

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.
- 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.;

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 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.

Collection boxes are located in the back of the chapel and in the entrance to the Family Activity Center. Thank you for your help with this project!

-Dianne Barksdale

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

The Message—Pastor Paul Purdue

“Sabbath” comes from the Hebrew meaning “rest” or “cessation.” Every Sunday, God offers us a chance to re-set our weeks, our souls, our lives through worship. Lent offers a season for re-setting our schedules, ceasing bad habits and connecting to more Christ-like living. For the 40 days before Easter, we lay down unspiritual habits, breaking useless or harmful patterns, turning our attention to eternal matters. We prayerfully give up actions, attitude and habits such as: anger, belligerent conversations, chocolate, distraction, elitism, Facebook on Fridays, gossip, harsh language, insalubrious eating, junk-food, Kardashianism, limitless consumption, meals without prayer, nastiness, oppression, partying, quick judgments, red-meat, snapchat on Saturday, telephones at the table, unplanned media use, vulgar speech, working too hard, xenophobia, or a lack of enough ZZZs. Will you lay some hindering habit down to take up a more spiritually beneficial routine?

During Lent, we take up spiritual disciplines that shape our souls into the image of Christ, like aligning our schedules with eternal values, breaking bread with a widow, confessing our sins, counting our blessings, calling a forgotten friend, donating one unused item to the clothes closet every day, dropping a grudge, engaging in Sunday School, eating healthier, forgiving old hurts, fasting meals to feed others, giving your full attention to God and others, helping out at the food bank, initiating conversations about Jesus during meals, inviting people to worship, investing your abilities in eternal work, joining the choir until Easter, joining a small group, keeping the Sabbath seven weeks in a row, listening, making morning prayers matter, make a financial sacrifice for God’s work, narrowing your focus, opening a UMW study book, praying for enemies, quietly spending time with God, receive forgiveness, rejoicing with worship music, sending encouraging notes, speaking kindly, serving neighbors, teaching, using your gifts at Dossett, volunteering with Sunday school, visiting a shut-in (names in office), walking with Esther’s group or the CASA team, exclaiming the Good News, exercising with prayer, yelling encouragement, and getting enough ZZZs. What practice will you take up so that your soul might come alive in Christ?

Lent is about repentance, renewal, refocusing, reconnecting, devotion, and love. Lent is not legalistic, harsh, or judgey. Lent focuses our time, habits and energy away from earthly matters towards values that endure forever. Lenten practices engage us in spiritual work and prepare us for Easter. What will you lay down? What will you take up? Will you find deeper life in Christ during lent?

Upcoming Sermons

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*

*Grace, Love, & Peace
Pastor Paul*

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...

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: *"A love relationship with God truly is His desire for your life."
(Being Still with God)*



Special Note:

I want to express my sincere gratitude to all the wonderful people who helped with our Senior Adult Valentine Luncheon. A lot of people responded to help with all the parts that it took to put this event together. Thank you, thank you, thank you. We collected \$400.00 in tips for the Youth Group- that was amazing! People are already talking about next year???????????

This Week's Activities...

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

Happy Birthday!!!

March 1 Katharine Weaver
6 Ann Cunningham
8 Pat Tucker



Four new walkers have joined our Tullahoma FUMC Walking Group. For the month of February we have logged in 454.02 miles. We are 116.98 miles from Mountain City. Hurry and log in your miles. You can join anytime. Just send me the number of miles you have walked for the week. By the way, this is open to men and women. 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.

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).

First Light & Outreach Ministry—Jeff Harrison



Hey Everyone,

Thank you to all who signed up for our Church Directory. Did you not sign up? You can sign up right now online. The link can be found on our website, www.fumctullahoma.com, or on our Facebook page.

Online registration will close on the weekends so that we can have people sign up in person and not double book. It will reopen during the week. If you try on the weekend and it is closed, check back during the week and it will be open. If you have signed up in person or online, you only need to sign up once. Also when you come to do your session, you will be given a card to provide as much or as little information as you want to be in the church directory. If you need any help please call us at the church.

