & lemonade provided. Please bring your own lunch. Cost \$100 (Scholarships & partial scholarships are available.)

Register: mark@bellemeadeumc.org 352-6210 or carrieduborg@gmail.com 289-2343



Vacation Bible School

July 8 - 12, 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Get ready for an outdoor adventure that starts in your own backyard and gets bigger each day as kids take the love of Jesus into their homes, neighborhoods, and communities! This year's VBS will transport kids to a fun-filled world where they will learn to serve through life-changing worship, missions, and Bible fun!

Register online to attend or volunteer at: www.VacationBibleSchool.com/bellemeadeumc
The cost for each child is \$50. Children of volunteers (who work all 5 days) attend at no charge. Childcare offered for children of volunteers who are under 3 years old. Financial aid available.



Bus Ministry Needs

I visited with a long-time church member recently who is now home-bound and without a car. He said one of the things he misses most is coming to his Sunday School class and worship on Sunday mornings. We have quite a few members who share this same problem. Yet there is a simple solution. If there is someone who would be willing to drive our church bus on Sunday mornings, we could coordinate an opportunity to pick up people to bring them to Sunday School and church and return them home afterward. It's a simple ministry that can make a profound impact on the lives of these individuals and on the life of this church. If you feel called to participate in this vital ministry and help some of our most helpless members reconnect with their church home, please contact Danny Rhodes at danny@bellemeadeumc.org or 352-6210. Thanks for your prayerful consideration.

Wednesday Night Together

The menu for Wednesday, May 8th is: BBQ Chicken; mac'n cheese; baked beans; green salad; rolls; dessert; and kid's table. Supper is served beginning at 5:00 PM and programming begins at 6:15 PM.

To make a reservation for dinner, call the church at 352-6210 or sign up at the front desk in the lobby. Stay after supper for programming beginning at 6:15 PM that includes: Men's Bible Study; Prayer Shawl/Knitting Group; Pastor's Bible Study; Youth Bible Study - an overview of the Old Testament; and Children's Choirs.



Next Painting Prayer Is Wednesday, May 8th

The next painting prayer will meet Wednesday, May 8th at 6:00 PM in Room 216. Everyone is welcome to come! Mother's Day is almost here, so we will paint in celebration of Mothers! You will have your choice of painting size/surface. \$15-\$25. Children are invited to join us to create their own flower bouquet for Mom. Please let Carrie know if you plan to come so she can be prepared with materials. (289-2343 or carrieduborg@gmail.com)

Book and Puzzle Drive

Do you have gently used or new children's books and puzzles taking up space at home? Bring them to church! The children's ministry is currently collecting both new and gently used books and puzzles for children in need. A collection box is located outside the children's ministry office.

Lion King Tickets

There are 2 opportunities to see the Lion King. The Children's Ministry is taking a trip to TPAC on Saturday, May 11 to see a 2:00 PM matinee. There are two \$81 tickets for the May 11th show. To purchase these tickets contact Erin Seay erin@bellemeadeumc.org or 352-6210.

Another group is going on May 30th. Please contact Betty Willis at 352-9233 for more information on this show.



Altar Flowers

If you would like to honor or remember someone with an altar flower dedication, contact Betty McAlister at jbmacc5960@gmail.com or 352-4102.

Prayer Concerns

The church prayer list cannot be included on our website due to privacy issues.

You can find the list in the church bulletin or in the e-mail newsletter.

If you would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail please contact the church office at 352-6210 or sign up at the church website, www.bellemeadeumc.org, under the newsletter and events page.

Toma Dachi Circle News

The United Methodist Women's Toma Dachi Circle will meet Tuesday, May 7th in the lounge at 6:30 PM. Our speakers will be Julia Gildemeister, Executive Director of Rooftop and Assistant Director Cathy Link. Rooftop is a non-profit agency that works to prevent people from becoming homeless by providing emergency rental assistance to hundreds of families. All are invited to join us.



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that God is present with us
even when all we hear is silence.
God knows the needs of this church.



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WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY
8:30 AM - Worship in the Chapel
Sermon: Tom Gildemeister
Music by BMUMC acoustic ensemble
8:45 AM - Holy Communion in the Sanctuary
A 15-minute time of communion with prayers and liturgy.
10:30 AM - Worship in the Sanctuary
Sermon: Tom Gildemeister
Music: Belle Meade Choir and Instrumentalists
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM Sunday School for all ages