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A banner year



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"The Long View"

I was talking with a worshipper one Sunday before the service began and asked why he always sat on the very last pew. His answer was clever yet metaphorical. He said, as he held out his hand and moved it with a sweeping motion toward the chancel area, *"I like the lo-o-o-ong view!"* This man has lived long enough to have "the long view" perspective.

Every church must have a person or persons who help the Body keep an eye on the long view. Long view thinking asks questions like: *"What is it that God is asking us to do in the next five, ten, fifteen years?"* *"What must we be doing now in terms of resources (funding, facilities, staffing, programming, lay leadership development) to put ourselves in the very best position to achieve the vision?"* *"How do we articulate the vision in a way that it can be embraced by the Body - the congregation?"*

In a world where time seems to be at a premium - where everything of value must be accomplished in seconds, minutes, hours and days - not months and years - we find ourselves, too often, scrambling to satisfy the insatiable hunger of the immediate schedule. The long view can get lost in the scramble.

I covet the days where the only agenda is to simply reflect on where God has brought me, to give thanks and then to thank God for where God will lead me.

The long view requires patience, faithfulness, persistence, gentleness, a love of God and the Church with which God has blessed us. Will you join me in taking the long view of ministry and mission in this place?

Grace and Peace,

Larry



Sunday commitments for January 13, 2013

Prepare for Worship

Isaiah 43: 1-7

Psalm 29 (UMH 761)

Acts 8: 14-17

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

Greeters:

• 8:15 Morning Glory

Gary & Sherry Hensley

Don & Cathy Watson

• 10:30 Sanctuary

Roy & Jenny Hutto

Bob Ivens

• 10:30 The Crossing

Barbara & Roger

Campbell

Lori Strait

JoAnn Murphy

Acolytes:

Elizabeth West

Macy Waters

Kids Own Worship

Pre-school –

Travis & Stacey Roberts

Elementary –

Chip & Summer Webb

Transportation for

Shannondale:

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Church Calendar

January 13, 2013 — January 19, 2013

Sunday, January 13, 2013

7:35 AM Morning Glory Rehearsal, 249

8:15 AM Morning Glory Worship, Asbury Hall

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

10:30 AM The Crossing, Asbury Hall

Monday, January 14, 2013

3:00 PM Adult Council, 214

3:15 PM Primary Praise Singers, 254

3:15 PM Merrymakers, Asbury Hall

3:15 PM Joy Singers, Asbury Hall

6:00 PM Trustees, 214

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

10:00 AM Bible Study, 214

6:00 PM Devoted Fitness, Asbury

7:00 PM Dude's Bible Study, Taco Bell

7:00 PM AA, 128

Wednesday, January 16, 2013

7:00 AM Middle Schoolers to Chick Fil A

3:45 PM High School Girls Bible Study,

Vienna Coffee House

6:00 PM Recovery at Maryville, 214

6:00 PM Men's Chorus, 249

6:30 PM Forgiveness in the Scriptures, 215

7:00 PM Young Adult Men Trivia, Smoky Mtn. Brewery

7:00 PM Ladies Bible Study, Panera Bread

7:30 PM Chancel Choir rehearsal, 249

Thursday, January 17, 2013

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study, 214

10:15 AM Asagao, 252

5:00 PM Welcome Table, Asbury Hall

5:00 PM Needle Craft Group, 214

7:00 PM AA, 128



Prepare to Laugh!

Prepare to Connect!

You may remember when or where you got married, but do you remember WHY?

Join Jay and Laura Laffoon as they bring you two sessions filled with laughter, entertainment and ministry that explore the unique reality marriage brings to everyday life!

