

Sunday Morning

10 a.m. Unified Services through July 2nd (no Sunday School)
10:30 a.m. Dossett Chapel Sunday School

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The Message—Pastor Paul Purdue

A theology of farewell:

On June 18th, I will preach for the last time as the pastor of Tullahoma FUMC. As we exchange farewells, I find myself reflecting on what remains after we part.

Life holds infinite worth. A simple cup of cold water lovingly offered to a thirsty child endures into eternity, “never losing its’ reward.” (Matthew 10:42). Faith, hope and love remain forever (1 Corinthians 13:13). One day, Jesus will recall how we fed, clothed, comforted and welcomed those in need (Matthew 25). We make purses that never wear out, an unfailing heavenly treasure, by giving to God and neighbor (Luke:33). Righteous acts endure forever (Psalm 112:9). If our acts of faith, hope, love, justice, mercy, goodness, and righteousness endure into the Life to Come, then any farewell on this earth is not a final parting.

Each holy moment we share remains with God and within us. Friendships rooted in faith, hope, and love continue past goodbye. When we smile remembering a treasured life, the memory bolsters our present, and enters eternity. If we grieve together placing our hope in Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life, we will rejoice together inside the Great Cloud of Witnesses. If we wept together, God will dry our tears while celebrating our grief-born communion. Whenever we lose ourselves in wonder, love and praise, surely heaven sings with us. When we share Jesus’ Words, the lesson rings beyond this age. When we feed, clothe, house, and welcome neighbors, our blessing remains long after the meal, coat, or rent disappears. If God’s Spirit distilled some insight through my words, God’s grace ruminates on within our souls. If you forgave me for too long stories, half-baked plans, texts pushed too far, chickening out, failing to follow up, or some other omission or transgression, then God’s forgiveness reverberates deep within your soul and fed by forgiving, your soul yields greater love. If we laughed at ourselves, accepting God’s acceptance of sinners like us, I think the laugh echoes around Heaven. If we rejoiced together, our joy must mysteriously resonate with the heaven’s unspeakable joy. If we built anything anchored in the rock-solid teachings of Jesus, that construction will survive beyond this life’s storms. Each act of beauty, grace, forgiveness, justice and love transforms us and transcends this life. With each holy moment, God gentle reworks any unloving, unholy, ugly threads within us, weaving into our souls a

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May 28th - Memorial Day Service; Kris Roberts preaching

June 4th - Pentecost Service; John Weaver, MTSU Director of the Wesley Foundation preaching; Youth Soup & Salad fundraiser 11 a.m.

June 11th - VBS Celebration; Brunch at 9 a.m.

June 18th - Farewell to Pastor Paul; Church Potluck at 11 a.m.

June 25th - Welcome the Wades; Welcoming Reception at 11 a.m.

July 2nd - Independence Day Service; Reverend Rickey Wade preaching

Pastor Paul will be on vacation from Friday, May 26th, until Saturday, June 10th. In his absence, different staff members will be available for any pastoral needs that may arise:
Friday, May 26th-Monday, May 29th - Larry Crabtree 931-588-9988
Tuesday, May 30th-Sunday, June 4th - Jeff Harrison 931-434-2373
Monday, June 5th-Wednesday, June 7th - Kris Roberts 931-581-2310
Thursday, June 8th - Saturday, June 10th - Esther Sims 931-607-0752

Ongoing Activities

Wednesdays

- Dossett Chapel, 3:15-5 p.m.
- Adult Discipleship, 6:30-8 p.m.

Thursdays

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

Fridays

- Young Mom’s Group 9-10 a.m., Reception room #111, main building (nursery 9-12)

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

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



Facebook Live Devotions

During our 6-week “United” series, we will have a great opportunity for our church family to join our staff and special guests for some interactive devotionals broadcast live on Facebook! Each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., we simply ask you to go to the church page and watch a live devotional, post your comments and questions and we will answer them live! In our digital culture, we thought this would be a fun change during our 6-weeks of unified services. We hope you will join in on the conversation!



