

Sunday Morning

8 a.m. Worship Service—Traditional in Sanctuary
 9 a.m. Worship Service—Contemporary in Family Activity Center
 10 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Dossett Chapel Sunday School
 11 a.m. Worship Service—Traditional w/Children’s Church in Sanctuary

October 4th, 2017

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The Message—Pastor Rickey Wade

Good Kindling

A preacher of 125 years ago, by the name of Sam Jones use to say that our ways can be compared to a small child sent to the woodpile to get kindling for the cook stove. This is obviously a dated illustration. Nonetheless, the firebox on a stove is small. Therefore, the kindling needed must be hand selected. The idea behind Mr. Jones’ illustration was this: A child going to the woodpile in search of kindling would begin to load her arm with select pieces. However, as her arm got full, she may see a better piece. Not being able to carry the additional piece, she would remove a less desirable piece to make room for the better one. Reverend Jones says this process of laying aside the poor piece and taking up the best piece would continue until the child was sure she had the best kindling for her mother.

We are very much like the child who goes to the woodpile. As each of us moves through life we collect ways (of living) much like that child collected kindling. If we are wise and particular about our ways we examine them closely. As time goes on we find that some ways are more favorable and more profitable than others. Much like the child, we then take up some ways and lay aside others. A good example of such may be the teenage boy who likes to “burn rubber” as he takes off in his car. Rarely does one see an old man do such a thing. The old man has taken up some ways and laid aside others. The reasons for doing so can be many, but it could be that the old man buys his own tires.

In the Gospel of Saint Matthew Jesus says, “Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. For the gate is small, and the way in narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it” (7:13-14). According to Jesus, the way we live our life does matter, and just any way (a broad way) will not do. Therefore, we must choose our ways carefully, and carry back to our Father in heaven only the very best!

*God bless,
Brother Rickey*

Ongoing Activities

Please note: over Fall Break (October 2nd-13th) there will be no Youth activities, no Dossett activities, no Instrumental Ensemble rehearsal, and the Henry Center will be closed

Wednesdays


- Choir Rehearsal 6:30-7:45 p.m.
- Adult Bible Study 6:30-8 p.m.

Thursdays

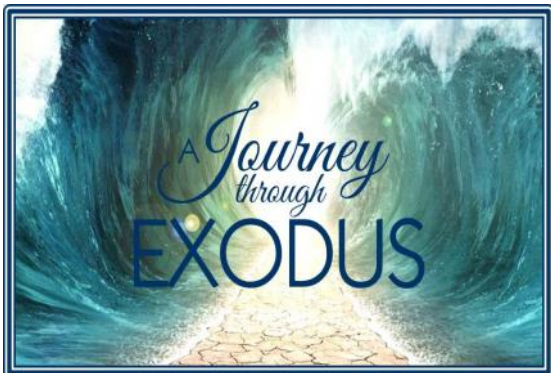
- Handbells 5:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

- Boy Scouts 7-8 p.m.

Congratulations!
 On Saturday, September 30th, **Nathan Michael Gordon** was born to Stephen & Meghan (Bates) Gordon. Proud grandparents are Clare & Bill Bates.

Current Sermon Series



**This Sunday, October 8th:
“The Ten Commandments II”
Exodus 20:1-17**

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 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!

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!!!

October 8 Mary Etta Ward

Senior Ministry—Esther J. Sims

Thought of the Week: *“Waiting is a challenge; ask God to help you be patient.”*

*Our **Hoe Down (Square Dance)** is October 14th. I have sent out invitations to twelve different churches in the area. Come and Enjoy!*

This Week's Events...

Spend this week getting ready for all the fun and activities that's in store for the rest of the month!

