

The Message—Pastor Rickey Wade

People in Heaven

From time to time I have asked people, “Why do you want to go to heaven?” I know that may seem like a dumb question. Who would not want to go to a place where there is no more sorrow, no more pain, and no more tears? Almost everybody wants to go to heaven!

I ask the question not based on our human desire for an eternal home of peace and bliss. I ask the question from a different point of view. I ask why people would want to go to heaven and spend eternity with the same people we don’t like here on earth. Surely, we are not naïve enough to think that only the people “I” like will go to heaven. I will also add that we are not so naïve as to think that only folks from our church or denomination will go to heaven. I am Methodist but I have no misconceptions that Methodist, Baptist, Lutherans, Episcopalians, Church of Christ, Catholics, or anyone else will have a special place in heaven.

This is a good question, “Why do we think we will get along, not gossip, serve one another, and love one another in heaven when we will not do it now?” Many think that God will simply change us, give us a new spirit, and a new way of thinking, or better yet, God will fix all those other people. This new way will make us care for one another and love one another! The truth is, God is changing us, giving us a new way of thinking, caring, and loving – it is called “being born again,” “being saved,” “being baptized in Christ,” or any number of terms used to express the change that comes in Christ. In other words, God is providing the means for each of us to prepare for heaven – it is called life!

Therefore, we should spend our time here learning to genuinely love and care for others. This means that we should constantly allow the grace of God to transform our spirit such that we give up our quarreling, dissensions, factions, gossiping, manipulation, and scheming. We have time here and now to allow God to change us such that we will be ready for heaven. As such, we will find that all the people in heaven are those we love, not simply because God has somehow miraculously changed them, but rather, God has graciously changed “us.”

*God bless,
Brother Rickey*

Ongoing Activities

Wednesdays

- Dossett Chapel 3:15-5 p.m.
- Instrumental Ensemble 5:30-6:15 p.m.
- Middle School Youth Group 6:30-8 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal 6:30-7:45 p.m.
- High School Youth Disciple I 6:30 p.m.
- Adult Bible Study 6:30-8 p.m.

Thursdays

- Henry Center Food Pantry, Financial Assistance, & Clothes Closet 12-2 p.m.
- Handbells 5:30 p.m.

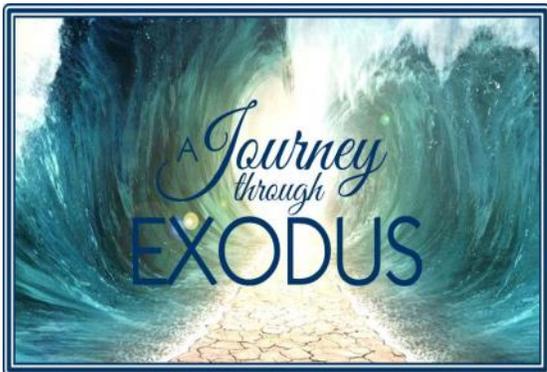
Sundays

- High School Youth Group 5-7 p.m.

Tuesdays

- Henry Center Food Pantry & Financial Assistance 12-2 p.m.
- Boy Scouts 7-8 p.m.

Current Sermon Series



**This Sunday, October 1st:
“The Ten Commandments I”
Exodus 20:8-10a**

Pastor Rickey’s sermons are posted on our website every Sunday, right after the conclusion of the 11 a.m. service. Go to www.fumctullahoma.com select “sermons” and “view media player.” From there you may select the sermon you want to listen to.

Beginning next Wednesday, October 4th



Hey FUMC friends! We understand fall break is coming up and it has been our practice over the years to not have planned programs during that time due to vacations. Over the summer, we experimented with Facebook Live, bringing weekly online devotions and

discussions and found that it was widely successful! It allowed busy folks a time to connect with our church through an interactive experience. We shared scriptures, prayers and discussion through an online platform and had a blast doing it!

Therefore, we would like to invite you to tune in on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. during the month of October as we offer FB Live devotionals featuring staff and special guests discussing a Wesleyan way of living. We will be using “**Three Simple Rules**” and “**Three Simple Questions**” by Rueben P. Job as our resources. We hope to see you on Facebook in October!

Senior VIBES

Ongoing Events...

Adult Art Group

1st & 3rd Fridays
10 a.m. - noon
Art Room, main building



Knitting Group

3rd, 4th, & 5th Tuesdays
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
FAC Bldg., Room #4



Happy Birthday!!!

