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### **PASSION**

This article is not meant to be guilt-inducing. I write this on the day after our area received over 2 inches of rain in about five hours. It was a deluge. As I walked to the church, it was raining but the rain was not that intense. The intensity increased within about 15 minutes of me getting inside.

I remember three thoughts crossing my mind after I sat at my desk and heard the thunder and pounding rain on the roof. The first thought was *"If this rain continues this way, the slate roof is going to leak, the power could go off and people will stay home."* Two of those three thoughts came to fruition.

After the services of worship, which, in my opinion, were spirit-filled times of praise to God, another thought came to my mind. *"If I were not the pastor of the church, would I have been present for worship?"* I would like to think I would have been there. I would like to think that I would be like the motto of the United States Postal Service, *"Neither rain, nor sleet, nor gloom of night ...."* would keep me from worshipping my God.

Illness and safety concerns can make the decision a little clearer. But other reasons make the decision a little less clear. How do we make the decision about being present in community for worship? After all, worship is the moment when we give our thanks to God for God's grace in our lives. It is a time of giving, not just receiving.

I remember a letter Brenda and I received from Joe Eldridge who, at the time, was a missionary for the United Methodist Church in Honduras. Among the many things for which he was thankful about being among the Honduran people, the one thing upon which he focused in the letter, was their passionate faith. He told the story of how people would walk for an hour, sometimes in knee-deep mud, to attend worship. It is a different world and different culture.

What kind of internal passion would drive people to that kind of faithfulness? I suspect it was that kind of passion that made people take notice of those first Christians in places like Ephesus and Corinth.

In our culture, life gets in the way. We are so very busy and preoccupied with "life". Basically, what are the things that claim our passion? I am reminded of that great verse from the hymn "How Great Thou Art": *And when I think that God his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in. That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died, to take away my sin.* Passion, indeed.

Grace and Peace,

*Larry*

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**During the month of May,  
the Welcome Table  
served 915 people!**

**Sunday, June 9, 2013**

7:35 AM Morning Glory Rehearsal, 249  
 8:15 AM Morning Glory Worship, Sanctuary  
 9:15 AM Sunday School  
 10:30 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
 10:30 AM The Crossing, Asbury Hall  
 6:00 PM Youth, Asbury

**Monday, June 10, 2013**

10:30 AM Circle 3, 214

**Tuesday, June 11, 2013**

5:00 AM Youth leave for Beach  
 6:00 PM Devoted Fitness, Asbury Hall  
 7:00 PM AA, 128

**Wednesday, June 12, 2013**

6:00 PM Recovery at Maryville, 214  
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir rehearsal, 249

**Thursday, June 13, 2013**

10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry, 243  
 5:00 PM Welcome Table, Asbury Hall  
 6:00 PM Craft Group, 215  
 7:00 PM AA, 128



**Monday, June 10th**  
**Asbury Place Bistro (Clubhouse)**  
**11:30 am**  
**Come out for good food, sharing**  
**and fellowship.**

Contact Ron Werker at  
 414-8912 if you plan to attend.

**Sunday commitments for June 9, 2013**

**Prepare for Worship**

1 Kings 17: 8-24  
 Psalm 146 (UMH 858)  
 Galatians 1: 11-24  
 Luke 7: 11-17

**Greeters:**

• **8:15 Morning Glory**  
 Mike & Nancy Allee  
 Rex & Marilyn Davis

• **10:30 Sanctuary**

Jim & Rita Warner  
 Brian & Nicole Waters

• **10:30 The Crossing**

Barbara & Roger  
 Campbell  
 Lori Strait  
 JoAnn Murphy

**Acolytes:**

Macy Waters  
 Drew Barton

**Kids Own Worship**

*Pre-school –*  
 Craig & Kristen Dutton

*Elementary –*  
 Anita Brown

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**Sunday, June 16, 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  
 4:00 PM Joy Singers Tour Choir rehearsal, 249  
 6:00 PM Youth, Asbury Hall

**Monday, June 17, 2013**

10:00 AM Book Club, 216  
 3:00 PM Adult Council, 214  
 6:00 PM Congregational Care, 214  
 6:30 PM Compassion Counseling Board, 243  
 7:00 PM Scout Meeting, 214  
 7:00 PM Welcome Table Steering Committee, 213

**Tuesday, June 18, 2013**

10:00 AM Youth Olympic Games  
 7:00 PM AA, 128  
 7:30 PM Eagle Scout Ceremony, Friendship Shelter