**January 25th 7:00 p.m.
to 9:00 p.m.**

**January 26th 9:00 a.m.
to Noon**

Airport Hilton—Alcoa

**Tickets are \$75 a
couple**



For more information and a video clip of what you can expect [click here!](#)



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Welcome Table

In Memory/Honor Of

David & Jan Requa
Amelia Geis
Paul Brown
Sherri Justice
Bryan Holder
Billy Campbell
The Wednesday Bridge Club

Given By

Steve & Susan Daves
Moe & Suzanne Click
Moe & Suzanne Click
Moe & Suzanne Click
Moe & Suzanne Click
Ivanell Farber
Harriett Jobson

Family Promise

In Memory/Honor Of

Kenneth Requa & Krysta Close
Anne Lambert

Given By

Steve & Susan Daves
Gerald Lambert

Music Fund

In Memory/Honor Of

Pam Ferst
Polly & Felton Weaver
Mattie & Donald Ayers
Pam Ferst
Jill Cochran

Given By

Jack & Kathleen Stewart
Fred & Judy Lawson
Fred & Judy Lawson
Hazel Goddard
Hazel Goddard

Building Fund

In Memory/Honor Of

Ruth & Runa White

Given By

Fred & Judy Lawson

Africa

In Memory/Honor Of

Eleanor Daniel
Mary Kay King

Given By

Kathryn King
Kathryn King

Memorial Fund

In Memory/Honor Of

Jill Cochran
Jill Cochran
Jill Cochran

Given By

Hope Lewis
Jack & Kathleen Stewart
Junior & Pam Bivens

Welcome!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Jason Fields who joined 1st UMC on December 23rd.



Ivette, Daniel and Jason Fields.

Thousands served



Each Thursday night dozens of faithful volunteers serve the community by offering a free meal to anyone who comes to the Welcome Table.

This ministry is now in its third year and continues to grow at a fast pace. In 2012 an average of 175 meals were served each Thursday here at 1st UMC (not including take out meals). Combine those numbers with Tuesday meals at New Providence Presbyterian Church and the number climbs to 20,790 for the year.

The largest turnout of the Welcome Table at 1st UMC this year was 288. Chef Amelia Geis said there were about 30 takeout orders that night as well, pushing it over the 300 mark.

Another part of the Welcome Table ministry is the transportation provided from Broadway Towers and Parkside. Currently there is a need for drivers on the 4th Thursdays of each month. Servers and cleanup volunteers are also needed to keep this ministry going.

If you are interested in volunteering or making a financial contribution please call the office at 865-982-1273 or e-mail us at fumc@fumc-maryville.org. Or perhaps you would like to just come and eat... a great way to get to know our neighbors.

Giving back during the holidays

As we begin a new year, two local charities and two international ones will be getting vital support thanks to YOUR generosity during the Christmas season. The 2012 Christmas Offering totaled \$22,000.

The money will go to help the following organizations continue their ministries to those in need:

Good Neighbors of Blount County

(www.goodneighborsbc.com)

- An ecumenical organization working to help neighbors in crisis.

Haven House

(www.havenhousetn.org)

- A refuge for victims of domestic violence.

Imagine No Malaria

(www.imaginenomalaria.org)

- An effort to eliminate malaria in Africa.

Africa ELI

(www.africaeli.org)

- An organization supporting schools for refugees in South Sudan as well as providing clothing for students and assistance for the teachers.

Music Ministry startup dates for January 2013

Adults:

Morning Glory Chorus - Continuous

Chancel Choir - Wednesday, January 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Men's Chorus - Wednesday, January 9 at 6:00 p.m.

Evensong Handbells - Sunday, January 13 at 5:15 p.m.

Asagao Handbells - Thursday, January 17 at 10:15 a.m.

Youth:

Youth Handbells (7th - 12th) - Sunday, January 13 at 4:30 p.m.

Celebration Singers (7th-12th) - Sunday, January 13 at 5:10 pm.

Children:

Primary Praise Singers (K-1st) - Monday, January 14 at 3:15 p.m.

Merrymakers (2nd/3rd) - Monday, January 14 at 3:15 p.m.

Joy Singers (4th—6th) - Monday, January 14 at 3:15 p.m.

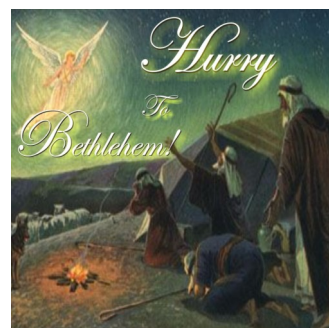
Christmas CDs here!

Hundreds of people came out in December to enjoy the 2012 Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata, "Hurry to Bethlehem."

