

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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The Message—Pastor Paul Purdue

Our country is far from a united state or so says my inbox, newsfeed and pastoral conversations. Jesus predicts, "A kingdom divided against itself cannot stand" (Mark 3:24). Given entrenched disagreement, the safest route for any pastor is on the sidelines laying low until the torrent passes. Frankly, I prefer to keep silent, not speaking what I feel God's Spirit is stirring in my heart about our nation. Is it strange that in a nation claiming to be "one nation under God" we prefer our pastors not preach about politics or never challenge our political brand? Yet, in times of noisy division and mean-spirited comments we need to lean in close, listening for our Lord's still small voice, for the Lord brings hope, wisdom, clarity, judgement, transformation, justice, and peace. The Scripture offers eternal truth in unsettled days. Bonhoeffer, facing rising nationalism in Germany, wrote "There is no way to peace along the way of safety. For peace must be dared...peace is the opposite of security... Peace means giving oneself completely to God's commandment, wanting no security, but in faith and obedience laying the destiny of the nations in the hands of Almighty God." So with fear, I wade into the roaring waters hoping to gently unfold the Old Testament stories and Jesus' Words so that we might find God's healing, help, and direction. I do not plan to address specific personalities or policies. I will strive to avoid the partisanship, payback and pettiness that steals wisdom, fairness and insight from dialogue. Too often we justify our missteps by pointing out another's fumbles- such a culture promotes stumbling. In truth, I must preach about our times, for God's Word holds relevance over all other words! I covet your prayers as we worship, pray and listen for God's words for our age. May God bless and unite us in service and love.

"The Lord is our Judge- The Lord is our King" Isaiah 33:22

February 5th - A brief history of God and Kings- from Pharaoh's Palace to the Herod's Temple Court. Exodus 3-15, Judges 9, 1 Samuel 8& 12, Matthew 21:12-17, Mark 11:15-19

February 12th - Prophets, Poets, Protests and other righteous dissenters; aligning our allegiance with the Almighty. 2 Samuel 11&12, 1 Kings 22, Luke 11:47-54, Acts 4

February 19th - The governments that God loves- God's guiding rules for every nation. Psalm 72, Proverbs 29, Isaiah 32-33 & 56, Matthew 20:20-28, Luke 10:25-37.

February 26th - "Jesus is Lord" and other radical sayings. Matthew 10

*Grace and Love,
Pastor Paul*

Ongoing Activities

Wednesdays

- Dossett Chapel, 3:15-5 p.m.
- Children’s Programming, 4-5 p.m.
- Youth Praise Band, 5-6 p.m.
- Instrumental Ensemble, 5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m.
- Youth Group, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal, 6:30-7:45 p.m.
- 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

Fridays

- Young Mom’s Group, 9-12 a.m.

Tuesdays

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

As many of you read in Sunday's Bulletin insert, Theresa Johnson has been appointed as the lead Pastor at Pelham UMC. Theresa professed faith and was baptized in our church some 17 years ago. She heard her call to ministry in our faith family and has served on our staff for over three years as a lay volunteer leading inside our Henry Center ministries with grace, wisdom, dedication and love as she completed her seminary studies! You have helped Theresa clarify God's call, encouraged her faith, prayed for her, blessed Matt and her children, and now send her out to serve beyond our walls. Truly, producing fruit is the measure of a healthy church. Theresa joins two other clergy women going forth from our church to answer God's call to pastoral ministry within the past 4 years. God is at work in our midst. We hope you will join us in the reception rooms off our historic Sanctuary on Sunday February 12th from 12 to 2 p.m. for a reception honoring Theresa.

New Communication Tool

Would you like to receive text messages & 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



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 Holy Spirit will help you walk in God’s way.” (Being Still with God)*

Many of our Senior Adult members have stopped driving. Why not call and invite one of our seniors to come to church with you? You will be blessed. If you need a list of people to pick up, give me a call.

This Week’s Activities...

February 7th - Golden Circle

Coming Events...

February 21st - Encouragers’ Luncheon

Our Senior Adult Valentine Luncheon is only three weeks away.

Don’t be disappointed-sign up now.

February 19th – Senior Adult Valentine Luncheon, February 19, 12:30-2:00 PM (Sunday, February 5th is the deadline for signing up to attend the luncheon. Be sure to mark your choice of Entrée.)

Happy Birthday!!!

