

The Message—Pastor Paul Purdue

Dear Church Family

As our staff gathered together planning worship, we realized that we have traditionally celebrated Memorial Day, VBS Sunday and Independence Day with unified services. As we discussed our upcoming pastoral transition, we believe that the Farewell service for Pastor Purdue and the Welcome service for Pastor Wade call for unified services. With five unified services from Memorial Day until July 2nd, we decided to adopt a unified model for our early summer, instead of shifting from a unified service to three services and back. After consulting with children and youth leadership, we decided to honor our teachers with a bit of a sabbatical as several holidays, special services, and receptions will fill this season. We invite adult classes to consult together about meeting, but our children and youth classes will take a break. Each week we will provide and post a family devotional aligned with the sermon, inviting families and groups of friends to open the scriptures together. Each Unified Service will begin at 10 a.m., but move between the First Light worship space and the historic sanctuary. Our nursery will be open during all services, as well as during events before or after the service.

It has been my great joy to share the confirmation journey with a fun and bright bunch of young people: *Meredith and Grant Fogle, Mary Grace Graham, Robert Graham, Joanna House, Analiese Roberts, and Ellie Uehlein.* Hold them in your prayers as several will profess faith soon. Let us live into our vows to “surround them with a community of love and forgiveness.”

*Grace & Love,
Pastor Paul*

Upcoming Sermons - services at 8, 9 & 11 a.m.

May 7th - Confirmation Sunday; “Welcoming Saul” *Acts 9*

May 14th - Mother’s Day; “Peter Reaches Out” *Acts 10-11*

May 21st - Senior Sunday; “Listen For Unity” *Acts 15*

“United” - all services will be at 10 a.m.

May 28th - Memorial Day Service in the Historic Sanctuary. If you would like to submit a photo of a loved one to be included in our Memorial Day slideshow, please email those to Mandy at fumc@lighttube.net or you may bring them by the church office to be scanned in, no later than Wednesday, May 24th.

June 4th - Pentecost Service in the Historic Sanctuary

June 11th - VBS Celebration in the FAC Building. Brunch at 9 a.m.

June 18th - Farewell to Pastor Paul in the Historic Sanctuary. Church Potluck at 11 a.m.

June 26th - Welcome the Wades in the FAC Building. Welcoming Reception at 11 a.m.

July 2nd - Independence Day Service. Reverend Rickey Wade preaching in the Historic Sanctuary.

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.functullahoma.com and select “sermons” and “view media player.” From there you may select which sermon you would like to listen to.

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.

May is Older Americans Month



Older Adults, look for this symbol  inside. Be the first one to call the church office Monday, May 8th, with its location and receive a Kroger gift card!

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...

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

Senior Ministry—Esther J. Sims

Thought of the Week: *What you do right after you pray reveals what you truly believe about God. (Being Still with God)*



Did we ever have a wonderful time at Milky Way Farms? The food and service was fantastic. Stop missing the fun and join us for our next outing to Crossville, Tennessee. As always thanks to Holt Cason for being our wonderful safe driver. We love you Holt!

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. Be creative!



Our church "Walk to the Beach" team has walked 193.10 miles this week for a total of 329.71 miles. Our regular walking team has walked a total of 388.81 miles this week. Want to know where we are? I will tell you next week. Remember you can walk with us at anytime just email, text or call in your miles each Sunday to Esther.

Happy Birthday!!!

May 5 Cecilia Loudermilk
5 Suzie Rutley
6 Elwanda Vibbert
6 Lex Hutcheson
9 Bill Bates
11 Joyce Bobo



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

I would like to thank everyone who joined us for lunch this past Sunday! We raised almost \$600 for our summer mission program. Thank you FUMC parents for your contributions, Patrick and Tammy Brown for coordinating the event and my favorite people, our youth for their hard work!

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, May 7th & 14th - Confirming students at the 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. services

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)



The *Encouragers* will meet on Tuesday, May 16th at 12:30 PM. at 122 West Restaurant on East Lincoln Street (previously known as Fast Jacks). Hope to see you if you have lost your spouse at anytime and would like to enjoy fellowship with others in the same situation. We have a great time of food, fun, and fellowship. -Linda Roberts

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.

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.

Your staff is working hard on programming and schedules. Look for more info coming soon!

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, May 7th

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

10 a.m. - Unified VBS Service, Family Activity Center; brunch at 9 a.m.

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,

I want to share with you some of the different opportunities for you to serve at First Light. We always want people to serve in the areas where they are gifted, and we have a wide range of areas to serve.

Currently we need more volunteers for greeting, making coffee and serving with Holy Grounds, we need people to learn tech and audio, and we are always looking for more people to join the worship team.

Training will be provided for all areas. We want you to be involved and get connected so please contact me with any questions or interest.

*In Christ,
Jeff*

Missions Moment—Holt Cason



What is the commonality about these countries? Belize, Dominica, Estonia, Guatemala, Honduras, Latvia, Mexico, Uruguay, Roatan. If you guessed that these are countries where our FUMC VIM teams have worked over the past 25 years you would be correct. Our teams have helped hundreds, if not thousands, of people to have better church facilities, better medical buildings, school buildings where there were none, and in some cases hope for a better tomorrow. With God's help our teams have been the hands and feet of Christ.



Our May **Sunday School Challenge** is new or slightly used toys for children ages 2-10. They may be turned in to your Sunday School class or left in the back of the chapel of the main building. God Bless! -Terry Rayfield

United Methodist Women 3rd Monday meeting will be May 15th at 10:30 a.m. Board Meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. Reservations/Cancellations should be made by noon Thursday, May 11th with Dianne Barksdale, 455-9275. Cost is \$10. Diapers for "Bottom's Up" is our project for month. Looking forward to seeing you! -Toni Overton

FUMC Family, a huge thank you to everyone for supporting a great **Treasures Sale** this weekend. Thanks to your donations, we generated over \$5000.00 for local missions! If you donated items for sale, helped sort and price, worked during the sale, brought us snacks or lunch, helped haul furniture, spent \$\$ at the sale, helped break down and clean up Saturday afternoon, provided moral support, we thank you! -Margaret Savelle



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Worship Attendance (Apr. 30th)

8:00 a.m.	69
First Light	122
11:00 a.m.	99
Total	290
Sunday School	108
Dossett Sunday School	11
Total	119

Dossett Wednesday (Apr. 26th) 52**Sunday, May 7th****Offering Counters**

Jim & Helen McClure
 Kay Crosswy
 Sam DiNicola

Greeters/Welcome Teams

8:00 a.m. Lynn Cason
 Linda Rogers
 9:00 a.m. Brooke & John
 Schmisser
 11:00 a.m. Ann Lester
 Charles Drummond
 Margaret Savelle

Home Communion Teams

Jim & Evelyn Childers
 Josh & Gwyn Diller
 Rusty & Cindy Williamson
 Cathy & Craig Diller
 Jim & Dawn Carter
 Barbara Buckner & Janna Washington

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)		

Laura Orr and her family in the loss of her son **John Orr**.
 Mr. Orr passed away April 27th. Services here at the church
 Wednesday, May 3rd, at 1 p.m. Visitation to follow.

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.

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