

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

At times we preachers want to roar like Elijah, so that any modern King Ahab might greet us with a confrontation: “Is that you, oh troubler of Israel?” (1 Kings 18:17). How long would any church endure a pastor who the mayor nicknamed “Troubler of Tullahoma”? We preachers often purr more than we roar, perhaps, fearing we may be tossed down a proverbial well or a literal cistern like the prophet Jeremiah (Jeremiah 38). Unlike the feel-good preachers of their day, Jeremiah, John the Baptist, and Martin Luther King’s words endure today, but at a high personal cost. Some preachers rail against a la carte selection of other people’s sins while often neglecting the very sins their church members struggle with. As beautiful as my growing up experience in the church was, I rarely if ever heard sermon’s addressing racism or gossip, although these kinds of sinners filled the pews. In fairness to all of us preachers, the roles of priest, pastor, teacher and prophet differ. Some preachers think they are prophetic, when they may just be angry. The hardest thing we do to is speak the truth with deep love- and this side of Heaven we operate with imperfect knowledge and love (1 Corinthians 13). Sunday we will explore some great passages about prophetic preaching, dipping into stories from passages like 2 Samuel 12, 1 Kings 18, 2 Kings 17, and Matthew 13:13-17. Will I purr or roar, I do not know, but I hope you do know that I love you and long for us all to live within the renewing, reforming, and reviving love of Christ.

This weekend is shaping up to be full of ministry. We will come together in grief and love in our sanctuary, remembering the life of Mrs. Nancy Washburn. Saturday our gym will welcome a foster parents gathering and the Partner’s for Healing parent-child gala ball, and maybe a grief dinner. Sunday, we will worship three times, praying for Theresa Johnson as we send her to serve as pastor at Pelham UMC, gather in Sunday School, serve breakfast at Dossett Chapel Sunday School, host a reception for Theresa, Matt, James, Rachel and Elizabeth, welcome the Murfreesboro District to Shepherds School, package a truckload of meals to send to hungry people all over the world, and then end with confirmation class. At another church, a few years ago, one of the trustees worried over accelerated building usage and the wear and tear on the walls, I felt tense as an older trustee piped up, “Well, I guess we will need to buy more wax and paint, because didn’t the Lord give us this building to give away?” Yes, Grady or Willy, the Lord does give so that we might give away! What a joy to be stepping over each other as we seek to love God by loving our neighbors!

*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 know, 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 this Sunday, February 12th from 12 to 2 p.m. for a reception honoring Theresa.

Encouragers will not meet on Tuesday, February 21st, but instead will gather on Monday, February 13th.

The February **Sunday School Challenge** is collecting 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 last month’s sock challenge and I hope you keep the momentum going with the underwear challenge. God Bless and have a giving heart. *-Terry Rayfield*

Please keep the family & friends of **Mrs. Nancy Washburn** in your thoughts and prayers. Mrs. Washburn passed away Tuesday, February 7th. Visitation will be here at the church Friday, February 10th from 3-6 p.m. Services will also be here on Saturday, February 11th at 11 a.m.

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



This Week's Activities...

Monday, February 13th -
Encouragers' Luncheon in
Manchester

Senior Ministry—Esther J. Sims

Thought of the Week: "... the LORD holds us by the hand." (Psalm 37:24)

Need some motivation to get moving? Why not join the FUMC Book Club as they walk across Tennessee? That's right, walk across Tennessee which is roughly 571 miles. For more information see Monica Skelton or Esther J. Sims. By the way, you don't have to attend any meetings or pay any dues – this is just for fun! Just walk, email, text or call in your miles each Sunday to Esther.

Coming Events...

Our Senior Adult Valentine Luncheon is quickly approaching. We are no longer accepting reservations. Many of you have signed up and we are thrilled to provide this event for you again.

Sunday, February 19th – Senior Adult Valentine Luncheon, 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 23rd - FUMC Book Club, at the church; Book: **Broken and Blessed**

Sunday, March 26th - The Carmen Morrell Senior Adult and Children's Tea, 2-3:30 p.m.; more information to follow in the next few weeks.

Happy Birthday!!!

February 9 Janet Phillips
11 Betty Green
13 John Fetty
16 Ann Tipps



Happy Belated Birthday to Ruth Binkley. Her birthday was February 6th.

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

This marks my final week serving here at FUMC as the interim Director of Ministry with Youth. I have thoroughly enjoyed every aspect of my time serving in this role. I couldn't ask for a better group of adult leaders to serve alongside, and I have grown to love our youth so much in my brief time in this role! They have blessed me immeasurably in the last couple of months. We could still use help in several ways in youth ministry. Contact Pastor Paul if you can help. Here are some ways you can serve:

- Various small fun events crew. Help plan, publicize, and help lead small fun events from pool party, bowling, movie, hike, laser tag... ONCE A month?
- Additional person to plan and lead Saturday's of Service. Already have an April 8th mobile food pantry. Add perhaps one a month and maybe one during Spring break.
- Cedar Crest Camp for middle school coordinator- June 11th-16th
- Mission Trip Coordinator. Going to Slam June 26th-July 1st. We will need chaperones.
- Fundraiser team to coordinate fundraising lunches for youth mission trips.
- A female to be present during high school Sunday school per safe sanctuary needs.

We had a great discussion on Hinduism last week. This Wednesday from 6-7:30 p.m., we will have our second session on World Religions as we discuss Buddhism. We live in an increasingly pluralistic society. Therefore, it is crucial for our young people to understand the beliefs of other faith traditions and how our Christian faith relates to them.

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 us know if you can help.

