

# The Church Bell

Transformed by Christ, we will:  
TELL, TEACH, TOUCH the World.



## Thanks & Giving

For the second year in a row I am trying to commit to claiming one thing I am thankful for each day on Facebook during the month of November. I try to do it periodically throughout the year but, November is the month many of us "Facebookers" try to be intentional about saying "thanks" each day. Spoiler alert for those of you on Facebook; 1<sup>st</sup> UMC Maryville is on my "thanks" list.

I am thankful for 1<sup>st</sup> Church for so many reasons. I am thankful because you have been my home for four and-one-half years now. I am thankful for the young people you have entrusted to Stephen and me as we try to teach them to be disciples. I am thankful for the 2,500 lives you saved through *Imagine No Malaria* this last year. I am thankful that you continue to say "yes" to Family Promise, Welcome Table, and Recovery at Maryville. I am thankful that you support many community organizations through your time and offerings. I am thankful for the times we worship together and give back to God. Thanks for being so thankful.



There are many ways you have given back to our merciful and giving Creator as your own way to say "thanks". We are excited to see what the end of the year brings as we work on Operation Christmas Child (**gifts due 11/10- you can still help us!**), our Christmas offering, Welcome Table, inmate Christmas gathering, and many other projects. We are excited to see how you will give of yourselves in worship and service as we move in to the holiday season.

Offer *thanks* and be intentional in *giving*! God has done much for us- let's show God how grateful we are through our *Thanksgiving*.

In Christ's Peace,

*Asa*



**Gift Fair  
This Sunday!  
page 3**



**Start with soup  
page 5**



**Men's Connection  
November 11th  
11:30 am  
Asbury Place Bistro**

**Contact Ron Werker:  
414-8912**



**Please remember to turn in your financial pledge cards for 2014. More details on pg. 5**

**Happening at 1st  
November 10, 2013—November 16, 2013**

**Sunday, November 10, 2013**

7:35 AM Morning Glory Chorus rehearsal, 249  
8:15 AM Morning Glory Worship, Asbury Hall  
9:00 AM Alternative Gift Fair, Wesley Hall  
9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
10:30 AM The Crossing, Asbury Hall  
1:30 PM Compassion Counseling Meeting, 215  
3:30 PM Youth Praise Band, The Cove  
4:30 PM Youth Handbells, 252, 254  
5:10 PM Celebration Singers, 249  
5:15 PM Evensong Handbells, 252  
6:00 PM Youth, Asbury Hall  
6:00 PM Embrace Grace, 215  
6:00 PM Bible Study, 214  
6:15 PM Men's Chorus/Morning Glory Cantata rehearsal, 249  
6:30 PM 12 Steps for Christians, 213

**Monday, November 11, 2013**

10:30 AM Circle 3, 214  
11:30 AM Men's Connection, Asbury Bistro  
3:30 PM Primary Praise Singers (K & 1st grade)  
3:30 PM Merrymakers (2nd & 3rd grade)  
3:30 PM Joy Singers (4th-6th grade)  
6:00 PM Congregational Care, 214  
7:00 PM Scout Troop Meeting, Asbury Hall

**Tuesday, November 12, 2013**

7:45 PM Family Promise Board, 214  
10:00 AM Bible Study, 214  
6:00 PM Devoted Fitness, Wesley Hall  
6:00 PM Adult Council, 214  
6:00 PM Berwyn Homeowners, 254  
6:00 PM Primary Players, 249  
6:00 PM Wesley Day School, Wesley Hall  
7:00 PM AA, 128  
7:00 PM College Trivia, Smoky Mountain Brewery

**Wednesday, November 13, 2013**

3:45 PM Girls Bible Study, Vienna Coffee  
5:30 PM Quintet, 2154

**Recovery at Maryville, Asbury Hall**

5:30 PM Light Meal, Asbury Hall  
6:30 PM Celebration Service, Asbury Hall  
7:45 PM Sharing Groups (assigned rooms)

7:00 PM Dude's Bible Study, Taco Bell  
7:00 PM Ladies Bible Study, Panera  
7:30 PM Chancel Choir rehearsal, 249

**Thursday, November 14, 2013**

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study, 214  
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry, 243  
10:15 AM Asagao, 252  
5:00 PM Welcome Table, Asbury Hall  
7:00 PM Adults Pick Up Basketball, Asbury Hall  
7:00 PM AA, 128  
7:00 PM VFW 10855, 213

