

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, 5:30-6:15 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.

The Kiwanis Club of Tullahoma is pleased to announce a major initiative aimed at providing families in our community with access to disposable diapers for their infants and toddlers.

This “Bottoms Up” project is scheduled to launch on March 1st, 2017 and will continue in its initial phase until June 1st. Throughout this campaign, Tullahoma Utilities Authority and Tullahoma FUMC have graciously agreed to serve as initial collection points, or drop-off locations, for the donated diapers.

Thank you for your help with this project!
-Dianne Barksdale

The Message—Pastor Paul Purdue

“My Aunt is a kind of Methodist Nun” my beloved colleague chortled as the unusual and unofficial title rolled off his tongue, “and she is the most Christ-like person I know.” The things we “give up” for Lent prompted his soliloquy about his aunt who teaches public school in a tough neighborhood and serves a in a metropolitan mentoring program. This Methodist “Nun” chooses to remain single and not to pursue ordained ministry, feeling called to serve Christ as a lay person. What might seem to some like a sacrifice comes to her as a full blessed lifestyle. My friend’s eyes filled with light as he shared about her usual countenance of “righteousness, joy and peace in the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 14:17)

This Methodist Nun’s journey to Christ-likeness began during lent one year when she decided to give up a certain favorite candy bar, perhaps more out of habit and hopes for weight loss than devotion to Christ. As Easter grew near she realized she focused more on eating Easter candy than celebrating Christ’s victory over sin and death. A bit shaken by her benign Reese’s Cup Idolatry, she decided to simply give up the beloved peanut butter cups for good. This she began a life-long habit of giving up something for 40 days and if her spiritual exercise proved beneficial, laying down that past habit for the rest of her life. Some years instead of giving something up, she takes something up. One Lent, she began prayer walks and takes one most mornings to this day. The little found secret is that instead of impoverishing her soul, her giving herself up to Christ deeply enriches her living.

During the next six Sunday’s of Lent, our worship services will center around “laying down (some practice, action, thing), taking up (some action, practice, or thing) and finding life. Jesus tells us that unless we lay () down, we will lose our lives, and the only way to save our lives is to take up our cross and follow Christ! What will you lay down? What will you take up? What are you letting Jesus make inside that soul of yours? Come let us lay down the things that slowly steal our lives, take up the spiritual disciplines that build life, and find in Christ joy, peace, righteousness, and love.

This coming Sunday, we wrap up our current events series, focusing on the especially difficult words of Jesus, considering how tough ethical teachings like “forgiving 70x7”, “welcoming the stranger” and “loving your enemies” might apply to personal ethics /national governance. I covet your prayers!

Kudos to Esther and her crew for such a great Valentine’s luncheon for 83 of our seniors. Everything: people, food, youth servers and musical “D.C. Combo” was great!

Grace, Love, & Peace
Pastor Paul

“Laying Down _____, Taking Up _____ and Finding Life”

“If you want to save your life you must lose it for my sake” (Jesus in Mark 8:35)

March 5th - “Lay down your schedule, take up prayer and find life.”
Matthew 4:1-11

March 12th - “Lay down your burdens, take up Christ’s yoke and find life.”
Matthew 11:28-30

March 19th - “Lay down religiosity, take up rebirth & find life.”
John 3:1-17

March 26th - “Lay down self-righteousness, take up mercy and find life.”
Luke 18:9-14

April 2nd - “Lay down me, take up we and find life.”
Matthew 4:18- 25

United Methodist Men will meet Saturday, March 4th at 7:15 a.m. in Davidson Hall.



Ash Wednesday is a special service that marks the beginning of Lent, a 40 day season of personal reflection, repentance, and preparation for Easter. We hope you will join us March 1st at 6 p.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



Coming Events...

Wednesday, March 1st - Ash
Wednesday Worship Service, 6
p.m.

Tuesday, March 7th - Golden
Circle, 11:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 9th -
Leading Older Adults Ministry
Workshop, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., in
Franklin

Sunday, March 26th - The
Carmen Morrell Senior Adult
and Children's Tea, 2-3:30
p.m.

Senior Ministry—Esther J. Sims

Thought of the Week: *"In a world of unrelenting changes, I am the One who never changes."*



Senior Adult Valentine Luncheon

Tulahoma FUMC Walking Group has logged in 306.06 miles in "Walking Miles." We should be in Mountain City by the end of next week! It is not too late to join us. Just send me the number of miles you have walked for the week. By the way, you don't have to attend any meetings or pay any dues – this is just for fun! Just walk and email, text or call in your miles each Sunday to Esther.

