

Ongoing Activities

Wednesdays

- Dossett Chapel, 3:15-5 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.

Mondays

- GriefShare 3:30-5 p.m., Davidson Hall

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

The Message—Pastor Paul Purdue

Lent begins with Jesus alone in the wilderness being tested by the Tempter. Temptations rarely beckon us to do something vile, terrible or evil. It’s unlikely any of you woke up laying plans to murder, desecrate the sanctuary, or become consumed by anger. Temptations usually just pull us a little off track. I read that when flying, one mile being off-course, just one degree, makes you miss the target by 92 feet. One of our flight engineers checked this data and offered information about wind variance and the earth’s magnetic field, but let’s go with 92 feet! 92 feet is not a lot- it’s barely noticeable over a mile. However, 92 feet is enough to drop one wheel off the runway! Over 600 miles, a one degree miscalculation misses the destination by 10 miles. Ten miles might put you in the ocean or into mountains. Our temptation is spiritual drift. You do not need to make 92 degree turns to end up spiritually adrift- just keep moving a few degrees off Christ’s direction.

The Tempter does not entice Jesus to forgo his mission offering him leadership of a feel-good, isolationist, hashish, sin-of-the day, nudist compound. No, the Old Fooler offers the Prince of Peace popularity, power, comfort and splendor for the low-low price of a slightly misaligned mission. Jesus stays on a harder course leading to his cross and our salvation.

If we misunderstand, misalign, mistrust, misuse, misspend our life by a few degrees, we slowly drift away from Jesus’ course. If we misuse our power, spending on our needs, we misalign with the great commandment drifting away from love and community into isolation, jealousy, gossip, factions, division, quarrels and greed. If we misspend our energy, seeking entertainment, comfort, or splendor, we meander away from truth and virtue. If we miscalculate our priorities, living for wealth, power, and position, over time we lose sight of justice, goodness and love.

Lent comes as a course correction. Worship realigns our direction back towards the cross. Indeed, the spiritual life is not one of guilt and shame, but of recalibration and realigning our lives with love- with Jesus: The Way, The Truth, and The Life. If we love the wrong things, build our lives on lesser goods, neglect spiritual navigation, follow the crowd, misalign our priorities, misspend our lives, and misuse our resources, that is enough to fail to achieve our Designer’s goals for our lives. Lent comes as a recalibration, a spiritual reset, a course correction. By laying aside pleasing distractions and taking up spiritual testing, we reset our daily trajectory aligning our life with the teachings of Christ. Join us Sunday as we consider the easier Yoke of Jesus.

Upcoming Sermons

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
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...

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

Thursday, April 27th - Milky Way Farms

Senior Ministry—Esther J. Sims

Thought of the Week: *"When you let go of past sorrows, you are free to accept the blessings he has for you." (Psalms to Soothe a Woman's Heart)*

Special Note:

Have you signed up to have your picture taken for the new church directory? Don't wait too long—sign up now! Also, see the sign-up sheet on the Senior Adult Board if you would be willing to work as a greeter on one or more days that photos will be made.

This Week's Activities...

Thursday, March 9th -

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

Happy Birthday!!!

March 8 Pat Tucker

12 Leon Smith

16 Nancy Wright



Two new walkers have joined our Tullahoma FUMC Walking Group. We made it to Mountain City, Tennessee. (Hooray!!!) We walked across TENNESSEE! We are not coming home! We're walking to Miami, Florida. Grab those walking shoes and join us. Just send me the number of miles you have walked for the week. We have men and women in our walking group. 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.

If you are interested in walking with other people, there is a FUMC CASA Training Run Schedule. Check the Senior Adult Board for details.

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,

This past weekend Pastor Paul spoke about 1 degree off course making a big difference in our lives. Do you view worship that way? I view worship as a re-centering of my life. A weekly chance to say, "Am I on the right track or am I off by one degree or two, or ten?!" If I am, I can make a course correction. The truth is, we all get off track all the time. That's why we want everyone in worship every week. Not because of some sort of legalism or because we want great attendance numbers, but because we all need a course correction. During this season of Lent, can we take up our weekly practice of worship and course correction? I believe as we do, we will experience God in new ways, grow closer together as a church family and look even more like Christ.

In Christ,
Jeff

Missions Moment—Holt Cason



God called Jonah to go on a mission trip to Nineveh. Jonah had a mind of his own, a stubborn disposition, a rebellious nature, and decided to go in a different direction. As we know from this familiar Bible story, God punished Jonah for his misdeeds. God has not called upon us to go to Nineveh, but He has called upon each of us to participate in His mission work through our prayers, our time, our gifts, and our talents.

Candy donations needed for Children's Easter Egg Hunt. Please, no chocolate (it all melted last year) or anything with nuts, due to allergies. Items may be dropped off in the containers outside of the church office or in the FAC Building. Thank you!



Children's Ministry—Julie Uehlein



Our 6 week Winter Wednesday night programming concluded last week. The children learned about honesty and friendships while having choir time with Doug. Both the choir and Halos performed Sunday and did a fantastic job! 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.

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

Training Schedule

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

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

*Partnering WITH You,
Miss Julie*



Sunday, March 12th

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 26th

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

April 15th

CASA Run 8 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt 10-11 a.m.;
Thoma residence

June 5th-8th

VBS (mornings)

June 11th-16th

Cedar Crest Camp

United Methodist Women 3rd Monday meeting will be March 20th at 10:30 a.m. Board meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. Reservations/Cancellation should be made by noon Thursday, March 16th with Dianne Barksdale, 455-9275. Cost \$10. This month we will be collecting toothbrushes and toothpaste for the Henry Center Food Pantry. Looking forward to seeing everyone. -Toni Overton

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

The March **Sunday School 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 (Mar. 5th)

8:00 a.m.	79
First Light	110
11:00 a.m.	133
Total	322
Sunday School	118

Sunday, March 12th

Offering Counters

Bill & Charlotte Bethmann
Linda Smith

Greeters/Welcome Teams

8:00 a.m.	Margaret Maddox Lynn Cason
9:00 a.m.	Shanna Brooks Scott Jones
11:00 a.m.	Nancy Wood Marissa McKay Bill Bethmann

Keeping In Prayers

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

Our *GriefShare* Support Group began its first session last Monday, March 6th. They meet weekly from 3:30-5 p.m., in Davidson Hall. 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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