**Wednesday, June 19, 2013**

6:00 PM Recovery at Maryville, 214  
 7:00 PM Young Adult Trivia, Smoky Mtn. Brewery  
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 249

**Thursday, June 20, 2013**

11:00 AM UMW Picnic, Asbury Pavillion  
 6:00 PM Welcome Table, Asbury Hall  
 7:00 PM AA, 128  
 7:00 PM Building Committee, 214

**Friday, June 21, 2013**

12:00 PM Camping at Tellico Lake

**Sunday commitments for June 16, 2013**

**Prepare for Worship**

1 Kings 21: 1-21a  
 Psalm 5: 1-8 (UMH 742)  
 Galatians 2:15-21  
 Luke 7: 36—8:3

**Greeters:**

• **8:15 Morning Glory**  
 LeRoy Rud  
 Ray Pack  
 Ed & Ginger Waters

• **10:30 Sanctuary**

Steve & Claudia Hutsell  
 Gene & Peggy Winck

• **10:30 The Crossing**

Maria & Brett Coulter  
 Family  
 Trish & Tim Badgett

**Acolytes:**

Josef Morstatt  
 Isabella Morstatt

**Kids Own Worship**

*Pre-school –*  
 Kevin & Amanda Painter

*Elementary –*

Dallas & Amber Monroe

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## Memorials & Honorariums

### Memorial Fund

#### In Honor or Memory Of

Katie Bramblett  
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Elizabeth Dunn  
Elizabeth Dunn  
Katie Bramblett

#### Given By

Heritage SS Class  
Jim & Mary Kay Hamlin  
Jerry & Frances Hodge  
Tombs H. Kay, Jr.  
Jack & Kathleen Stewart  
Judy Keller

### Welcome Table

#### In Honor or Memory Of

Katie Bramblett  
Elizabeth Dunn  
Amelia Geiss  
Elizabeth Dunn

#### Given By

Pat & Ernie Blankenship  
Pat & Ernie Blankenship  
Sandra Miller  
Ivanell Farber

### Music Fund

#### In Honor or Memory Of

Elizabeth Dunn

#### Given By

Gary & Kristine Tallent

### Building Fund

#### In Honor or Memory Of

Paul Brown, Sr.  
Elizabeth Dunn

#### Given By

Jim & Mary Kay Hamlin  
Stacey, Diane & Carol Dunn

*The flowers on the altar for June 9th are from Robert, Katie and Sarah Lawson in memory of Audrey Lawson's birthdate.*

*The flowers on the altar for June 16th are given in memory of Martha Porter by Jim Porter and family.*



This artwork from Sarah Frey is just one of many new additions lining the hallways of 1st UMC.

### ***Sometimes the goal needs to be so big it will fail if God's not in it!***

At last month's Church Council meeting, Moe Click used this phrase to illustrate the challenges faced when launching new programs. Recently, he and several others attended an introduction session in Nashville to learn more about a program called "Momentum." Members of the church council voted to move forward with plans to bring this program to 1st UMC. Throughout the coming weeks and months you will be hearing more about it, so keep watching for details.

## Memorials & Honorariums from United Methodist Women

#### In honor of:

Brittany Littleton  
Rev. Asa Majors

#### Given to:

Wesley House, Knoxville  
Imagine No Malaria

#### Given by:

UMW Local Unit  
UMW Local Unit

#### In memory of:

Ramelle Trundle  
Elizabeth Dunn  
Elizabeth Dunn  
Paul Brown, Sr.

#### Given to:

UMW Mission Projects  
UMW Mission Projects  
UMW Mission Projects  
UMW Mission Projects

#### Given by:

Circle #3  
UMW Local Unit  
Circle #1  
UMW Local Unit



### **Pausing to remember**

June 6th marks the 69th anniversary of the Allied invasion now known simply as D-Day. More than nine-thousand Allied soldiers gave their lives on that day.

The military campaign proved to be a turning point in the war for Allied forces seeking to defeat Hitler and his forces.

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## Spiritual wanderings

Next week a man familiar to many people at 1st UMC will start a new chapter in his spiritual journey. Randall Wright, who is the pastor of the churches of the Harrogate Circuit will be ordained as an elder at Annual Conference.

Wright's association with 1st UMC-Maryville began in 1999 when he began dating Angela Snowden, a member here. The two married a few years later in July 2002. "I attended the Morning Glory Service because Angela had a solo," said Randall.