September 27 LE Wright
28 Karl Rader
October 1 Jeanne Honeycutt
2 Gail Hines

Senior Ministry—Esther J. Sims

Thought of the Week: *“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose.” (Being Still With God)*

Folks, I am not feeling the LOVE for our Hoe Down (Square Dance) on October 14th. (Only two people have signed up and I am one of them!) It was amazing last year with over 60 participants from various churches and communities in our area.

You don't want to miss this time of fellowship, fun, laughter and good food. This event is open to the entire church. Young and Mature Adults are WELCOME.

This Week's Events...

Thursday, September 28th - Tullahoma FUMC Book Club at the home of Monica Skelton, 6:30 p.m.; *“A Twist of Faith”*

Sunday, October 1st - Sager Brown Meeting, 12:30 p.m. in the FAC Building

Tuesday, October 3rd - Golden Circle, 11:30 a.m.; program by Jim House

Coming Events...

Saturday, October 14th - Hoe Down, 5-7:30 p.m. in the FAC Building (*bring your favorite pot of chili, soup or dessert - drinks will be provided*)

Sunday, October 29th - Trunk or Treat - *Support our children!*

Thursday, November 30th - Christmas at Beersheba; cost \$20; deadline for paying is October 15th. *If more people want to go than the 36 that have signed up, just add your name. We will work out transportation later.*

The Senior Adult Ministry in conjunction with the LifeGroup led by Shannon and Larry Dickerson will sponsor the **Annual “Cake Walk” at Truck or Treat**. Please sign-up to bring goodies such as cakes, cookies, pies, brownies, caramel corn, cupcakes etc. for the walk.

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 to give a big shout out to all the people who serve on our worship and tech teams for First Light. They do such a great job every week, week after week, and I want them to know how much I appreciate them. I see or hear lessons on how to run a rehearsal or how to get the most out of volunteer musicians, and when they say something negative, I always think, my people don't do that. My people show up ready, and willing to serve our church. Thank you all for all you do! First Light wouldn't be the same without you!

*In Christ,
Jeff*

Missions Moment—Holt Cason



One of the more meaningful passages in the Bible that reflects Volunteers in Missions comes from Luke 10 where Jesus anointed 72 disciples and told them; “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.” There is always plenty to do and people to witness to throughout the world, but unfortunately, there are too few volunteers to fill the need. Local congregations can help by becoming a supporting church and/or a sending church. Whether our church accepts one or both paths, it begins with prayer for guidance and finances to support the mission.

Sunday School Challenge

The challenge for September & October is new socks and underwear for the Henry Center Clothes Closet. These items are greatly needed. Items can be left in the small chapel or the Hope Sunday School Class in the main building. Thank you for the generous giving and let us continue to serve our neighbors. -Terry Rayfield



Children's Ministry—Julie Uehlein



We have new carpeting and cabinetry in the nursery and it looks fantastic! Big thanks to the Trustees for approving this project.

Can you believe we are already over half way thru September? Here are dates in October to note:

October 1st, 11 a.m. - Meet in SOUL Lounge to carpool to NHC (Cedar Lane) to serve communion...great way for our children to be the Hands and Feet of Christ

October 1st, 4-5:30 p.m. - teamKID; FAC Building; grades K - 5; Bible memorization, gym time, missions opportunities, snack

October 5th, 9:15 a.m. - Leave FAC parking lot for 10 a.m. hayride at Granddaddy's Farm; church van NOT provided; bring money for concessions and market; entrance fee covered

October 15th - Tentative date Halos Choir will begin; will meet the last 5 minutes of Pre-K Sunday School

***October 29th** - Children and Youth Sunday; 10 a.m. SOUL Lounge; Camp Cedar Crest rep to discuss Summer camp (hope to have our summer dates then); This is for parents and children

October 29th, 4-6 p.m. - Trunk or Treat

***Children and Youth Sunday** - The following positions are available; please let me know if your child is interested:

9 a.m. First Light Service - 1 child to help serve communion, 1 child to do the offering prayer

11 a.m. Traditional Service - 1 child to do welcome and announcements, 1 child to do the opening prayer, 1 child to do scripture reading

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*



Sunday, October 1st

Nursery Hours - 7:45 a.m. - 12 noon

Sunday School - 10 a.m. (Main bldg., 2nd floor)

Children's Church - 11 a.m. service

Save the Date - November

Wednesday, November 1st

Dossett Chapel for Missions, 3-4 p.m.

