

Sunday Morning

- 8 a.m. Worship Service—Traditional in Sanctuary
- 9 a.m. Worship Service—Contemporary in Family Activity Center
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Dossett Chapel Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Worship Service—Traditional w/Children’s Church in Sanctuary

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Ongoing Activities

Wednesdays

- Dossett Chapel, 3:15-5 p.m.
- Youth Praise Band, 5-6 p.m.
- Instrumental Ensemble, 5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m.; begins 1/11/17
- Youth Group, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal, 6:30-7:45 p.m. begins 1/11/17
- Adult Discipleship, 6:30-8 p.m.

Thursdays

- Henry Center Food Pantry, Financial Assistance, & Clothes Closet 12-2 p.m.
- Handbells, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; begins 1/12/17

Tuesdays

- Henry Center Food Pantry & Financial Assistance 12-2 p.m.

Trustees meeting next Thursday, January 12th, at 6:30 p.m., in the Conference Room.

A new **Young Mom’s bible study** will begin next Friday, January 13th, from 9-10 a.m., and will meet for 6 weeks. The nursery will be open from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. The study is on the book *“One Thousand Gifts”* by Ann Voskamp. Please contact Beth Harrison at 434-2425 for more information.

Offering Envelopes
Envelopes are ready for pick up for those who pre-ordered them. If you did not pre-order but would like some, we do have some extra boxes available. Just see Renee in the finance office.

The Message—Pastor Paul Purdue

As a Vision Committee we believe our church holds a tradition of faithful and excellent ministry. We are one of the few Tullahoma churches offering weekly modern and traditional worship. We hold a legacy of long-term missional service to our neighbors through Dossett Chapel, Henry Center Clothes Closet, Financial Assistance, Food Bank, Latvia and Guatemala trips. We are experiencing wonderful growth in Children’s Ministry. We have a long term and well established Youth Ministry. We realigned staff to serve our area’s growing Senior Adult and Retiree population. In August, we launched Life Groups, offering new paths for community, discipleship, and prayer. Given these traditions and trends, we believe our greatest calling, spiritual need, or vision is not a new program or new building, but an intentional refocusing of our TFUMC culture towards actively engaging each member in worship, community, service and mission. In December 2016, our Church Council agreed to adopt the following vision statement.

2020 Vision Statement: We believe God is calling each of us to actively engage in worship, discipleship community, and service to neighbor.

We believe we should train, organize, evaluate and prioritize three core values:

- 1) Excellent uplifting Worship. (Jesus’ Greatest Commandment is to Love God with all we have)
- 2) Serving our neighbors (The Second Commandment is to love our neighbors as ourselves)
- 3) Developing discipleship communities that empower and equip our members. (The Great Commission is to Go makes disciples)

*Grace and Love,
Pastor Paul*

“Run in such a way that you may win the prize” (1 Corinthians 9:25). Perhaps the Apostle Paul was a runner or maybe all his missionary travels gave Paul an appreciation of race walking, for the great Apostle often compares life to a running race. Paul warns us of running in vain and arriving at the end of the life’s race route only to fall short of God’s eternal prize (Philippians 2:16). Paul writes, “Physical fitness has a certain value, but spiritual fitness is essential both for this present life and for the life to come” (1 Timothy 4:8). Our culture focuses on our physical, intellectual, and economic fitness, and lately even our emotional health, but we often neglect our spiritual fitness. We exercise, study, diet, practice, and work at caring for our bodies and minds, or we know we should, but somehow we believe we can develop faith, hope, love, peace, clarity, character, moral courage, tranquility and wisdom on the fly. Jesus warns us, “the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to (our soul’s) destruction” (Matthew 7:13). Jesus (our spiritual fitness goal and model) took the necessary time to care for his soul in daily prayer and regular worship. Spiritual training brings an inner steadiness when life’s storms arrive (Matthew 7:24-27). Spiritual training lays within us the tools we need to navigate a changing and morally complex world. I hope you will join us over the next 4 weeks as we explore some basic spiritual routines to help us become all God longs us to be.

FIT4LIFE:
Live In the Spirit

January 8th
“Daily Fitness - Perfecting Your Breathing Routine”
Romans 8

January 15th
“Follow the Leader - Walking as Jesus Walked”
1 John 2

January 22nd
“Team Matters - Finding Strength Together”
1 Thessalonians 3-5

January 29th
“Step Up To Serve - Moving Beyond Infant Formulas”
Hebrews 5:11-6:12 & 1 Corinthians 3

Senior VIBES

Ongoing Events...