*Peace in Christ,
Theresa*

Mission Moment—Holt Cason



As we begin preparations to return to help those that we have "adopted" in Liepa, Latvia, we are still in need of funds to purchase new cribs and other furniture for the Hope Center.

The Hope Center girls, ages from 13-17 years, made a choice to have their babies in lieu of opting for abortion. They need our support both spiritually and financially. If the Lord lays

it upon your heart to contribute toward new furniture please make your donations to the HCFH through our church office. God bless you.

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.

Children's Ministry—Julie Uehlein



The kiddos and parents had a great time bowling on Sunday. We have some real pros in our bunch!!!



Cedar Crest Camp summer dates are June 11th-16th (mini sessions available for the younger grades) and sign-ups are going on now. Please contact me for more information.

Our 6 week Winter Wednesday night programming continues thru March 1st from 4-5 p.m. Grades K-5 will break in to 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.

VBS will be here before you know it! Thanks to Claire Bobo for serving as coordinator again this year. Claire is having a meeting for those who wish to volunteer on Sunday, February 26th in the art room at 10:30 a.m.

During the month of February, our Sunday morning classes will be focused on love - specifically Jesus' instructions on love and how to live out that love. As part of the lessons on love, the elementary classes are putting together a "care and comfort box" for the patients at Partners for Healing. Please have your child send any of the following: travel sized lotion, soap, deodorant, toothpaste or hand sanitizer; boxes of band aids, topical cut or scrape treatments (Neosporin, or antibiotic spray), toothbrushes or floss. We will collect them over the next few weeks and get them to the clinic.

Put on your Sunday best and join us for the Senior Adult/Children's Tea on Sunday, March 26th from 2:00-3:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be located upstairs on the bulletin board. We are looking for some of your talented children to sing a song, play an instrument, or read a book. Please let us know if you can bring a tea set. Hope to see you there!!

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.

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*

Henry Center Clothes Closet



I have so enjoyed my role serving in our Henry Center Ministries here at FUMC. This ministry will always be near and dear to my heart as I go forward. I will so miss serving with all the volunteers at our clothes closet and food pantry. I will also miss seeing the people who come for assistance every week as we offer clothes and household items, food, financial assistance, prayer, and otherwise share the love of God with our neighbors. Please consider serving in this wonderful ministry of our church. We come away so blessed every week, and I know you will be too!

Here are some ways to serve:

- Coordinate Aldi's food pick-up volunteer schedule
- Help with Aldi's food pick-up and other Second Harvest food pick-ups
- Assist with furniture pick-ups
- Make up schedule for food pantry/financial assistance ministry (Make Excel spreadsheet of volunteer schedule around three times per year.)
- Serve in our clothes closet on Thursdays sorting, greeting, assisting "shoppers", etc.
- Help in our food pantry on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Serve in our financial office writing vouchers, entering data in Excel, and speaking with guests as they come to see us.

SAVE THE DATE:

We are having a mobile food pantry where we will give away a semi-truck full of food from Second Harvest the morning of Saturday, April 8th. We need around 50 volunteers for this ministry to flow smoothly. Last year we provided food for over 450 people in just a few hours. Please mark your calendars and plan on being a part of this great ministry to our community.

*Peace in Christ,
Theresa*

First Light & Outreach Ministry—Jeff Harrison



Hey Everyone,

Last week I went down to the Henry Center so they could "show me the ropes" as I will be overseeing the Henry Center after Theresa leaves. Theresa and all the volunteers do such an amazing job ministering to the most needy in our community. Would you like to get involved? Are you available on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the day? If not, would you be willing to volunteer at night? We are looking for ways to expand the scope and impact this ministry can have. Please contact me for additional info and if you would like to volunteer.

Worship Attendance (Feb. 5th)

8:00 a.m.	78
First Light	155
11:00 a.m.	130
Total	363
Sunday School	80
Dossett	7
Total	87

Dossett Wednesday (Feb. 1st) 59

Sunday, February 12th

Offering Counters

Steve & Julia Mayes
Terry & Dian Rayfield

Greeters/Welcome Teams

8:00 a.m.	Marquita Masuda Diane Herron
9:00 a.m.	Gena & Duane Graddy
11:00 a.m.	Mark & Susan Russell Lou Ann Mitchell

Keeping In Prayers

Bill Hobbs	Leon Smith	RE Alexander
Bill Durden (brother of Barbara Prater)	Nancy Vining (mother of Charlie Vining)	Joyce Mathis
Brooke Mendenhall (cousin of Michelle Anderson)	Elise Walker (daughter of LE & Judy Wright)	Bobbie Prater (sister-in- law of Bob Prater)
Kevin Youse (friend of George Stone)	William F. Johnson (friend of the Cook family)	Mario Braston (friend of Bertha Smith)
Forrest Frame	Billy Roy Murray (Nancy Wright's family)	Anthony Robinson, Scott Dowling & Mary Lundy (family of Wilma Finchum)
Don Bond		

Murfreesboro District Shepherd School 2017

Sunday, February 12th, from 1:45-5:30 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 noon on Thursday, by calling 931-455-5434.

United Methodist Women 3rd Monday meeting will be February 20th at 10:30 a.m. Our speaker will be Dr. Tony Kinkel, President of Motlow, and he will be sharing about TN Promise. No Board Meeting. Reservations/Cancellations should be made by noon Thursday, February 16th with Dianne Barksdale, 455-9275. Cost is \$10

Let's not forget that we are collecting laundry detergent for the Henry Center Food Pantry this month. Dollar General has small bottles for \$1 each that wash 3-4 large loads. Looking forward to seeing everyone and beginning our New Year.

-Toni Overton

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United Methodist Women's Treasure Sale will take place in late April, so save your treasures! More information to come.

-Margaret Savelle



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