**Sandy Relief Mission Trip  
Informational Meeting  
November 17th (following 10:30 services)  
Inspiration Class (Room 151)**

**Sunday commitments for November 10, 2013**

**Prepare for Worship**

Haggai 1: 15b—2:9  
Psalm 145: 1-5, 17-21 (UMH 857)  
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17  
Luke 20: 27-38

**Kids Own Worship**

*Preschool:*  
Mark & Shana Dowlen  
*Elementary:*  
Charles & Mary Beth West

**Staff on call:**

Please contact  
Brenda (414-8493)  
or Larry (414-8494)  
Parsonage (233-2712)

**Greeters:**

• **8:15 Morning Glory**  
William Holliday  
William Russell  
Bert & Becky Emmerson

• **10:30 Sanctuary**

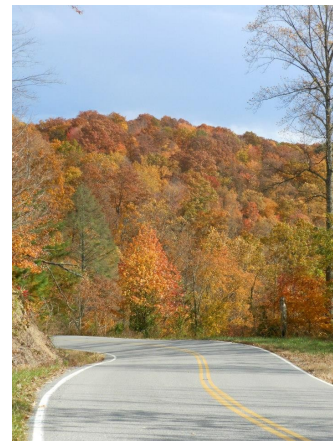
Louise Berry  
Bill Benson

• **10:30 The Crossing**

Allen & Alisa Mason  
Rathbone  
Kim & Brian Anderson

**Acolytes:**

Ashten Nickerson  
Maggie West



**Memorials & Honorariums**

**Memorial Fund**

**In Honor or Memory Of**

Dr. Oscar Simpson  
Dr. Oscar Simpson  
Dr. Oscar Simpson  
Dr. Oscar Simpson  
Dr. Oscar Simpson  
Mary Wallace

**Given By**

Co-workers of David Simpson  
Jerry Stone Family  
Charlie & Barbara Barton  
Hope Lewis  
Friends  
Betty & Harold Bowman

**Organ Fund**

**In Honor or Memory Of**

Bill Blazer

**Given By**

Friend

**Building Fund**

**In Honor or Memory Of**

Hazel Hammontree  
Hazel Hammontree  
Hazel Hammontree

**Given By**

Don & Cathy Watson  
Friends  
Hazel Hudson



# FAMILY FALL CELEBRATION 2013



Nearly 30 minutes before the Family Fall Celebration was set to begin a steady stream of people had already arrived to check out all the activities. At 6:00, the trunk-or-treating "officially" got underway.

Decorated cars ranged from a Wizard of Oz themed house sitting on a witch, to a sea filled with fish. There was also a grand fall display complete with tootsie pop bouquets. The folks from Camp Wesley Woods brought their "scary" bus where visitors got a chance to feel things like brains,

fingerprints, and Larry Carroll's favorite (NOT!), warts!

At the friendship shelter children of all ages got a chance to have their face painted, their hair colored, or just take time to color a pumpkin.

Something new this year was the invitation extended to local emergency agencies. The Red Cross coloring books proved to be a big hit. Officers from the MPD and BCSO handed out candy and other items and greeted kids (and parents) as they walked over from the parking lot. And the MFD crew lit up the night with some fire extinguisher demonstrations.

Inside Asbury Hall, the Civitans kept the crowds pleased handing out hot dogs, chips and lemonade. And just outside the building the popcorn machine didn't stop popping until the event was over.

While no one counted how many

people were here during the evening, most guess there were well over a thousand people (and most were in the trunk-or-treat line).

There are dozens of pictures from



the Family Fall Celebration available online, both on the church website, [www.fumc-maryville.org](http://www.fumc-maryville.org) or on our [Facebook page](#) where we want to hear from you about your favorite moments at this year's big event!

## Alternative Gift Fair 1st 2013



[www.fumc-maryville.org](http://www.fumc-maryville.org)

The next big event coming up at 1st UMC is the Alternative Gift Fair. Nearly two dozen vendors representing a wide variety of non-profit and fair trade organizations will give you a chance to shop the world without ever stepping out of the church. From handmade items from Guatemala, to olive oil from the Middle East, you will find a little bit of everything here. This is one event you won't want to miss. Come get some of your Christmas Shopping done early and remember when you buy a gift here you are actually giving "twice!"