February	1	Helen Smith
	2	Clare Bates
	3	Joan Alexander
	4	Mary Middleton
	6	Don Bond
	7	Tom Barton
	8	Harry Kaupp
	9	Janet Phillips



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

By now many of you may have heard that I have been appointed as the pastor of Pelham United Methodist Church, with my first Sunday there being February 19th. This of course means that I will be stepping down from my position as interim Director of Youth Ministry as well as my role in our Henry Center Ministries here at FUMC. While I am excited about what God has in store as I go to Pelham, I am also saddened to be leaving my church family here at FUMC so suddenly and unexpectedly. However, I know that God is with us and will guide us in the search for the Director of Youth Ministry position as well as continue to provide for our Henry Center Ministries. We have a fantastic team of volunteers that serve in these ministries and awesome students who will continue loving and serving the Lord and each other as we go forward. Please keep me and my family and our church in your prayers during this transitional time.



This past weekend, 33 youth and 7 adult leaders had an awesome time attending Warmth in Winter at the Opryland Hotel. I would like to extend a huge thanks to Cathy Manis and Gena Graddy for coordinating the event, and George Jensen, Kevin Uehlein, Kris Roberts, and Shanna Brooks for all their assistance this weekend.

Upcoming happenings in Youth Ministry:

We will be starting a new five-week Wednesday night series on world religions this week. This week we will be covering Hinduism. Please join us and invite a friend. We meet in the youth room from 6-7:30 p.m.

Confirmation 2017 will be kicking off this Sunday, February 5th from 2-4 p.m. (special time this week due to the Super Bowl). Currently we have seven students registered for confirmation. Please let us know ASAP if your student is interested in joining us for this spiritually formative journey. Pastor Paul will be leading our confirmation class this year. **Journals and student guides are available in the church office. Please come by and pick yours up this week if possible. We will also have them at youth Wednesday night and at the first session.**

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY AND CHANCE TO EARN MONEY FOR YOUTH ACCOUNT

Miss Esther needs 6-8 youth to serve at the Valentine’s banquet on Sunday, February 19th from 12:15 p.m. through the clean-up. You will also be able to earn money for your youth account for mission trips and other events! Please let me know if you can help.

I am blessed to be serving with you all.

Peace in Christ,
Theresa

First Light & Outreach Ministry—Jeff Harrison



Last week I texted out an invitation to invite someone to church last Sunday. I saw lots of new faces and that is wonderful. For some people, you might be the only person in their life who is sharing the love of God with them. I encourage you to continue to show them God's love, invite them to worship with you, and be intentional in your relationship with them so that they can come to know God in a personal way. We want our church to grow, not because big numbers are great or we can collect more during the offering, we want the church to grow because that means more people are experiencing Jesus.

In Christ,
Jeff

Children's Ministry—Julie Uehlein

Who wants to go bowling? Our Children's Ministry is meeting up at Tullahoma Lanes on Sunday, February 5th from 2-4 p.m. This is a FREE, family event! The sign-up sheet for this and other events are on the bulletin board.



Our 6 week Winter Wednesday night programming continues thru March 1st from 4-5 p.m. Grades K – 5 will break into different age groups and meet with me and Gwyn Diller to study about honesty and friendships. We will have a devotion time followed by fun/games/crafts with some music mixed in. The Halos (ages potty trained 3 – Pre-K) will meet at the same time with Katie Davenport and Whitney Newton. The nursery will be available during this time for parents that are volunteering for church related events.



Our children have the opportunity to attend Camp Cedar Crest this summer. The camp reps will be at the 9 a.m. First Light service this Sunday, February 5th, as well as Sunday School to talk with the children and parents. If your child has interest in attending camp, join us for this informational time.

If you have a child that is age Pre-K or younger, please pick up a copy of the updated Nursery policies. Speaking of Pre-K, stop by and see their recently updated Sunday School classroom.

Information relating to our Children's Ministry is available at the Information Station desk (at the top of the steps in the Children's Department). Any forms or info you need will be at this desk. All sign-up sheets (parents and children) will be located on the bulletin board that is located between the bathroom doors in the Children's Department. All info pertaining to the nursery and nursery aged children will be kept in the nursery or on the bulletin board to the right of the nursery door.