The pastor at the time was Jim Greene. Randall found Greene's sermons to be "intellectually and philosophically stimulating" so he began attending here regularly.

When Darris Doyle became the pastor of 1st UMC Randall said he began to explore his faith more, a path that led him to read a book called *Resident Aliens*. "This book changed everything," said Randall. "I saw the church as a community of adopted people with the purpose of living the Christ-filled life."

Randall's first "calling" to the ministry came during Disciple Bible Study in 2001. However, he said he spent the next year saying "no" to that calling.

"Larry and Brenda helped me through the tough questions and doubts," said Randall who went on to study at Tennessee Wesleyan College and the Candler School of Theology. "1st Maryville wasn't the place of my conversion, but it was where I fell in love with the church and scripture."



Randall has three children, Logan (20) & Alex (18) from his first marriage and Tori (7) with Angela. He describes his neglected hobbies as writing (both poetry and prose), reading, movies and live theatre.

**Holston Annual Conference**  
**Ordination, Commissioning, and Sending Forth Worship**  
**Wednesday, June 12th**  
**9:00 am**  
**Lake Junaluska**

## Annual Conference

Next week, the pastors, lay delegates and a few others from 1st UMC will be attending Holston Annual Conference at Lake

Junaluska, North Carolina. This year's theme is "Imagine." Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor will lead the opening worship service at 7:30 pm on Sunday night. Annual Conference runs through Wednesday morning. More information on this event is available online at [www.holston.org](http://www.holston.org).



## Keep on "Imagining"

Since last Fall you have been hearing quite a bit about the United Methodist campaign to stamp out malaria in Africa. On the church level, 1st UMC has well surpassed its goal by raising more than **\$22-thousand dollars**.

**That's 22-hundred lives saved!** The Holston Conference has reached **70 percent of its million-dollar goal to save 100-thousand lives**, while the United Methodist Church as a whole has raised more than **\$40-million of its \$75-million dollar goal**.

On June 8th, Pastor Tom Hancock of Harrison UMC near Chattanooga, along with Brian Arnold will ride their bikes from Chattanooga to Lake Junaluska. Their goal is to save one-thousand lives from malaria. He is calling the event "Break the Cycle."

Rev. Hancock's ride follows a similar effort here in the Maryville District called "The Next Mile." A video recap of that eventful week is now available online at [www.thenextmile.weebly.com](http://www.thenextmile.weebly.com).



Host week:

**Sunday, June 9th through June 16th.**

Volunteer meeting is on Thursday, June 6th at 7:00 pm.



United  
Methodist  
Women  
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

All UMW and Circle members of 1st UMC are invited to the annual picnic coming up on **June 20th**. It will be from **11:00 am until 1:00 pm** at the

Asbury Pavillion at Asbury Place. Tickets are \$10 for a box lunch that includes a chicken salad sandwich, chips, apple, cookie and a bottle of water. Please buy your tickets by June 10th. You can get them in several Sunday School classes or from Linda Richards. Contact her at [lrich@charter.net](mailto:lrich@charter.net) or call **865-233-0722**. Our very own Janice Maynard (romance novelist) will be presenting the program at this year's picnic.

### Helping determine needs

The loss of ETHRA's public transportation in the area is sure to impact people in many ways. Later this month Joani Shaver from the Community Action's Office on Aging will be here at 1st UMC for a special Congregational Care Open Meeting. At that time everyone will share and gather ideas related to the needs for transportation in Blount County. Please come and share your suggestions or come to learn about possible ways the church and others may be able to address transportation needs.

**Congregational Care Open Meeting**  
**June 17th**  
**6:00 pm**  
**Room 214**

### Craft Weekend

Come get your "craft on" this weekend as we provide space for you to let your creativity flow. This monthly gathering is not only a time to start new projects and finish old ones, it is also a great way to spend time with fellow crafters and get a little extra inspiration.

**Friday, June 7th—10:00 am—6:00 pm**  
**Saturday, June 8th—10:00 am—2:00 pm**  
**Wesley Hall**

**Happy**  
**Father's Day!**  
**June 16th**

### Patriotic pride

Celebrate Flag Day on June 14th by purchasing an American Flag from the United Methodist Men.

They are \$5 each and you can get them on Sunday, June 9th.

Proceeds will be used for men's projects at Camp Wesley Woods.