Adult Art Group

Fridays
10 a.m.- 12 p.m.
Main Bldg., #208



Knitting Group

3rd, 4th, & 5th
Tuesdays
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
FAC Bldg.
Room #4



Senior Ministry—Esther J. Sims

Thought of the Week: *“The Lord’s love never ends; his mercies never stop.”*
Lamentations 3:22 (NCV)

Tuesday at **Golden Circle**, we had a delicious meal and the program was informative. Aging Matters {Aging in Place} produced by Npt was shown. If you would like to see this 30 minute dvd on “Aging in Place,” please call Esther to check it out.

This Week’s Activities...

January 10th – Basket Weaving
(limited to 8): see sign-up list on board

Happy Birthday!!!

January 5 Debbie Brown
5 Margaret Collinsworth
6 Arey Jean Barton
9 Grace Caps
10 Jamie McNabb
13 Martha Carden
13 Sandra Gregory
14 Bunny Comer
14 George Jensen



Happy Birthday to you all!

Coming Events...

January 17th - Encouragers’ Luncheon

February 19th – Senior Adult Valentine Luncheon

(Please see sign-up on Senior Board for committees to help, and if you plan to attend the dinner.)

Please check our prayer list in the newsletter and on the church’s white board outside the office. Help the staff stay in touch! If you have knowledge of any of our Senior Adult Members who would like to be remembered in prayer or would like a visit from our pastoral staff, please do not hesitate to let us know. Also, we acknowledge birthdays of Senior Adult Members weekly in the newsletter; if you would like to be added to the list give me a call (Esther: 455-5434).

Youth Ministry—Theresa Johnson



I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas break and a joyous time celebrating the birth of our Savior. January will be a busy but fantastic time for youth ministry here at FUMC. Here’s a look at what’s going on.

- January 2nd-7th (I’m gone for my very last seminary class!)
- Wednesday, January 4th
 - * Wed youth group resumes @ the House 6-7:30 p.m. (New series starting on spiritual practices, "Get Fit!")
 - * Ski trip parent meeting @ 7:30 p.m. Total payment \$330 due. Space still available. ALL SKI TRIP PARENTS NEED TO ATTEND.
 - * WNW \$155 total payment due
- Jan. 13th-16th High school ski trip
- Sun. Jan. 22nd Meeting about confirmation in in FAC SS room @ 6 p.m.
- Wed. Jan. 25th WNW parent meeting @ 7:30 p.m. ALL WNW PARENTS NEED TO ATTEND.
- Jan. 27th-29th Warmth in Winter (Opryland Hotel)

In our new Wednesday night series, we'll be discussing spiritual practices like Scripture study, prayer, worship, and serving others and how they prepare us for life. We'll wrestle with questions like: Why do we pray if God knows what we're thinking anyway? What's the point of reading the Bible, praying, or even helping others if we're saved by faith? What if we just don't feel like going to church? Is one form of worship better than others? It should be a great series. I hope you'll join us.

I also encourage you to connect through our new text app if you haven't already. Just text “youth” to the number 931-452-4747 and follow the prompts.

Finally, believe it or not, we'll be gearing up for confirmation soon. Please let me know if you're interested in your youth going through this awesome faith journey. It's typically sixth graders but is open as well to others who may want to explore their faith more deeply. Let me know if you have any questions. I'm looking forward to serving with you in 2017.

Peace in Christ,
Theresa (theresajfumc@lighttube.net or 931-224-8864)

Children's Ministry—Julie Uehlein

Happy New Year to all of you and your families. I hope everyone is adjusting to school and regular routines.

Our six week Wednesday programming for ages Pre K - 5th grade will begin on January 25th from 4-5 p.m.; details coming soon.

The next parent meeting (should take about 30 minutes) will be Sunday, January 22nd at noon in the art room. The nursery will be available as well as childcare provided in The SOUL Lounge. We will discuss programming and events for 2017, new nursery standards and Safe Sanctuary policies. Please make plans to attend.



Sunday, January 8th

Nursery Hours
7:45 a.m. - 12 noon

Sunday School
10:00 a.m. (Main bldg.,
2nd floor)

Children's Church
11:00 a.m. service

Many great things are on the horizon for FUMC's Children's Ministry and I hope you will be a part of all that is to come.