The concert also aired several times during the Christmas holiday on WVLT and MyVLT.

If you ordered a music CD of the Cantata, we have them in the church office. Please come by and pick up your copy as soon as possible.

Each CD costs \$15.



Christmas Eve 2012

"Look, the Virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him *Emmanuel*, which means, *God is with us.*"

Matthew 1:23



More pictures can be found on the church's Facebook page www.facebook.com/maryvilleFUMC



Devoted Fitness

A resolution to stay fit

Whether you're wanting to get fit as part of a New Year's Resolution or you just think it's time to shape up, there is a group meeting at 1st UMC aimed at helping you accomplish your fitness goals.

So, you want to exercise more in 2013? Why not try Devoted Fitness? It's a place where you move your feet for the ONE who gives us motion!

Classes meet, Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in Asbury Hall. Your first class is free! After that you can get a 10-class punch card for \$40 or just pay \$5 per class drop in rate.

Jenny Horn is the instructor. You can reach her at **776-9548** or jennyjohorn@charter.net for more information. Devoted Fitness also has a website. You'll find it at www.devotedfitness.com.

So, go ahead and sign up. What do you have to lose, except for those unwanted pounds!

Eagle Scout Ceremony

On Sunday, January 20th Boy Scout Troop 81 awards Matthew Belcher the rank of Eagle Scout. You are invited to participate in this service at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow in Wesley Hall.

New Year ... New Name ... New time

For years the Prayer Shawl Ministry has provided comfort in a number of ways. As we begin 2013 the ministry takes on a new name, The "Knit Together Ministry." This group makes baby blankets for infants at church as well as the Madisonville Birthing Center.

The group also provides prayer shawls and lap robes, hats and scarves for the homeless. Beginning this month, "Knit Together" will meet on the Second Thursday of the Month (January 10th) from 10 a.m. until Noon.

If you can knit or crochet come join this prayerful, inspiring and fun ministry. And, if you know of someone who is in need of receiving a prayer shawl, or can't make it to the meetings, but would like to knit/crochet at home please contact Sally Thierbach at 774-4532 or e-mail her at sthierbach@gmail.com.

If you would like to donate \$15 toward making a shawl or baby blanket you may designate your gift by writing "Knit Together Ministry" on the memo line of your check.

Knit Together Ministry

Second Thursday of the Month

10 a.m. until Noon

774-4532 for more information



Connecting with YOU



The church Facebook page has served as a great place to communicate and share the life of 1st UMC-Maryville with others. At the beginning of 2013 the page had 270 "likes" and had just experienced some of its greatest "reach." Throughout this year we hope the conversations and sharing continue. If you're on Facebook, please make sure to check-in on our page and "Like" it if you haven't already. We also ask you to encourage your friends to do the same.

In 2012, we also started "tweeting" on a regular basis. This is something we will continue to do. You'll find us on twitter [@1stMaryville](https://twitter.com/1stMaryville).

Also on the horizon is a redesigned website we hope you will find easy to navigate and pleasing to visit. As soon as we are ready to launch we'll let you know.

And last, but not least, if you are still receiving a hard copy of "The Church Bell," please consider going to a "digital" version only. This will help us reduce both postage and resource costs. (This could be one of the easiest New Year's Resolutions to keep!)

You can go online to www.fumc-maryville.org and click on Weekly Newsletter to do this or just send an e-mail to fumc@fumc-maryville.com and we'll take care of the rest.

Book Club

Do you love to read? If so, we've got a place for you to join others who also enjoy books. On January 21st at 10 a.m. we will be selecting books to read as part of the "Book Club" in 2013. Now is the perfect time to join this group of book lovers. Each month we choose a specific book to read and then we meet to discuss it. Often these discussions become lively and the meetings provide a time of great fellowship. So, come join us as we get started, and bring a list of suggestions when you come. For more information contact Sally Thierbach at sthierbach@gmail.com.

Another year of fellowship

As the new year gets underway so does another year of men's fellowship with the Men's Connection. This group meets monthly for good food, fellowship and sharing.

The first meeting of the year is:

Monday, January 14th

11:30 a.m.

