

**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.


Please keep the family and friends of **Wilson Murphy** in your thoughts and prayers. Mr. Murphy passed away Monday morning, March 20th. Services will be Saturday, March 25th at Kilgore Funeral Home at 2 p.m. Visitation from 12-2 p.m.

Please also remember the family and friends of **Mary Lynn Uselton**. Mrs. Uselton also passed away Monday morning. Services will be Saturday, March 26th at 5 p.m., in our Historic Sanctuary. Visitation from 3-5 p.m.

**The Message—Pastor Paul Purdue**

Your patterns matter. An education arises page by page. Fitness builds step after step. Health increases healthy meal by meal. Friendship grows kindness after kindness. A swing, kick, toss, or catch is mastered practice by practice. An instrument resounds with beauty as one rehearses note by note. Character unfolds decision by decision. We become the patterns we keep.

Lent reminds us that we find significance by laying down self-serving motives and taking up Christ-like habits. Daily prayer aligns our day with Christ. Weekly worship begins our week with God. Scripture lifts us beyond our daily grind to ponder holy themes like goodness, justice, salvation, transformation, faith, hope and love. Forgiveness unleashes love. Thanksgiving overcomes despair. Being with other Christians empowers our walk. Justice and mercy builds community. Confession gets us back on track and opens us to Divine mercy. Our goodness grows as one good deed is followed by the next good deed. Charity given to “the least of these” somehow mysteriously brings us into the very presence of Jesus. Joy, contentment, wisdom, courage, and peace come with each step we take towards Christ. We become the patterns we keep.



LENTEN SERMON SERIES

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

**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*

On Tuesday, Doug, Elmo, Esther, Jeff, Julie, Mandy, Rosemary, and I spent the morning in an in-house retreat, prayerfully conversing around how to do ministry in our increasingly busy, less-committed, and ever more secular culture. Church futurist, Andrew Doyle describes our American cultural context as a “VUCA world: Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous.” These are not the easiest of times to lead ministry, but I know our staff loves you, each other, and strives to offer Christ’s love to our community. I am proud to serve with such good and capable leaders.

At the 2016 Tennessee Annual Conference, our delegates voted to authorize moving from seven TAC districts to five. The new district boundaries are drawn with geographic and missional intentionality. This district streamlining is part of realignment within the Conference Council on Ministry. The Old Murfreesboro District is now in the Stones River District, and will be led by a skilled veteran District Superintendent, **Rev. Max Mayo**. Our new district tracks a little closer into Nashville and includes Fayetteville FUMC. You can learn more at <https://www.tnumc.org/churches-assigned-to-new-districts/>. Please pray with the Bishop and cabinet as together we all seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Please keep District Superintendent **Lenoir Culbertson** and her family in your thoughts and prayers. Their son, Ben, passed away Thursday, March 16th. Services were held Sunday, March 19th in Franklin, TN.

# 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

## Happy Birthday!!!

March 25 Margaret Perkins  
30 Betty Collier

## Senior Ministry—Esther J. Sims

**Thought of the Week:** “Meditate daily on His WORD.” (Psalms to Soothe a Woman’s Heart)

*The Carmen Morrell Senior Adult and Children’s Tea has been canceled. Will be rescheduled.*



*Morning Pointe Third Thursday Devotion with Esther - A Royal Priesthood (1 Peter 2:9)*

## This Week’s Events...

**Tuesday-Saturday, March 21st-25th** - Picture Directory; don’t forget your appointment!

**Thursday, March 23rd** - Book Club at 6:30 p.m.; Marilyn Cooley is our hostess.

## Coming Events...

**Tuesday, April 4th** - Golden Circle; council meeting to follow.

**Tuesday-Saturday, April 4th-8th** - Picture Directory  
**April 13th, 14th, & 16th** - Holy Week Activities

**Thursday, April 27th** - Milky Way Farms

We are 354 miles into our walk to Florida! Remember we walked from Memphis to Mountain City (574 miles). Left Mountain City on our way to the Sunshine State. As a group, we have walked 928 miles. Walk with us, and email, text or call in your miles each Sunday to Esther.

We have an opportunity to participate in the Tullahoma Community Garden located at CD Stamps Center. If you are interested, please let me know (455-5434). They have two table top beds that I have tentatively reserved for our church. These beds require not bending. You can sit and work. What a great way to share fresh vegetables this summer and have some fun.

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,

I have been having so many conversations recently about how people are so busy, so stressed and seem to be living life on a hamster wheel that spins and spins but doesn't go anywhere. I know this feeling. I'm sure you probably do to. Pastor Paul shared a couple weeks ago about Jesus saying that His yoke is easy and His burden is light. I know for myself, the more I'm spinning my wheels, the further I seem I am from God. I try daily as part of my devotions to quiet my heart, refocus on Christ, and evaluate everything in my life and speak to God about it all. I get a lot of clarity in those moments. Important things come into focus and good, but not important, things fade away. I would encourage you, as you go about your week, offer everything up to the Lord and he will give you all that you need.

*In Christ,  
Jeff*

## Missions Moment—Holt Cason



This past Monday and Tuesday we had the privilege of attending the annual meeting of the Friends of Latvia. The meeting was held at Camp Sumatanga, in Gallant, Alabama. It was wonderful to see old friends and to meet new ones from Latvia. Concluding the annual meeting, 9 of the Latvian visitors participated in the Walk to Emmaus. It is a blessing to continue to see progress from the work that so many people from the USA have done in Latvia and the blessings we have received.

## Children's Ministry—Julie Uehlein

Hope everyone is enjoying the last week of 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

The Senior Adult/Children's Tea scheduled for this Sunday, March 26th has been cancelled until further notice.

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.

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 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 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

#### 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

*Partnering WITH You,  
Miss Julie*

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*

### ***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!



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

### ***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 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!



## Worship Attendance (Mar. 19th)

8:00 a.m.	66
First Light	103
11:00 a.m.	99
<b>Total</b>	<b>268</b>
Sunday School	96

## Sunday, March 26th

### Offering Counters

George & Kathy Jensen  
Barbara Buckner  
Janna Washington

### Greeters/Welcome Teams

8:00 a.m.	Marquita Masuda Bob Lawrence
9:00 a.m.	Brooke & John Schmisser
11:00 a.m.	Susie Miller Charles Drummond Rosemary Crabtree

## Keeping In Prayers

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

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](mailto:fumc@lighttube.net). Payment can be made to Renee in the finance office.



### Memorials

**Nancy Washburn**  
from  
Gloria Pless  
Bill & Charlotte Bethmann  
Mark & Lynn Moran  
Brian & Denise Bacon  
Tommy & Linda Anderson

**Bill Hobbs**  
from  
Bill & Charlotte Bethmann

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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