Jesus said, "Let the Little Children come to me and do not hinder them for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these"
Mark 10:14-1

*Partnering WITH You,
Miss Julie*

First Light & Outreach Ministry—Jeff Harrison



Hey Everyone,

Pastor Paul on Sunday made the point that part of the wisdom of the Magi is that they traveled in groups. This is so true. We love our "rugged individualism" but God didn't design people to be alone. The trinity is in eternal communion, God makes Adam, then makes him a partner, Eve. We need others and we need community. If nothing else, make a New Year's Resolution to be in community with other believers this year. You can do it in two primary ways. One, join a Sunday school class. They all happen on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Two, join a LifeGroup. This happens at various times throughout the week. Both are great opportunities to connect with others and grow in your faith.

*In Christ,
Jeff*

Mission Moment—Holt Cason



Missions work can be conducted in different ways, and it often involves paving the way for others. We can recall the story of Joseph being sold into slavery to his rise as the second most powerful person in Egypt. On the surface, this seems like a story of bad things leading to greater things, but through Joseph the Pharaoh accepted the family of Israel. When Joseph's brothers confessed to their treatment of Joseph, his response was "God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance" (Genesis 45:7). We can continue to "pave the way" in missions.

Trustees—Bill Bates

We have a need for Bus drivers. At present we have only three, and availability is sometimes an issue. Drivers must be at least 25 and no more than 75 (unless otherwise approved). A Commercial Drivers License is required to drive the bus (but not the van). If you know of someone who has an interest, please contact me or Mandy in the church office for a complete copy of our Transportation Policy.

New Communication Tool



Would you like to receive Text messages and Emails from the church to keep you in the loop about everything that is going on? Just text the word CHURCH to 931-452-4747 and click on the response. Once your form is filled out, we will begin sending you all the info you'll need. If you don't text or email, please make sure you call the church with a current phone number so we can update our all church phone tree.

New Giving Tool

If you would like to use your phone to give, simply text "Give2fumc" to 732-56 and follow the prompts. Thank you for giving!

Worship Attendance	
Christmas Eve	
First Light	136
6 p.m.	279
11:00 p.m.	162
Total	577

Worship Attendance	
Christmas Day	
Unified Service	114

Worship Attendance	
New Year's Day	
Unified Service	177

Offering Counters (January 8th)	
Bob & Dianne Barksdale	
Susan Warwick	
Sam DiNicola	

Greeters/Welcome Teams	
(January 8th)	
8:00 a.m.	Joan Everetts Margaret Maddox
9:00 a.m.	Michelle & Aaron Carmack
11:00 a.m.	Ann Lester Lou Ann Mitchell Ann Smotherman

Keeping In Prayers

Mary Keel	Forrest Frame
Nancy Vining (mother of Charlie Vining)	Billy Roy Murray (Nancy Wright's family)
Elise Walker (daughter of LE & Judy Wright)	Leon Smith
Jimmye Lou Smith	Don Bond
William F. Johnson	Joyce Mathis
(friend of the Cook family)	Ed & Bobbie Prater (brother & sister-in- law of Bob Prater)

RE Alexander
Mario Braston (friend of Bertha Smith)
Walter Glazener (friend of Evelyn Childers)
Anthony Robinson, Scott Dowling & Mary Lundy (family of Wilma Finchum)

Memorials

Joann Purdue from Joyce & Jerry Mathis Seekers Sunday School class Joyce Bobo	Roberta Vaughn from James & Nita Penland Jeffrey & Payyt Marvel Lou Ann & Jim Mitchell Jeanne & David Wright
Tom Perkins from Teresa & Danny Anderson Joyce & Jerry Mathis Joyce Bobo Lou Ann & Jim Mitchell	Irene Mason from Janna Washington Julia Bennet Lou Ann & Jim Mitchell Jerry & Frances Jones Russell & Janice Wood Charlotte Hatheway Jeanne & David Wright
Bill Swann from Willo Ann & Jim Hawkins Jerry & Frances Jones	

Please keep the family of **Mr. Joe Henry** in your thoughts & prayers. Mr. Henry passed away on Saturday, December 31st. Services will be held Thursday, January 5th, at 4 p.m. at Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m.

Honorariums

Kris Roberts
Julie Uehlein
from
Bill & Lane Yoder

Michelle Anderson
Doug Clark
from
Sanctuary Choir

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