**Asbury Place Bistro
(in the clubhouse).**

If you're interested in joining the Men's Connection please contact Ron Werker at **414-8912**.



ADAM HAMILTON
**Christianity
AND
World Religions**
Wrestling With Questions People Ask



Let's start the discussion

It's a New Year and there are new adventures in store for the young adults. We invite YOU to come along and share the excitement.

First, we are changing things up for Sunday School using one of Rev. Adam Hamilton's studies. *Christianity and World Religions* looks over the five major religions around the world. We anticipate

great conversations and meaningful learning together. We would love for you to join us as Asa introduces YOU to this series beginning Sunday, January 14th at 9:15 a.m. The Young Adults class meets in room 128.

Battle of the "brains"

We need your help on Wednesday January 16th as we enter the trivia challenge again at Smoky Mountain Brewery. It is our hope that combining our minds will lead us to a championship in this trivia competition. We meet at 7:00 p.m. at the restaurant with the trivia starting at 7:30. Even if you don't feel like competing we would love for you to come hang out and join in the laughter and fellowship.

Save the Date!



**Young Adult trip to an
Ice Bears Hockey Game**
Details coming soon!

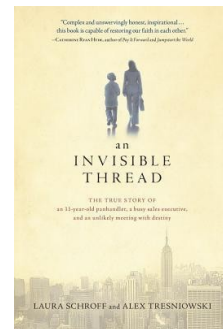
On a mission

Just before Christmas a church bus filled with eager volunteers made a trip down to New Orleans to continue mission work in areas battered by Hurricane Katrina back in 2005. Doug Jenkins led the mission trip.



Booking it in the New Year

Our Young Adult Women's Book Club is ready for more discussion. In February we will be reading *An Invisible Thread* by Alex Tresniowski and Laura Schroff. This is the true story of an unlikely friendship between a homeless boy and a successful sales representative in Manhattan. The Young Adult Women's book club would love for more women to join us as we take this journey together. Asa will be ordering plenty of copies, so come by her office (room 218), call her, or send her a message on Facebook to reserve a copy or pick one up after Monday, January 14th.



A "divine" outing

Next month the Holston Conference is sponsoring an event just for young adults. It is called "Divine Rhythm." This is a weekend long retreat, but we have decided just to make a day of it, going on Saturday, February 2nd. We will leave the church at 6:45 a.m. and head to Gatlinburg. We are attending two sessions that day, so you will need \$20, plus offering money for Imagine No Malaria and two meals. We will enjoy hearing from the Rev. Olu Brown of Atlanta, times of worship and helping pack meals for those in need. Please make reservations with Asa by January 16th if you plan on attending this exciting day!

Adult Ministry Opportunities

Assistance Needed

There is a growing need for volunteers with the food ministry. Often we have persons who are going through illness, transition and death who need meals in their homes. We are looking for YOU to join a team to provide this assistance.

Please contact [Ginny West Case](#) if you are willing to volunteer for this needed ministry. This is a great way to show people that we care.

Explore: Fatih & Science—Can we be friends?

Dr. Brian Austin, professor of philosophy at Carson-Newman College presents three sessions about the relationship between faith and science, January 13th, 20th, and 27th at Monte Vista Baptist Church. Sessions begin at 5:30 and end at 7 p.m.

Call **982-6070** for more information.

1st UMC Contact Information



Website: www.fumc-maryville.org

Telephone: **865-982-1273**

Office hours: M-F 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.



Children's Corner

Winter Mission Opportunity

The chill of the season leaves many people vulnerable to harsh conditions. This winter the children of the church have the opportunity to help keep people warm. We are asking families to go through their closets at home and bring gently used jackets to Sunday School. These will be donated to the Blount County Fire Department.

Last year, the Fire Department was able to put warm coats on 600 children. These coats were donated by people throughout the community, put on a trailer and taken to schools in Maryville, Alcoa and throughout Blount County and Greenback. Students in need were able to "shop" on the trailer for a warm coat!

You can help by bringing in jackets that are no longer worn and give them to your Sunday School teachers!

