

**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.

*Pastor Paul's sermons are posted on our website every Sunday, right after the conclusion of the 11 a.m. service. Just go to [www.fumctullahoma.com](http://www.fumctullahoma.com) and select "sermons" and "view media player." From there you may select which sermon you would like to listen to.*

**The Message—Pastor Paul Purdue**

When the Lord spoke to Ananias instructing him to welcome a fiery persecutor, Ananias answered God's vision, "Lord, I have heard how much evil this man has done to your saints in Jerusalem" (Acts 9:13). When the Holy Spirit calls Peter to leave his lifelong kosher diet, perhaps remembering the rules of Leviticus 11, Peter answers God's call, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean!" (Acts 10:14)

In Matthew 28, Jesus sends the church out to every culture to make disciples. Jesus does not offer an exact blueprint on how to do this! Today, the church faces a post-Christendom culture. Perhaps we need to revisit the story of how the church addressed a pre-Christian Gentile culture. In Acts the church engages a Greek culture unaccustomed to Jewish law and culture. How will the church adapt? Is it okay for the church to adapt to culture? Must Christians read the scriptures in Greek? Can we share pork at a church barbeque? Must women keep their heads covered in church? (1 Corinthians 11) Can Christians eat meat previously offered to pagan idols? (1 Corinthians 10) These were all new questions for the missionary church!

This week we will see how the church lives into Pentecost and Jesus' Great Commission amid a new uncomfortable culture. Ananias and Peter after initially resisting God's vision will follow Christ into new patterns. Indeed, Peter will come to proclaim: "God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean" (Acts 10:28). Come let us open the Scripture together!

*Grace & Love,  
Pastor Paul*

**Upcoming Sermons**

**April 30** - Saul's Damascus Road, Ananias' vision, Barnabas' welcome, Cornelius' invitation, Peter's dreaming, and Antioch's missionaries model Christian adaptive change. (*Acts 9, 10 & 13*)

**May 7** - (Confirmation Sunday) Withdrawal, isolation, and retreat are not Christian responses to cultural change. (*Acts 11, 15, 28*)

**May 14** - (Mother's Day) What the Jerusalem Council teaches us about being the church during shifting seasons. (*Acts 15*)

**May 21** - (Senior Sunday) "Turning the world upside down" The wild ride of faith. (*Acts 16-18*)

***NEW & USED TREASURES SALE (Yard Sale)***

**WHERE:** FAC Building, First United Methodist Church

**SPONSORED BY:** Tullahoma First United Methodist Women

**SET-UP DATE:** Thursday, April 27, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Any church member may bring new and used items AND purchase items at that time. Bargains Galore!!!

**SALE DATES:** Friday, April 28th, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 29th, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

*Many household/kitchen items, paper and hard back books, children's toys, jewelry, shoes, purses, etc. Linda Thomas will have RADA Cutlery for sale.*

*If you have an item(s) that you need picked up, call Margaret Savelle, 454-0718.*

*The proceeds from all United Methodist Women projects are donated to local charities.*



# 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



## This Week's Events...

**Thursday, April 27th** -

Milky Way Farms

Book Club

**Tuesday, May 2nd** -

Golden Circle; speaker will

be Dr. Anderson

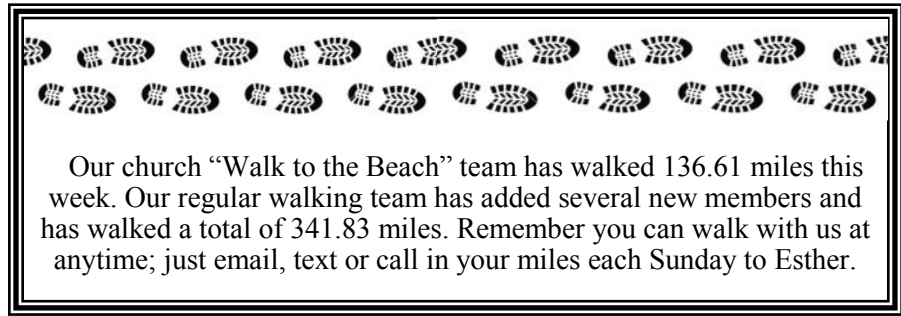
## Happy Birthday!!!

**April 30**  
**Inia Cruise**



## Senior Ministry—Esther J. Sims

**Thought of the Week:** : *Hurriedly make your way into the wilderness, and spend time with your God. (Being Still with God)*



## Coming Events...

*May is Senior Adult Month – look for some surprises!*

**Thursday, May 25th** - Crossville Play: Million Dollar Quartet/Lunch at Cumberland State Park; \$30.00

**Monday-Thursday, August 7th-10th** - Wisdom and Grace Conference, Lake Junaluska; \$350

*We are changing the name of the Senior Adult ministry. There are those who feel a change in name will promote more participation in our adult members. Be thinking about a new name for us. In the near future, we will launch a contest to choose a new name.*

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).