**Community Food Connection**  
**The Children of 1st UMC**  
**Handmade by Sewing Hands**  
**Good Neighbors**  
**Humane Society of East TN**

**Kuldiga Partnership**  
**Mayaworks**  
**MOJA**

Go online to find out more about  
each vendor!

**New Hope Advocacy Center**  
**Olive Branch Olive Oil**  
**Partners for Just Trade**

**Recovery at Maryville**  
**Shop the World**  
**Sudan Women's Center**

**The Gate**  
**Trinity Dental Clinic**  
**United Methodist Women**  
**Welcome Table**



## Churchwide Thanksgiving Dinner November 17th 6:00 pm

Before this big event, we ask that YOU to sign up so we can get an idea on how many people are coming. There are three ways to do this:

1. Fill out the bulletin tear-off and turn it in.
2. Call the church office 982-1273
3. Go online to [www.fumc-maryville.org](http://www.fumc-maryville.org) and look for the "Event Registration" tab!

We hope to see all of YOU there for this  
"Time for Thanks!"

Bring a side dish to share and enjoy an evening of fellowship and the music provided by our Youth choir, youth handbell choirs and the youth praise band. The turkey and dressing are provided, but donations will be accepted to cover the cost of the turkey and dressing.

Volunteers are needed to help with setup and cleanup for this churchwide event. If you are interested in volunteering your time in this way, please contact Ginny West Case at 982-1273 or e-mail her at [ginnywc@fumc-maryville.org](mailto:ginnywc@fumc-maryville.org).

## Adult Ministries



### History lessons and lunch!

Who was the only President to serve as a U.S. Senator after leaving the White House? The answer lies just an hour and a half up the road in Greeneville, TN. Come join the tour of this lovely town filled with history along with a stop at Holston Home for Children

and lunch at the Farmer's Daughter.

**Friday, November 15th  
8:30 am**

Sign up online at the [church website](http://church website) or call 982-1273.

**Behind the Scenes:  
UT Anthropology  
Department**

**Monday, November 18th  
Noon**



### Looking ahead:

Advent begins in just a few weeks (December 1st). As we approach this time of preparing for the birth of Jesus Christ would you consider hosting an Advent Study? The church will provide the resources, you select the time and place. Contact Ginny West Case at **982-1273** if you are interested.

The next couple of months will be busy ones here at 1st UMC. Be sure and keep up with all that's going on by "liking" us on Facebook, following us on Twitter and checking out our website, [www.fumc-maryville.org](http://www.fumc-maryville.org).

## YOUNG ADULT AND COLLEGE ADVENTURES

### Seafood Thanksgiving

This has been a busy year for the Young Adult group here at 1st UMC. One of the highlights has been the great success of our trivia nights. The church team has managed to bring home several gift certificates throughout the year. Just before Thanksgiving this year, ALL young adults are invited to join in the celebration.

On November 22nd, the group will be leaving the church at 7 pm, heading to Chesapeake's in Knoxville for dinner. You don't need to bring anything except cash for tips and you need to make reservations **no later than Sunday, November 17th**. Call Asa at 982-1273 or go online to "event registration" and tell us you are coming!

**Trivia Nights  
November 6th and 19th  
Smoky Mountain Brewery @ 7 pm**

**College Trivia Night  
November 12th @ 7 pm**

### The next study ....

Following a riveting look at the "Undead" it's time to move onto another subject. Starting this Sunday, (November 10th) the Young Adult Sunday School class will begin an Adam Hamilton study called *Enough: Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity*. We hope you can join us!

**Each Sunday at 9:15 am  
Room 128**



# CHILDREN'S CORNER

For more information on any of these events, please call Denise at 982-1273 or e-mail her at [djohns@fumc-maryville.org](mailto:djohns@fumc-maryville.org).

## What are your children learning?

### Sunday, November 3rd

(Last Sunday)

#### Preschool – 4th Grade

Lesson—Elijah and the Ravens

Bible Verses— 1 Kings 16:29-30; 17: 1-7

#### Tweens

Hope (Isaiah)



### Sunday, November 10th

(This Sunday)

#### Preschool—4th Grade

Lesson—Elijah and the prophets

Bible Verses: 1 Kings 18: 20-39

#### Tweens

Trusting God (Elizabeth and Zechariah)

## Making it all possible

The Family Fall Celebration is one of the biggest events of the year at 1st UMC. We wanted to take another opportunity to say “thank you very much” to all the volunteers who donated their time to help make the event a wonderful success. Also a very big THANK YOU to those of you who donated candy, cupcakes and other items. The Family Fall Celebration could not have happened without all of the wonderful and faithful volunteers who served the children of our community through this grand event.