The 3rd—6th graders will be delivering these on

Dinner and a Movie

Who doesn't like going to a movie? Coming up on Friday, February 1st all children are invited to a special night at the Capitol Theater in Downtown Maryville. The fun begins at 5:30 with a pizza dinner with the movie starting at 6:00. Pickup time is 8:00. Please bring \$5 to help cover the cost of dinner and theater rental. You can also bring blankets and pillows if you want. To sign up just call the church office 865-982-1273 or e-mail Brittany Littleton (blittleton@fumc-maryville.org) by



January 28th. Stay tuned for the movie title!

Winter Bible and Small Group Studies 2013

In the Dust of the Rabbi

Filmed in Israel and Turkey, these DVD sessions explore what it meant to follow Jesus in the 1st Century and what it means to follow him today.

Sundays beginning January 6th at 6:00 p.m.
Larry Carroll

Prophets and Kings

By weaving together the Bible's fascinating historical, cultural, religious, and geographical context this study reveals insights into the Scriptures' significance for modern believers.

Tuesdays beginning January 8th
10:00 a.m.—Bonnie Van Pelt

The 12 Steps Spiritual Journey

A journey of healing our hearts, hang-ups, and habits using the 12-steps of AA and Biblical passages.

Wednesdays beginning January 9th at 6:00 p.m.

Seeing Gray in a Black and White World

Conservative? Liberal? We need to talk! Most people agree America is polarized. This study using Adam Hamilton's book develops a more thoughtful conversation on the political, moral and religious issues that divide us.

Wednesdays beginning
January 9th at 6:30 p.m.
Ginny West Case



Men's Bible Study—

Answers & Insights to your most important questions using Max Lucado's book "Max on Life."

Thursdays beginning January 10th
6:00 a.m. Larry Carroll

Prayer Group

This will be a time for sharing concerns and praises for community prayer.

Thursdays beginning January 10th at 10:00 a.m.
Janet Harville and Ginny West Case

Bible Study for Women

"Her Story: A study of women's stories in the Bible"

2nd and 4th Sunday nights starting January 13th
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Room 243) - Brenda Carroll

A Disciple's Path

A five week class offered during the Sunday School hour for those who want to know more about the United Methodist Church and its way of discipleship. This class is especially helpful to those who are new to 1st United Methodist Church. Others may deepen their understanding of the history and practices we embrace.

Beginning January 13th
Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. (Wesley Hall)
Larry and Brenda Carroll

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YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



It was so good to have so many students back together Sunday night. With all the busyness since Thanksgiving, we youth staff have missed our normal gathering. There's something just wonderful about eating, playing a game, and worshipping together. It's a special time.



Congratulations to Chris Leatherwood and Liam Walker for winning our egg-on-a-spoon relay challenge.

Sunday was also hard because we had to share some sad news. Grady Milligan announced February will be his last month with us as a youth intern. We are



sad to hear he's leaving, but excited for him and grateful for the time we've been given.

Mark your calendars: February 24th will be a special night of saying thanks and goodbye to Grady and his wife Brandy. Both have served faithfully for almost two years and will be missed.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Tue Jan 8 Dudes Study 7-8:30 PM @ Taco Bell on Gill St. (7-12th grade dudes)
- Wed Jan 9 Chick-fil-A Prayer Breakfast 7-8 AM
- Wed Jan 9 High School Ladies Study 3:45 PM @ Vienna Coffee (9-12th grade ladies)
- Wed Jan 9 Ladies Study @ Panera 7:15-8:45 PM (7-8th grade ladies)
- Sun Jan 13 Sunday Night Youth 6-7:30 in the gym.

YOU'RE INVITED TO:

RESURRECTION 2013

DON'T MISS IT!
[SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE]



Who: You and any of your friends, first to get their info in get a spot

What: Resurrection is a huge UMC youth conference in Gatlinburg.

When: Friday, January 25th @ 4 PM - Sunday January 27th @ 2 PM

Where: Drop-off and pick-up will be at FUMC. We'll be staying in a cabin in pigeon forge and the conference will be in Gatlinburg.

How much: \$150 (food, transportation, & lodging)

We've got 4 spots available. Reserve your spot today by sending in your medical form and a check made out to First United Methodist Church Maryville.