The Church Office will be closed Monday, May 29th, in recognition of **Memorial Day**. We will reopen at 8 a.m. Tuesday morning.

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gracious tapestry that transforms our imperfect earth-bound strivings into unending heavenly stuff. Each holy moment resonates forever: "It does not lose its' reward." Anything born of God can be picked back up right where we left it.

I am deeply thankful for your love, patience, forgiveness, and kindness with me. Let us celebrate all that is good, and entrust all the rest to our gracious and loving Lord. Let us keep striving, for whatever good God has done in our midst remains forever and whatever we did that fell short of love, needs to be forgotten or forgiven! Let us embrace Pastor Wade, looking forward to the holy moments you will share together. Thanks for the honor of pastoring this church.

*Love,
Pastor Paul*

May is Older Americans Month



Older Adults, look for this symbol  inside. Be the first one to call the church office Tuesday, May 30th, with its location and receive a Kroger gift card!



Welcome to our church family!

- Teri Kanan & Jeff Pflieger
- Caroline, Robert, & Mary Grace Graham
- Frank, Paige, & Maggie Lashlee
- Debbie Amos
- Mary Middleton
- Abby & Maggie Lynch



Encourager's group meeting at 122 West last Tuesday, May 16th.

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, May 25th

Crossville Play: Million Dollar Quartet/Lunch at Cumberland State Park; departure 10 a.m.

Happy Birthday!!!

May 24 Steve Hoagland
27 Judy Fitch



Senior Ministry—Esther J. Sims

Thought of the Week: "Commit your works to the Lord, And your thoughts will be established." **Proverbs 16: 3.**

Ruth Rymer was the first caller to call in as spotting the icon for **Older American Month**. She wins a Kroger gift card. Congratulations Mrs. Rymer! It will be delivered this week. The rest of you be on the lookout this week for the icon.

Coming Events...

Contest coming soon. Changing name of the Senior Adult ministry.

Tuesday, June 6th - Golden Circle

Wednesday, June 28th - Mystery Trip; \$15 (lunch included)

Monday-Thursday, August 7th-10th

Wisdom and Grace Conference, Lake Junaluska; \$350; deadline to sign-up is May 28th.



Our church "Walk to the Beach" team has walked 119.48 miles this week for a total of 683.54 miles. Clearwater is still their destination.

Our regular walking team has walked a total of 145.83 miles this week. We are now back in Tullahoma with miles to spare.

Remember our walking adventure will end May 30th. We will look at starting another walk this fall.

*Consider being a part of a mission team to **Sager Brown** in Baldwin, Louisiana. Reservations must be made by June 1st to secure a slot. We would like to have a team of 10-12 people, adults of all ages. Please, please pray about this ministry. Sign-up sheet on Senior Adult Board.*

DOES ANYONE HAVE A CHINA "TEA POT" THEY PLAN TO DISCARD? I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IT FOR AN ART PROJECT. CALL ESTHER AT 455-5434.

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).

Children's Ministry—Julie Uehlein

VBS registration is happening now. Please register your child online at www.cokesburyvbs.com/fumctullahoma.



Sunday, May 28th
Nursery Hours
 8 a.m. - 12 noon

Starting the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend (May 28th) thru July 2nd, we will not meet for Sunday School. Our church will meet as a **"United"** body these Sundays. If your child is interested in helping with our **"United"** services (offering, communion, greeter, etc.), please contact me. Besides the regularly provided Sermon Notes, I am going to offer an activity book the children can work on over the summer. The activities include memory verses, outreach, challenges, etc., *WITH* incentives for completion. Let me know if your child is interested. Sunday School will resume on July 9th. On July 30th, we will have "Promotion Sunday." This is the day the children will move classes according to school age (upcoming kindergarteners will move to be with the K-5 grades and 5th grade will move up to youth). Pre-K will meet in their classroom and then we will transition to the SOUL Lounge. K-5th will start in the SOUL Lounge then 5th will move on to Youth in the FAC Building with Kris. More details to come but it will be an exciting day!!