## Youth & Discipleship Ministry—Kris Roberts

Dear Church Family,

I wanted to thank each of you for making me feel so welcomed this past Sunday. Standing on the stage and delivering the liturgy was such a blessing and I am grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve the people of this awesome church! I am now keeping regular office hours and I love company....so come by for a visit if you get the chance.

With a renewed call and vision for the future, my role at the church will be a little different. I will be serving as the Director of Youth and Discipleship which will be similar to my previous role, but I will be overseeing all discipleship opportunities at the church, including Adult Sunday School. I share this because I want our leaders to know that if you need assistance with a class, curriculum suggestions, or whatever, do not hesitate to call me. Also, I will be visiting the adult Sunday School classes each week in an effort to familiarize myself with each class/group. I feel this will great benefit to all of us. Please use me as a helpful resource.

In youth ministry news, we are gearing up for the end of the school year and summer which means it is going to be busy!  
**Here are a few things that are going on:**

**Sunday, April 30th** - Soup and Salad Fundraiser (proceeds go to summer mission trip)

**Sunday, May 7th** - Confirmation Sunday

**Wednesday, May 17th** - Senior Banquet (for families of graduates)

**Sunday, May 21st** - Senior Recognition (all are invited)

**Monday-Saturday, June 19th-24th** - Youth (middle and high school) Mission Trip - SLAM in Nashville, TN

If you are a parent that would like to attend as a chaperone, please contact Kris (we always need female leaders). Cost for SLAM: \$265 for youth and \$133 for adults (includes food, lodging, and mission materials)



## Children's Ministry—Julie Uehlein

Summer will be here before you know it and that means VBS registration is happening now. Please register your child online at [www.cokesburyvbs.com/fumctullahoma](http://www.cokesburyvbs.com/fumctullahoma).

The Halos will sing on Mother's Day (May 14th) at the 11 a.m. service. We are practicing the last 5 minutes of Sunday School in the Pre K classroom.

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.

*Partnering WITH You,  
Miss Julie*



**Sunday, April 30th**

**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***

***May 14th***

*11 a.m. - Halos sing  
for Mother's Day*

***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**

## First Light & Outreach Ministry—Jeff Harrison



Hey everyone,

We are in need of people to help down at the **Henry Center** and **Dossett Chapel**. The Henry Center is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to around 2 p.m. From 10 to noon, we prepare food and other packages, organize and clean, and pass out tickets. From 12 - 2 we see people and provide what we can to meet their needs. Dossett Chapel meets on Wednesday afternoon providing food and an after school program for the children of the Dossett community. If you would like to get involved with either one of these ministries, please let me know. It is a wonderful way to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our community.

*In Christ,  
Jeff*

## Missions Moment—Holt Cason



In the words of Martin Luther King, Jr., "Everyone can be great because everyone can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't even have to make your subject and your verb agree... You only need a heart full of grace...a soul generated by love." Recalling these words reminds us that this is the essence of missions work; serving and helping others.

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.

Our April **Sunday School Challenge** is various size disposable diapers to support the Tullahoma Kiwanis' Diaper Drive. If you are not in a SS class but would like to contribute, the items can be dropped off at the church in the back of 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. May the Holy Spirit touch you with a giving heart to help our neighbor.

*God Bless! Terry Rayfield*



Would you like to receive text messages & emails from the church to keep you in the loop about everything that is going on? Just text the word CHURCH to 931-452-4747 and click on the response. Once your form is filled out, we will begin sending you all the info you'll need. If you don't text or email, please make sure you call the church with a current phone number so we can update our all church phone

## Worship Attendance (Apr. 23rd)

8:00 a.m.	66
First Light	137
11:00 a.m.	107
<b>Total</b>	<b>310</b>
Sunday School	101
Dossett Sunday School	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>127</b>

## Dossett Wednesday (Apr. 19th) 43

## Sunday, April 30th

### Offering Counters

Bill & Charlotte Bethmann

Terry & Dian Rayfield

### Greeters/Welcome Teams

8:00 a.m. Joan Everetts  
Margaret Maddox

9:00 a.m. Kathy Jensen  
Tina Bond

11:00 a.m. Janna Washington  
Ann Smotherman  
Ruth Wilson

## Keeping In Prayers

Caroline McPherson (great niece of Nancy Lawrence)	Forrest Frame Don Bond Joyce Mathis Leon Smith Brooke Mendenhall (cousin of Michelle Anderson)	Billy Roy Murray (Nancy Wright's family) Carolyn Graham (sister of Bob Prater) Anthony Robinson, Scott Dowling & Mary Lundy (family of Wilma Finchum)
Judy Fitch Helen Smith Terry Mathis (brother of Jerry Mathis)	Elise Walker (daughter of LE & Judy Wright)	
Bill Durden (brother of Barbara Prater)		

### Memorials

*Mary Lynn Uselton*  
from

*Jerry & Frances Jones*

*James William Pack*

*Juanita Hunter*

*Margie Cook*

*Calvin Jones*  
from

*Charlotte Hatheway*

*Nancy Washburn*

from

*Bob & Betsy Duling*

*Bill Hobbs*

from

*Jerry & Frances Jones*

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