Saturday, November 4th

Saturday of Service, Henry Center, 10 a.m.-noon

Sunday, November 5th

Painted House, paintings given to the elderly and shut-ins; no charge; must sign-up on bulletin board; 1:30-3 p.m.

Sunday, November 5th

teamKID; FAC Building; grades K-5; Bible memorization, gym time, missions opportunities, snack; 4-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 8th

Dossett Chapel for Missions, 3-4 p.m.

Wednesday, November 15th

Dossett Chapel for Missions, 3-4 p.m.

Sunday, November 26th

Churchwide day of service - more info to come

Youth & Discipleship Ministry—Kris Roberts

YOUTH



I recently returned from my annual youth worker training event called the Refuel Retreat, which was possibly the best conference I have ever attended.

Registration was intentionally kept to a small number of people in order for some focus work around the idea of discipleship when students are "too busy." I was able to bring back a wealth of knowledge and strategies for continued training with our youth ministry volunteers. Please be in prayer for our ministry to youth and their families. We live in a culture that does not value the importance of faith and we are trying to lead the way to living counter-culturally in order to make our relationship with God the top priority in our lives!

COMING IN OCTOBER!

Saturday, October 28th - Youth Hay Ride and Bonfire

Please note that MS and HS youth groups will not meet during TCS Fall Break

Discipleship

Do you have a desire to connect with others



who are wanting to grow in their faith? We have an opportunity to do just that through our LIFEgroup ministry! Each week people from FUMC meet in homes all over Tullahoma and Estill Springs for good food, conversation around the Sermon, and a time of prayer. If you have not joined a LIFEgroup, please contact Kris Roberts for more information at 931-581-2310.

World Communion Sunday, October 1st - A Churchwide Special Sunday of the United Methodist Church

Donations to World Communion Sunday fund graduate racial-ethnic World Communion Scholarships, with at least one-half of the annual amount reserved for ministries beyond the United States. They also provide for U.S. Ethnic Scholarship and Ethnic In-Service Training programs. An envelope will be included in your bulletin for your convenience.

**Worship Attendance-
September 24th**

8 a.m.	70
First Light	115
11 a.m.	135
Total	320
Sunday School	26
Dossett Sunday School	116
Total Sunday School	142

**Sunday, October 1st
Offering Counters**

George & Kathy Jensen
Steve & Julia Mayes

Greeters/Welcome Teams

8:00 a.m. Diane Herron
Bertha Bates

9:00 a.m. Dickerson Family

11:00 a.m. Walt Wasilewski
Jean Baker
Rosemary Crabtree

Home Communion Teams

Gail Hines & Mary Etta Ward
Bill & Charlotte Bethmann
Bob & Dianne Barksdale
Paige & Jerry Lashlee
Jim & Evelyn Childers
Julie Uehlein & Children's Dept.

Keeping In Prayers

Sara McClure (mother of Jim McClure)	Dewitt Cox Ed Horton Gloria Pless Leon Smith Forrest Frame Helen Smith Summer Grace Andrews (granddaughter of Elsa Andrews)	Ron Harrison (cousin of Bryan Fogle) Brooke Mendenhall (cousin of Michelle Anderson) Billy Roy Murray (Nancy Wright's family) Anthony Robinson, Scott Dowling & Mary Lundy (family of Wilma Finchum)
Robert Breezley Paschall Massengill Mary Alice Hollinshead Myra Nelson (sister of Nancy Wright & Ruth Rymer)		
Carolyn Graham (sister of Bob Prater)	Andrews) Fitch	



Dossett Chapel Fall Festival
Wednesday, October 25th
3:15-5:00 p.m.

**United Methodist Women
Nut Sale**



Fall pecan sales have arrived!
Beginning this Sunday, September 24th,
UMW will begin taking orders for
pecans. Look for us in the hallway near
the nursery. Orders will be taken
through Sunday, October 15th. Please
be prepared to pay when ordering. If
you are willing to canvas for orders,
forms may be picked up on Sunday.
Contact Margaret Savelle, 454-0718, for
more information.

Trunk or Treat 2017



We are now collecting
candy for Trunk or
Treat. You may drop
off candy in the orange
container located outside the
church office in the main
building, or in the Family
Activity Center. If you would
like help in any way with Trunk
or Treat on Sunday, October
29th, please contact Julie
Uehlein at 581-8320. Last year
we had over 700 people from our
community in attend-
ance. This year's
event will take many
hands of all ages.



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