I would like to hear from you on our Fall programming with suggestions!!

June

5th – 8th VBS, 9 a.m. – noon ages 4 – 5th grade
 11th - 16th Camp Cedar Crest

July

9th Sunday School resumes
 30th Sunday School Promotion Sunday
 30th Church wide pool party, Splash Island (DW Wilson) 6-8 p.m.

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.

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*

Youth & Discipleship Ministry—Kris Roberts

I wanted to thank our senior banquet and senior reception planning teams for their hard work this past week. It is always a blessing to honor our graduates and spend some time reflecting on their journey to graduation. You guys make it possible for that to happen each year...Thank you!



Events in June:

Friday, June 2nd - HS at Duck River Kayak (Bus leaving at 8:30am)
Wednesday, June 7th - MS at Waggoner Park for Cookout & Kickball (5-8pm)
Saturday, June 10th - Saturday of Service (8am-12:30pm)
Wednesday, June 14th - HS swim party at the Kanan's
Monday-Saturday, June 19th-24th - SLAM youth mission trip

Youth Soup & Salad Fundraiser



The Youth will have their final soup & salad fundraiser, before the summer mission trip, on Sunday, June 4th at 11 a.m.. We hope you will come out and join us for great food and lots of fellowship in Davidson Hall.

First Light & Outreach Ministry—Jeff Harrison



I want to encourage all First Light attenders to please come and participate in the Unified services we have coming up. I love being with you all every week, leading worship, singing with you, laughing with you and hearing the gospel message. Come and worship with us as we recognize the service of our military on Memorial Day, see the movement of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, say our good byes to Pastor Paul and family, and welcome Pastor Rickey and his family. All services will be at 10am. Come and worship with us!

*In Christ,
 Jeff*

Missions Moment—Holt Cason



In THE GOODNEWS (our church newsletter) this past week, Esther Sims wrote about an opportunity to participate in a mission trip to Sager Brown in Baldwin, Louisiana. For those that have never been on a VIM trip, this is a great opportunity to live, share and be a part of a great ministry. There is a warning about signing up for mission trips: "they are addictive!" Most people that participate on a mission team will readily agree to go again and again. We encourage you to pray about this opportunity and sign up by June 1st, 2017.

 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

Henry Center Clothes Closet Donations
 Due to limited storage space, we are asking that the clothing you donate be seasonal and current.  Thank you for your continued support of "The Closet."

Worship Attendance (May 21st)

8:00 a.m.	84
First Light	116
11:00 a.m.	157
Total	357
Sunday School	124

Sunday, May 28th

Offering Counters

George & Kathy Jensen
Jan & Mike Dent

Greeters/Welcome Teams

Marquita Masuda
Diane Herron
Bill Bethmann
Ann Smotherman
Janna Washington

During the month of June, the **Strangely Warmed Sunday School** class will meet at 8:45 on Sunday mornings.

Keeping In Prayers

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

LE & Judy Wright in the passing of their daughter **Elise Walker**. Visitation will be Wednesday, May 24th, from 5-7 p.m. at FUMC Springfield, TN. Services will be Thursday, May 25th, at 10 a.m. at FUMC Springfield, TN. Private family burial to follow.

Please remember to keep **Pastor Paul** and **Pastor Rick** and their families in your prayers during this time of transition to their new churches.

Memorials
Nancy Vining
from
Donna Johnson
John Orr
from
Jimmy Lou Smith
Nancy Washburn
from
Katie & Trent McNabb

There will be a reception honoring **Rev. Dr. Lenoir Culbertson** and her service to the Murfreesboro District on Sunday, June 4th, from 2-4 p.m., at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Murfreesboro. A Bible will be presented to Dr. Culbertson, which will be available for guests to highlight a favorite verse and write a note. Monetary gifts may be mailed to: Rev. Martha Touchton, St. Mark's UMC, 1267 N. Rutherford Blvd., Murfreesboro, TN 37130. You may also donate via St. Mark's website, www.stmarkstn.org

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