

THE SPIRE

BELLE MEADE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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My Cup Overflows: Filled to a Breaking Point

Kristin Clark-Banks

"You, O God, set a table for me right in front of my enemies. You bathe my head in oil; my cup is so full it spills over! Yes, goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the LORD's house as long as I live."
-Psalm 23:5-6 (CEB version)

Have you ever felt so grateful you think you might explode? I'm talking about being full of gratitude to the point of breaking open? That's how I feel right now.

Many of you know I've been on a journey to ordination in the United Methodist Church. After feeling called to ministry my freshman year of college, I began pursuing ordination in the Church of the Nazarene in the year 2000. Now, fourteen years later, on June 10, 2014, I will be ordained a full elder in the Tennessee Conference of the UMC. On the days leading up to this momentous occasion, my heart is filled with gratitude -- filled to a breaking point.

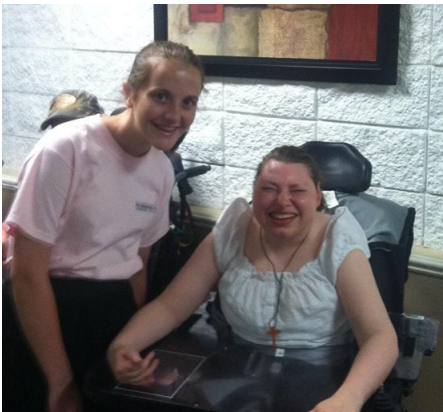
As I approach the day when Bishop McAlilly, my mentor, Kaye Harvey, and my colleague, Tom Gildemeister, will lay hands on my head and pray for me, I am reminded how much I love my work. God has called me to be a pastor- to preach the love of God and grace of Jesus Christ, to administer the sacraments, to offer counsel and support to people as they grow in faith, and to order the life of the church in ministry to God's hurting world. Living out God's calling on my life brings me great joy and tremendous fulfillment. Not a day goes by when I don't experience powerfully God's Spirit in my midst -- through you, through prayer and Scripture, through our ministry together. My cup overflows.

There's no way to approach this milestone without remembering the support I've received from so many over the years. My family, especially my parents and my husband, my friends and colleagues have each modeled and shared God's love with me through encouragement, support and guidance. My colleagues and church families have affirmed my gifts and graces for ministry and strengthened them through partnership and prayer. There's no way I'd be where I am today without others, including you all, my Belle Meade UMC family. My cup overflows.

In all of these things I give thanks to God. It is God who gives me joy in my work, comfort and strength on those difficult days of ministry (oh, you didn't know there are hard days of ministry?), and an abiding peace that comes from God's Spirit within me. Indeed, my cup overflows with gratitude.

My hope is that it bursts forth from me and makes its way into the world. I pray it spills out of me into my relationships with you. God's goodness is too great, too vast to be kept inside. It can't be contained. When we sense it and receive it, it should burst forth from us into the world.

What are you grateful for today? As you see God's blessings in your life and give thanks, may you be filled to a breaking point, so that God's love and grace spill out into the world, giving you and me one more reason to be grateful.



Youth Choir Home after Meaningful Tour

The Belle Meade UMC youth choir has returned from their summer tour which included stops at: Ponybird in Mapaville, Missouri, St. Meinrad Monastery, Scenic Hills Care Center in Ferdinand, Indiana, the St. Louis arch, a Cardinals game, and the St. Louis Science Museum. A great time was had by all and much joy was shared!

Many of our youth and adult volunteers will be departing next Wednesday for the River of Life mission trip in Georgia, where they will be sharing their gifts once again. Please be in prayer for them and those with whom they will be in ministry.



Are you a kid who wants to come?

Are you an adult who can give your time or donate materials?

Check out our **VBS table** in the administrative lobby or visit www.bellemeadeumc.org where you can:

- register a child's participation
- sign up to bring needed materials
- volunteer a few hours or every day

July 7-11 9:00-2:00 PM

For kids ages 3-entering 6th Grade

55+ Ministry Feedback Forms

If you are 55 or older, please turn in your feedback form from our meeting June 1 if you have not yet done so. Your input is vital as we assess the needs and interests of this demographic in our church. Your thoughts will help us enrich this area of ministry and contribute to plans for upcoming plans and programs. Thank you!

Directory Update for New Members

June 17: Church Directory Pictures for new members and those who missed our last directory photos in 2012. Contact kristin@bellemeadeumc.org to sign up, or call the church office at 615.352.6210. You can schedule your appointment online via the link provided at www.bellemeadeumc.org.

Volunteers Needed for A.S.K. Summer Program

This summer, Nancy Webb Kelly UMC invites you to volunteer at the Academy for Success in Kindergarten (ASK) Summer Program. This is a four week learning experience for children entering kindergarten this upcoming school year. The goal is to improve the students' reading/readiness and math skills. ASK provides a safe and caring place for children, as well as volunteers to help each child. The program begins July 1 and ends August 1, meets from noon until 3:30 pm Tuesdays-Fridays. If you are interested in helping with this program, please contact Rev. Toi King at 615.227.1953.

New Members

We are delighted to welcome these new members who joined Belle Meade UMC on June 8!



Tim and Jennifer Ward (Brennan)
(left)

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(Pictured above are four generations of BMUMC members!)



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David Drumel Joins the Team

We can do too much of many things in the church (preaching comes to mind...). But the one thing we can never do too much of is pastoral care.

That's why I am excited to announce that the Rev. David Drumel will be joining our pastoral team at Belle Meade UMC to provide additional visitation for our dear members who are no longer able to participate in the life of our church. And he wants to do this good work as a volunteer! Of course, Rev. Kristin and I will continue our weekly visits.

David received a Masters of Divinity at Southern Seminary in Louisville, KY. He and his wife, Mary Ann, met at Immanuel Baptist Church in Nashville. David served as Vice President of Pastoral Care for the Baptist Memorial Health Care system in Memphis for 17 years. After he retired, he moved to Columbus, OH to be the caregiver for his sister, and served as pastoral care minister at Upper Arlington Lutheran Church.

Mary Ann and David joined Belle Meade this past Sunday. They both bring many gifts to our ministries. If you might have any questions about this great news, please give me a call (615-924-7146) or email (tgildem@gmail.com).

See you at the House come Sunday...

Rev. Tom

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 Communications Administrator, Anna Margaret Miller, at the church office at 352-6210 or sign up at the church website, www.bellemeadeumc.org, under the newsletter and events page.

Memorial Gift

A memorial gift was recently made to the VBS fund in memory of Rev. Ron Williams, Jeff Williams' father, by Rob and Deb Durrett.

Upcoming Opportunities to Serve

June 22: Breakfast at Barth Vernon: Four people are needed to serve breakfast to the hungry in our area. Sign up and find more information on the board in the administrative lobby.

June 30: Loaves and Fishes: We will serve lunch to the homeless and hungry at Holy Name Catholic Church on Woodland Street in East Nashville (9:30 to prepare--11:00 to serve or clean up). For more information or to sign up, contact Monk Baird at 269-9519.

June 18: Meet Me At Barth Vernon UMC (Children's Ministry) at 6:30 PM. We will bring the toys and supplies collected for Barth Vernon's nursery and have a time of fellowship with the children's ministry at one of our partner churches. Contact Regina Rigney regina@bellemeadeumc.org or 504-390-6996 for more information.



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WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

8:30 AM - Worship in the Chapel

Sermon: Rev. Kristin Clark-Banks
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: Rev. Kristin Clark-Banks
Music: Belle Meade Choir and Instrumentalists

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM Sunday School for all ages