*In Christ,
Jeff*

Missions Moment—Holt Cason



Over the past several weeks we have witnessed missions in action at FUMC. In January, we were asked to bring new socks for the Henry Center. This was followed in February with a request to donate new underwear for those that are less fortunate. At the same time a request for donations to purchase new furniture for the Hope Center in Latvia has been mentioned in the MISSIONS MOMENT article in our church newsletter. While this may seem overwhelming, we need to remember Luke 6:38 "Give, and it shall be given unto you."

Children's Ministry—Julie Uehlein

Our 6 week Winter Wednesday night programming concludes today, March 1st. The kiddos will sing at this Sunday's 11 a.m. service so please make plans to attend. 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.



During the month of February, our Sunday School classes gathered items for Partners for Healing. So glad to see them experience this mission project!



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!!

It's time to start collecting Easter candy for our annual Easter egg hunt. We will have collection containers in the FAC Building and outside of the secretary's office in the Main Building. We ask there be no chocolate (we had a warm day last year and they melted!), or nuts due to allergies.

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.

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.

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, March 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

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*

As a mission project, the Children's Ministry will participate in a 1 mile fun walk or 5K run on Saturday, April 15th to support CASA Works. This organization serves the abused and neglected children of Bedford, Coffee, and Franklin Counties to ensure that every child has the right to the safe embrace of a loving family. Registration forms are located at the Information Station in the Children's Department. Join us as we have fellowship in training for this event.

FUMC CASA - I am for the Child 5K Training Run Schedule

*Race day is Saturday April 15th, 2017 at 8AM. Register by mail or at active.com

Saturday March 4th	10:00AM	Tulahoma High School Track
Sunday March 12th	3:00PM	Tulahoma High School Track
Monday March 13th	10:00AM	Bonds House 104 Fairways Blvd W
Friday March 17th	10:00AM	Bonds House 104 Fairways Blvd W
Saturday April 8th	9:00AM	Robert E Lee Elementary

The February **Sunday School Challenge** collected more than 225 pairs of underwear in all varieties. In addition, another 100 pairs of socks were collected (~450 pairs total). The March Challenge is new/slightly used bath towels and washcloths. If you are not in a Sunday School class but would like to contribute, the items can be dropped off at the church in the small chapel during business hours. I am always looking for other opportunities to spread God's love, so if you have any suggestions for a monthly challenge please contact me. Again thanks to all who contributed to the underwear challenge and I hope you keep the giving spirit with the towel challenge. What a blessing it is to be the hands and feet of Christ. God Bless! -Terry Rayfield

Worship Attendance (Feb. 26th)

8:00 a.m.	70
First Light	139
11:00 a.m.	140
Total	349

Sunday School 130

Dossett Wednesday (Feb. 22nd) 54

Sunday, March 5th

Offering Counters

Clay & Fuffy Bearden
Barbara Buckner
Janna Washington

Greeters/Welcome Teams

8:00 a.m. Bertha Bates
Linda Rogers

9:00 a.m. Monica & Brian
Skelton

11:00 a.m. Rosemary Crabtree
Cathy Diller
Ruth Wilson

Home Communion Teams

Linda Thomas & Gail Dean
Cindy & Scott Young
Penny & Mike Barnes
George & Kathy Jensen
Shirley Miller & Esther Sims
Confirmation Class

Keeping In Prayers

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

Memorials

Nancy Washburn

from

Henry & McCord

WC & Jane Anne Driver

Frederick & Daniell Driver

Robinson

Thomas & Arey Jean Barton

Charlotte Hatheway

Donna & Wayne Cox

James & Willo Anne Hawkins

Robert & Carole Hazard

Betty Collier

Ann Hand

Please keep the family and friends of **Mr. Bill Hobbs** in your thoughts and prayers. Mr. Hobbs passed away Sunday, February 26th. Services were Wednesday, March 1st.

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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