Sunday, February 5th
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

SAVE THE DATE
Sunday, February 5th
Cedar Crest Camp reps to
discuss summer camp during
Sunday School

2-4 p.m. Family Bowling at
Tullahoma Lanes

June 5th-8th
VBS; 9 a.m. - noon

June 11th-16th
Cedar Crest Camp

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*

Mission Moment—Holt Cason



Want to go on a VIM trip this summer or fall? Please read this! June 20-28 and November 4-12, 2017. The Ohio River Valley District of the West Ohio Conference of the UMC will be leading two teams to Fundacion El Samaritano, a project of the Nicaragua Methodist Church. This project is located in Managua, Nicaragua, and there will be light construction projects, working with the school students, and hospital visits to the youth. Both of these teams are open to youth as well as adults. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1500. For more information, please contact Jack Reif at jack.reif@zoomtown.com.

Trustees—Bill Bates

The Trustees would like to convert room 207 in the Sanctuary Building into more usable space. In the past it was known as the Theatre Room with theatre type seats. For some time now, the room has not been used. We are soliciting suggestions as to how this space (room) might be better used. Please submit ideas or suggestions to the Church Office or a Trustee. Thanks.

Murfreesboro District Shepherd School 2017

Sunday, February 12th, from 1:45-5 p.m.
at Tullahoma FUMC
"Refreshing Water for Thirsty Leaders"



This year there will be several workshops available: *SPRC, Finance, VBS Curriculum, Youth, Spiritual Formation, Modular Homes, Compassion Ministries, Having Difficult Conversations, and Safety & Security.*

There will also be 3 separate Missions Projects to participate in: *Packing over 20,000 meals to feed the hungry, Packing over a 100 Health Kits for UMCOR, or Building sections of a Modular home for Red Bird Missions.* To sign up for one of these Mission events, please visit murfreesboro.district.org.

Child care will be available for children Pre-K or younger - pre-registration is required by calling 931-455-5434.

The January *Sunday School Challenge* netted over 350 pairs of socks for the Henry Center Clothes Closet, which have been received with happy feet. For the month of February, the challenge is new underwear for children, women and men for the clothes closet. All sizes are needed from kids small to adult XXXL. Again, thanks to all who contributed to the sock challenge and I hope you keep the momentum going with the underwear challenge. God Bless and have a giving heart.

-Terry Rayfield

United Methodist Women would like to thank you for all of the donations of hygiene products for the food pantry. This month we are collecting laundry detergent.

Thanks, Martha Ervin

Worship Attendance (Jan. 29th)

8:00 a.m.	72
First Light	148
11:00 a.m.	132
Warmth in Winter	40
Total	392
Sunday School	103
Dossett	7
Total	110
Dossett Wednesday Night	42

Sunday, February 5th

Offering Counters

Bill & Charlotte Bethmann
Mike & Jan Dent

Greeters/Welcome Teams

(8:00 a.m. Bob Lawrence
Helen McClure
9:00 a.m. Brooke & John
Schmisser
11:00 a.m. Charles Drummond
Susie Miller
Nancy Wood

Home Communion Teams

Suzanne & Kenny Banks
Lynn & Jim Barnhart
Ed & Penny Carter
Bob & Dianne Barksdale
Julia & Steve Mayes
Bill & Charlotte Bethmann

Keeping In Prayers

Bill Durden (brother of
Barbara Prater)
Brooke Mendenhall
(cousin of Michelle
Anderson)
Kevin Youse (friend of
George Stone)
Nancy Washburn
Forrest Frame
Don Bond

Nancy Vining (mother
of Charlie Vining)
Elise Walker (daughter
of LE & Judy Wright)
William F. Johnson
(friend of the Cook
family)
Billy Roy Murray
(Nancy Wright's family)
Leon Smith

RE Alexander
Joyce Mathis
Bobbie Prater (sister-in-
law of Bob Prater)
Mario Braston (friend
of Bertha Smith)
Anthony Robinson, Scott
Dowling & Mary Lundy
(family of Wilma
Finchum)

Memorials

Tom Perkins from Bill & Charlotte Bethmann	Sarah Duncan from Eddie & Lea Ables
Joe Henry from Bill & Charlotte Bethmann	Ed Prater from Tut smith
Irene Mason from Kenneth & Marilyn Rasner Bill & Charlotte Bethmann	

Honorariums

Holt Cason
from
Seekers Sunday School Class

Please keep **Devry Lamb** and her family in your thoughts and prayers. Her father, Ronald Rogers, passed away Monday, January 30th. Services will be held Thursday, February 2nd, in Murray, Kentucky.

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