### A mix of mighty music and the Middle East

The Tennessee Theater is THE place to be on **Monday, June 10th**. Middle Eastern Dancer Claire Metz will be headlining Mighty Musical Monday. In addition to this cultural offering you will hear selections on the Mighty Wurlitzer Organ. The concert is free, but you will need to bring money for lunch following the concert. The bus leaves the church at 10:45 am. You can sign up by contacting Ginny West Case at the number or e-mail listed above, or go to the church website, [www.fumc-maryville.org](http://www.fumc-maryville.org).

### Mark your calendar!

**Out to Supper**

**Wednesday, June 19th**

**Leave the church at 4:30 pm**

**(Contact Ginny or register online)**

**\*persons who do not drive can be picked up at home**

### Bluegrass and Barbecue

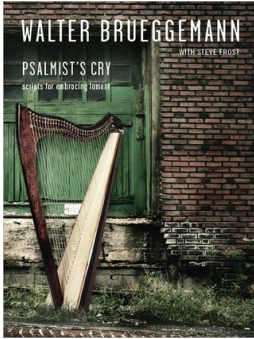
Please remember the upcoming trip to Dollywood this **Friday, June 7th**. The bus will be leaving the church at **8:30 am**. Let Ginny know if you plan on going. You will need to buy tickets and your meals.

### Back from the Bayou

Last week around two dozen volunteers from 1st UMC traveled to New Orleans to continue a mission that started seven years ago. This group picture was posted on the Facebook page of First Grace UMC in New Orleans, a church that has been our partner in mission during the Post Hurricane Katrina era. Be looking for more pictures and news from the trip in upcoming editions of "The Church Bell" and on our Facebook page and website.







### New in Sunday School!

Please consider joining in on the discussions Sunday Mornings at 9:15 as the Young Adult class focuses on Psalms. Using Walter Brueggemann's book "The Psalmist's Cry" you will start looking at this well known book of the Bible in a whole new way. The class meets in room 128.

### Testing your knowledge

The next trivia night is set for June 19th. Come join in on the fun at Smoky Mountain Brewery. The games begin at 7:00 pm. We hope YOU will join us.

### Summer reading

During July the Young Adult Women's Book Club will be reading Ann Lamott's book, *Traveling Mercies*. This story of faith puts the spotlight on Lamott's efforts to shine in her faith on the darkest part of her life. Discussions are set for July 17th. If you need copies of the book, please contact Asa at the information provided above.

### Camping trip still on!

We still need YOU to make our camping trip to Tellico Lake complete. On June 21st we will be meeting at the church at 6:30 and heading out to our destination. This is a come-and-go as you please weekend. The camping officially ends on Sunday, June 23rd. Please sign up by contacting Asa or going online to [www.fumc-maryville.org](http://www.fumc-maryville.org) and clicking on event registration.



The Young Adult program here at 1st UMC is an exciting ministry in the church. We want YOU to be a part of the fun and fellowship as well as the learning experience we share as we study Scripture and faith. We regularly plan events for the group to do together and want to do even more this summer. If you have some ideas or just want to learn more about the Young Adult program just contact Asa Majors (her information is in the blue box above).

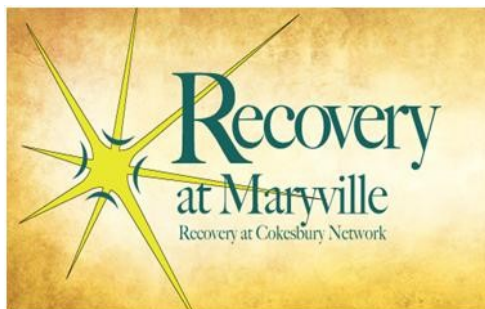
### Recovery at Maryville moving forward

In just a month and a half, a program long in the planning will finally be up and running here at 1st UMC. Recovery at Maryville addresses the hurts, habits, and hang-ups in our lives and uses a Christ-Centered, Biblical approach to help individuals and families learn to deal with them.

Last month, more than 50 people came out for a training session and this month those volunteers will undergo some "enrichment" sessions as we approach the launch date of July 17th.

There is still a need for volunteers. If you feel called to help there will be another basic training session on

**June 26th from 6:30—8:30.**



For more on the volunteer opportunities visit [www.RecoveryAtMaryville.com](http://www.RecoveryAtMaryville.com).