This Week's Activities...

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

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).

Happy Birthday!!!

February 24 Ann Cline
24 Jim Carter
25 Jim McClure
26 Stan McNabb
28 Lynn Barnhart
29 Richard Pless
March 1 Katharine Weaver



Youth Ministry



We had a great discussion on Judaism last week. This Wednesday from 6-7:30, we will have our fourth session on World Religions as we discuss Islam. 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.

First Light & Outreach Ministry—Jeff Harrison



Hey Everyone,

We are shooting a new church directory at the end of March and the beginning of April. You will be able to sign up at the end of every service this coming Sunday and for the next couple of Sundays. We want as many people as possible to be included in the directory and every family that has their picture taken will receive a free directory of their very own! The dates will be March 21st - 25th, and April 4th - 8th. You will also have a chance to purchase pictures as well, but do not need to purchase anything to be included in the directory. Please reserve your spot early so you get the time you want.

*In Christ,
Jeff*

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

Children's Ministry—Julie Uehlein

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.

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.

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.

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 your child has an interest in attending our 5 week Wednesday Club activities at church from 1:15 – 2:45 p.m. beginning April 12th, please sign-up. We are gauging interest in children and volunteers to accurately plan.

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 signup 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.

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



Sunday, February 26th

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

March 5th

Halos & Wednesday Night children sing

March 26th

Senior Adult/Children's Tea; 2-3:30 p.m.

June 5th-8th

VBS (mornings)

June 11th-16th

Cedar Crest Camp

*Partnering WITH You,
Miss Julie*

Mission Moment—Holt Cason



Our VIM team of Jim Barnhart, Kenny Helms, George Jensen, Cathy Manis, and Doug Thomas has returned safely from Guatemala. This marks the 26th consecutive year that our church has sent a VIM team to a foreign country. We are blessed to be able to help those that are less fortunate than we are. Please join me in welcoming our team members back and letting them know we are proud of them and the work they have done in Guatemala.

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.



Volunteers Needed!

The end of March/first of April, we will be working on a new church directory. We need volunteers to help coordinate this. If you would be interested in helping, please contact Jeff Harrison at jeffhfumc@lighttube.net for more information.

United Methodist Women is still collecting laundry detergent for the Henry Center. Dollar General has small bottles for \$1 each that wash 3-4 large loads. Please leave your donations in the large bin in the back of the chapel. Thank you!

Worship Attendance (Feb. 19th)

8:00 a.m.	90
First Light	128
11:00 a.m.	146
Total	364

Sunday School 90

Dossett Wednesday (Feb. 15th) 54

Sunday, February 26th

Offering Counters

Rush & Belinda Bricken
Mike & Jan Dent

Greeters/Welcome Teams

8:00 a.m. Lisa & John Wright
9:00 a.m. Michelle & Aaron Carmack
11:00 a.m. Nellie & Walt Wasilewski
Janna Washington

Keeping In Prayers

Terry Mathis (brother of Jerry Mathis)
Bill Hobbs
Bill Durden (brother of Barbara Prater)
Brooke Mendenhall (cousin of Michelle Anderson)
Kevin Youse (friend of George Stone)
Forrest Frame

Don Bond
Leon Smith
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)

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

<i>Nancy Washburn</i> from <i>Mary Etta Ward</i> <i>Ann Cunningham</i> <i>Stan & Jamie McNabb</i> <i>Betsy Koonce Sottek</i> <i>Beverly Beam</i> <i>Janie & Larry Craig</i> <i>David & Jeanne Wright</i> <i>Amanda & Harry Kaupp, Jr.</i> <i>Caren Gabriel</i> <i>Bunny & Bill Comer</i> <i>Charles & Sue Harvey</i> <i>Diane Herron</i> <i>Rusty & Cindy Williamson</i>	<i>Irene Mason</i> from <i>Mary Etta Ward</i> <i>Stan & Jamie McNabb</i> <i>Joann Purdue</i> from <i>Kelly Shuttleworth's</i> <i>Life Group</i> <i>Wayne Beam</i> <i>Steve Douglas</i> <i>Tom Perkins</i> from <i>Stan & Jamie McNabb</i>
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Our *GriefShare* Support Group will begin its first session Monday, March 6th, from 3:30-5 p.m., in Davidson Hall. We will meet weekly for 13 sessions, but each session is self-contained, so you will be able to pick up any session you missed. They are composed of 3 parts: video, group discussion, and personal workbook. You will find it to be a warm, caring environment and will come to see your group as an "oasis" on your long journey through grief. Anyone is welcome to join us.

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