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!*

Sunday, November 26th - Sunday of Service (this will be soo good! Get ready to sign-up and take part in this ministry)

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.*

Don't forget the **“Cake Walk”** at **Trunk or Treat**. Please sign up to bring goodie such as cakes, cookies, pies, brownies, caramel corn, cupcakes etc. for the walk. Items can be brought to the FAC Building anytime on Sunday, October 29th before or after each service until 3 p.m. that afternoon.

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).

Missions Moment—Holt Cason



We often think of Volunteers in Mission work as going to a foreign country to work, but in truth, VIM work is alive and well in the USA. For example, following the recent damage by hurricanes, churches have donated funds, built cleaning supply buckets (including our church), and prayed for those affected. VIM work does not have to be expansive, expensive, or foreign. It is involvement with others that need our help.

Sunday School Challenge

The challenge for 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



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 attendance. This year's event will take many hands of all ages.



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 in the church office. Contact Margaret Savelle, 454-0718, for more information.



Children's Ministry—Julie Uehlein



On Sunday we enjoyed traveling to NHC to serve home communion, it was such a blessing to witness our children being the Hands and Feet of Christ!



We also met for teamKID on Sunday. I am so proud of these kiddos and their memorization of Bible verses. A big thanks to those who helped!

Here are dates in October to note:

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

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**



Sunday, October 8th

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 **CANCELLED**; please watch for details for our Churchwide Sunday of Service on November 26th

Sunday, November 5th - Painted House, paintings given to the elderly and shut-ins; no charge; sign-up on bulletin board; 1:30-3 p.m.

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

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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

What We're Teaching (Youth Groups)

WHO AM I?: A SERIES ON IDENTITY

We all want to know who we are — what we're good at, what we're not-so-good at, what makes us unique, and why we matter. Unfortunately, we spend a lot of time (especially as teenagers) creating identities based on all the wrong things. In this 4-week series, we will discover that they will never fully understand who they were created to be unless we understand God's grand design. He's a God who knows us, who gives us a place to belong, who helps us understand ourselves, and who helps us become everything He has created us to be.



COMING IN OCTOBER!

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

Saturday, October 28th - Youth Hay Ride and Bonfire

Sunday, October 29th - Next Gen Sunday; 8, 9, & 11 a.m. services with a children/youth summer camp promo at 10 a.m.

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

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.





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

The **Henry Center** currently needs more plastic bags for providing groceries to our neighbors in need. You can bring them to main building and leave them in the back of the chapel. Thank you for your help!



Worship Attendance-

October 1st

8 a.m.	58
First Light	107
11 a.m.	147
Total	312
Sunday School	97
Dossett Sunday School	7
Total Sunday School	104
Dossett Wednesday	45

Sunday, October 8th

Offering Counters

Bob & Dianne Barksdale
Jan & Mike Dent

Greeters/Welcome Teams

8:00 a.m.	Fuffy Bearden Ross Roepke
9:00 a.m.	Gomez Family
11:00 a.m.	Bill Bethmann Cathy Diller Kay Crosswy

Keeping In Prayers

Sara McClure (mother of Jim McClure)	Gloria Pless Leon Smith	Ron Harrison (cousin of Bryan Fogle)
Robert Breezley	Forrest Frame	Billy Roy Murray
Paschall Massengill	Summer Grace Andrews (granddaughter of Elsa Andrews)	(Nancy Wright's family)
Carolyn Graham (sister of Bob Prater)	Judy Fitch	Anthony Robinson, Scott Dowling & Mary Lundy (family of Wilma Finchum)
Ed Horton		



Music Ministry News

Beginning October 22nd, you will see some new faces on our Sanctuary Music team. We are pleased to announce Adam Womack as our Choir Director and Chris Blondin as our Organist/Accompanist. Doug Clark will remain our Instrumental/Handbell Director. Be sure to take a moment to welcome Adam and Chris to our staff.



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. You may also sign-up to receive texts from specific areas of ministry. For our Youth Ministry, text YOUTH; for our Children's Ministry text CHILDREN. Once your form is filled out, we will begin sending you all the info you'll need.

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