### A new fund for Latvia

1st UMC and the three other churches in the Kuldiga UMC Partnership have started a fund at the Holston Conference Foundation to be used by the Kuldiga Church in Latvia. The money will help that congregation purchase one or more apartments in the building where the church meets, an effort to provide income for the church and/or housing for the Kuldiga minister. The fund is named for Ervins Caibeli, a lay leader at Kuldiga UMC who died recently. 1st UMC has given \$1000 to the fund. However, you can make an individual donation by putting "Ervins Fund" in the memo section of your check.

### Hot fundraiser!

The Alzheimer's team of Logan's Chapel United Methodist Church is making and selling hot tamales as a fund raiser.

If you are interested in bringing some home, they are \$18 a dozen.

To place an order please call:  
**Willie Burnette at 982-6496 or**  
**Margaret King at 983-4872**



Vacation Bible School got off to an incredible start. More than a hundred people packed Wesley Hall for the kickoff on Sunday. This year the children are learning how to “stand strong for God.” In addition to all the fun activities and songs, children also enjoyed a visit from “Little Tommy” a colorful character that had the children laughing almost non-stop.

# Children's CORNER



*A great big THANKS to the many wonderful and dedicated volunteers who are serving at VBS this year. Your dedication to the children will have a lasting impact!*

**Vacation Bible School runs through Thursday, June 6th.**  
**You can follow the fun online at [www.fumc-maryville.org](http://www.fumc-maryville.org) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/Maryvillefumc](http://www.facebook.com/Maryvillefumc)**

## Lessons in Friendship

Vacation Bible School wasn't the only big thing kicking off on June 2nd. This summer is going to be a blast for children coming to Sunday School. Through this month and next the focus will be on friendship. Everyone will meet for an opening session in Wesley Hall at 9:15 then move on to several learning “stations.” Each child will learn lessons about what a friend is, what a friend does, and why it is important to have friends (and God) in your life.

### What are your children learning?

K-6th Grade—Friendship

**Sunday, June 2nd**

(Last Sunday)

Preschool— Adam and Eve  
(Psalm 16:5)

**Sunday, June 9th**

(Next Sunday)

Preschool—Daniel Chooses (Psalm 16:5)

**Sunday, June 16th**

(Sunday after next)

Preschool—Jonah (Psalm 16:5)

[www.growproclaimserve.com](http://www.growproclaimserve.com)

### Telling friends about Jesus

Kids at 1st UMC have their own time set aside for worship. Over the past few weeks, leaders have been working to make this time even more special.

At the end of May as the children wrapped up their spring curriculum they played a game to help teach children how to tell others about Jesus.

Volunteers are also lending their talents to this effort including a guitar player, a cello solo and someone bringing the sounds of the oboe into worship.

If you have a talent you would like to share in the *Kids Own Worship* experience (during the 10:30 worship services) just let Denise know.

**If you need more information on any of these Children's ministries activities please contact Denise Johns: [djohns@fumc-maryville.org](mailto:djohns@fumc-maryville.org) 865-982-1273**



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YOUTH

# THE INCREDIBLE!!! ~~BORING~~ SUMMER



Incredible means impossible to believe—that's exactly what we're shooting for this summer.

We want to serve, learn, and play in extraordinary ways and we've already started. Two weeks ago we had a summer kickoff party and welcomed the rising 7<sup>th</sup> graders (above). Special thanks to the Campbell for hosting us.!

We also began our study of the Biblical book of Acts at Sunday Night Youth. If you missed it, recap videos are available on our youth facebook page.

This past week we had fun on Tuesday at Steak 'n Shake and Sir Goony's and had the privilege to serve dinner at our church's own welcome table (below).

## WHAT'S COMING!

**JUNE 2-6<sup>TH</sup>** the youth are serving at VBS at the church. Meet at Stephen's office at 5:30 (5 PM if you need dinner). Stay 'till 9 PM to just chill and have fun after VBS.

**JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>** is the epic adventure known as Beach Day. We're spending the afternoon in Charleston, SC.

- Meet at the church at 5 AM.
- We'll be back at 10 PM.
- Bring 2 towels, change of clothes, a packed lunch, and \$10 for dinner

If you want to come to Beach Day, you must sign-up so we can plan for you.

**JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>** is Church Olympics. We'll be dividing into teams and competing for the gold! Meet at Stephen's office at 1 PM. Dress for wild and crazy outdoor games. We'll be done at 4 PM.

