

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.

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

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

Candy Donations Needed!

Candy donations needed for Children’s Easter Egg Hunt. Items may be dropped off in the bins located outside of the church office and in the FAC Building. Thank you!



Looking for Volunteers

We will be hosting a **Mobile Food Pantry** on Saturday, April 8th from 8 a.m. - noon. Your help is needed for set up and clean up, unloading food from the truck, manning tables, directing traffic, walking clients through the line and helping load cars. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the finance office.

The Message—Pastor Paul Purdue

Three days into my first real job after college, I was sitting at my desk reading a book entitled something like *The History of My Employer*, when one of my two direct supervisors walked into my office chortling through a condescending laugh, “what are you doing?” Before, I could defend honor by telling her that I was reading a book given to me by the Executive Vice President of the company, she whistled, “get up let’s get out of this windowless office into the field.” When I nervously protested that I had a meeting with my other boss after lunch, Ms. Was-She-My-First-Or-Second-Boss chuckled, “Well, kiddo, today, you’re coming with me!” The next day, my first boss just rolled her eyes and said muttered something about my second boss, while agreeing that reading the book given to me by all our bosses was better suited for my previous college life. It is hard to have two bosses.

“Come towards me, all you that are weary and are beaten down by your burdens, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke, and learn from me ... and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” Jesus in Matthew 11:28-29. In an age of endless electronic options, beckoning our constant attention, it is easy to never find soul-renewing rest. Jesus does not encourage us to add one more thing to our busy schedules. Jesus wants to become our schedule. Jesus’ yoke comes as the centering principle which pulls all other obligations, choices and decisions into line. No horse wears two yokes. No one craves two bosses. Jesus does not offer a second yoke. “Shoulder my yoke” he promises and “find rest for your soul.” Do you hear the paradox that our souls find rest as we exchange our burdens for Jesus’ work? Following, learning, imitating, improvising, obeying Jesus lifts our toil. Jesus crafts a yoke perfectly suited for your soul; learn from Christ. Lay aside your lesser yokes, take up your cross and follow Jesus finding your soul renewed and empowered!

Sunday, worship overcame four Sabbath stealing forces: spring forward, spring break, school sponsored travel, and Snow-mageddon. Our prayers go out for so many of our folks traveling. If you are traveling take time to worship wherever you are! If you are in town and well, come let us worship, together learning how to wear Jesus’ life-giving yoke.

Can you imagine chatting with Jesus? Sunday, we will explore one of the great Bible encounters, where Nicodemus sits down to ask Jesus a few questions. Jesus takes the conversation in a direction that shocks Nicodemus’ religious sensibilities saying “you must be born again”. Come let us lay down our preconceptions and take up Jesus’ yoke learning from Christ the way that leads to life. John 3:1-17



LENTEN SERMON SERIES

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

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...

Thursdy, March 23rd - Book Club 6:30 p.m.

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: "The task may be too big for you, but it is not too big for God."
(Psalms to Soothe a Woman's Heart)

Remember to turn in your walking miles. We are on our way to Florida - many miles to walk. Walk with us, 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.

Happy Birthday!!!

March 16 Nancy Wright
March 19 Bob Prater
March 22 Garland Honeycutt
March 22 Nancy Patton



This Week's Activities...

March 17 - Art Group
March 21 - Knitting Group

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,

We have the mobile food pantry coming up April 8th. Last time we did this it was a huge success. Do you know why? Because we had so many people involved and volunteering for the event, it went off without a hitch! I have been at the Henry Center passing out vouchers over the last couple of weeks and I have seen the need that there is for this event. Please consider being a part. We have a sign up sheet in the main hallway for you to sign up. On the sheet are various jobs that need to be done so you can sign up specifically for what you want to do.

*In Christ,
Jeff*

Missions Moment—Holt Cason



If you have ever thought about participating on a Volunteers in Mission trip or even taking a family to help those in need, there are numerous opportunities this summer. These are some of the places that are asking for people to join a team; Honduras, Nicaragua, Malawi, and Kenya. Closer to home help is needed in Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and South Carolina to assist with cleanup from recent storms and partial rebuilding. Please contact Holt Cason for more information if you are interested.

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

Children's Ministry—Julie Uehlein

Hope everyone is enjoying Spring Break!

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: Saturday April 8th 9:00AM Robert E Lee Elementary

Put on your Sunday best dress and join us for the Senior Adult/Children's Tea on Sunday, March 26th from 2:00-3:30pm. A signup 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. Collection containers are located in the FAC Building and outside of the secretary's office in the Main Building.

Cedar Crest Camp summer dates are June 11-16 (mini sessions available for the younger grades) and signups 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 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.

*Partnering WITH You,
Miss Julie*



Training for CASA
5K Run/Fun Walk



Prodigal Son Lesson
in Sunday School



Sunday, March 19th
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 1

0-11 a.m.;

Thoma residence

June 5th-8th

VBS (mornings)

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

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*

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

-Margaret Savelle

Worship Attendance (Mar. 12th)

8:00 a.m.	40
First Light	82
11:00 a.m.	125
Total	247
Sunday School	86

Sunday, March 19th

Offering Counters

Bob & Dianne Barksdale,
Kay Crosswy, Sam DiNicola

Greeters/Welcome Teams

8:00 a.m.	Helen McClure Joan Everetts
9:00 a.m.	Kathy Jensen Tina Bond
11:00 a.m.	Ann Smotherman Ann Lester Margaret Savelle

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

We have Lilies available for Easter Sunday, for \$10 each. If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please contact Mandy in the church office at 455-5434 or fumc@lighttube.net. Payment can be made to Renee in the financial office.



Memorials

Nancy Washburn
from
John & Reba Shipp
Bertha Bates

Bill Hobbs
from
Charlotte Hatheway
Mr. & Mrs. James Parkes
Joyce Bobo
Crusader Sunday School
Class

Our **GriefShare** Support Group meets weekly on Mondays 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.

Connect

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