Check out the pictures in our photo gallery online:  
[www.fumc-maryville.org](http://www.fumc-maryville.org) (under 1st Look tab)

## LAST CALL!

If you've bought items for this year's Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, we need those items at the church no later than **this Sunday, November 10th!** If you are putting together your own box, the deadline is **November 17th!**

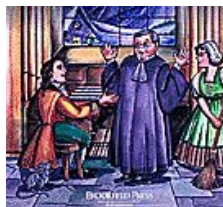


Since 1993, more than 100 million shoe box gifts have been collected for needy children around the world. If you stacked all of them on top of each other they would be 26,000 times higher than the Empire State Building!

*\*This year we are not participating in the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program. This is the combined mission effort of the Children's and Youth Departments.*

## The birth of a carol

On Sunday December 8th, the children's choirs (preschool—6th grade) present the mini-musical, “Silent Night.” The evening begins at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary followed by finger foods and Christmas crafts in Wesley Hall. The evening should wrap up around seven o'clock. If you are interested in helping with this fantastic holiday event please contact Denise Johns at 982-1273.



**“Silent Night: The Birth of a Carol”**

**December 8th**

**Music and Crafts**

**Beginning at 5:00 pm**

## Reaching out one bowl at a time

Take a few onions, carrots, celery, and tomatoes and mix them with love and WOW! you have the start of a great new ministry. Last week these “Women of Witness (WOW!) took over the Asbury Hall kitchen cooking up some big pots of vegetable soup.

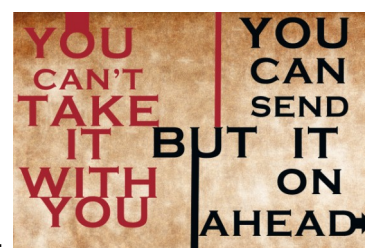


After the pots simmered awhile, the ladies dipped the soup into bowls to be taken to shut-ins. The group is hoping to be able to do this kind of thing more often to help provide a little something extra during all those visits made to shut-ins and others throughout the year.

## Make the pledge

“You can't take it with you, BUT you can send it on ahead.” This is a phrase you've been hearing over the past few weeks. This is the theme of the Stewardship Campaign for 2014 and we hope you have been considering making your financial pledge for the coming year. By now most of you should have received a pledge card in the mail or here at the church. For those of you who have turned them in already, **Thank You!**

This year in addition to putting the pledge cards in the offering plate, or mailing them in, you can also make pledges through our website. The form filled out online is transmitted directly to Church Administrator, Mark Blodgett. If you have any questions or have not received a pledge card please call the church office at **982-1273**.



## Pledge Online

[www.fumc-maryville.org](http://www.fumc-maryville.org)

(look for the Stewardship 2014 tab!)

Maryville First United Methodist Church  
804 Montvale Station Road  
Maryville, Tennessee 37803  
Phone: 865-982-1273  
Fax: 865-983-5408



[www.fumc-maryville.org](http://www.fumc-maryville.org)



# YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

## Bring Something!

**SUNDAY, NOV 10<sup>TH</sup> 11:45-1PM**  
**@STEPHEN'S OFFICE • PIZZA PROVIDED**

We're packing Christmas presents for kids this Sunday after church. Bring one or more of the following items to put in boxes for kids around the world.

- dolls
- toy trucks
- stuffed animals
- yo-yos
- balls
- pens
- pencils (colored too)
- notebooks
- coloring books
- toothbrush & paste
- bar soap & cloth
- t-shirts
- socks
- ball cap
- sunglasses
- a note and or picture of you and your family
- hard candy



## TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR UNICEF

Thank you to everyone who helped with Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF. We raised over \$290—enough to buy a school-in-a-Box kit so kids can learn anywhere or provide vaccines to over 400 children!

## Thanksgiving Project

**SUNDAY NOV 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
**4-6 PM MEAL DELIVERY & VISIT**  
**6-8 PM CHURCH-WIDE MEAL**

We're taking meals to home-bound church members unable to come to the Thanksgiving Potluck. If you are home-bound and would like to receive a meal and visit from the youth, please contact the church office