

**The Message—Pastor Rickey Wade**

**A Full Bucket**

When I was a small child our family milked a few cows. We milked by hand and would strain the milk into ten gallon milk cans. The cans then had to be transported to the milk cooler by the roadside. Every other day a truck from the milk plant in Pulaski came by to pick up our milk. Some folks call such a time the “good ole days,” but maybe those folks have forgotten what it was like to milk by hand in the freezing cold!

Nonetheless, I remember longing for the day when I would be strong enough to handle a full can of milk. Ten gallons of milk is heavy, especially for a small boy. Therefore, my job was to retrieve the empty cans left on the milkstand by the milk company. Just the same, the man on the milk truck fascinated me. He could reach out with one hand and lift a full can onto the truck. I remember thinking he must be one of the strongest men around.

I guess it did not occur to me then, but the milkman had more capacity for work than did I. He was bigger, stronger, and more experienced. Thinking back, the milking was also the same. Daddy had a big bucket he used for milking and I had a smaller one. I guess the smaller bucket was easier for me to handle. But one thing I remember was that Daddy and I would race to fill our buckets. He would challenge me to fill my bucket in the same amount of time it took him to fill his. Admittedly, he sometimes let me win. But in the end my bucket was full and so was Daddy’s. And, you know what, full is full, whether it is a two gallon bucket or a one gallon bucket – full is full.

I think this is the idea Jesus had in mind when he says in Matthew 5:48, “Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” I imagine that this verse has troubled a great many people. How are we as finite beings to be perfect as the infinite God is perfect – it cannot be done. Jesus means we are to be perfect in relation to capacity and not quantity. As noted, a one gallon bucket can be perfectly full just as a two gallon bucket can be perfectly full. In this sense, each is perfect in capacity, but differing in quantity. We are to be perfect in relation to our human capacity for goodness and righteousness. In so doing we meet the intent of Jesus’ command for perfection. We cannot be holy and perfect in quantity as God is holy and perfect, but we can be everything God created us to be.

*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.

**Thursdays**

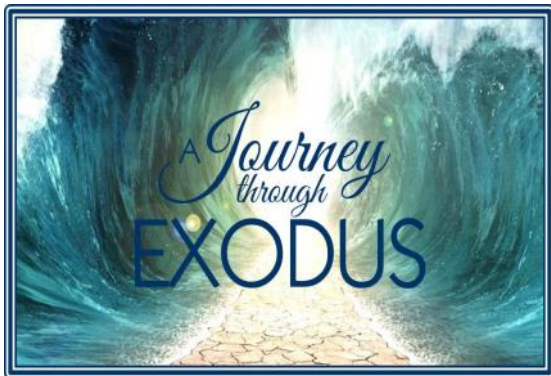
- Handbells 5:30 p.m.

**Tuesdays**

- Boy Scouts 7-8 p.m.

*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](http://www.fumctullahoma.com), select “sermons” and “view media player.” From there you may select the sermon you want to listen to.*

**Current Sermon Series**



**This Sunday, October 15th:**  
*“A God Who Struggles” Exodus 17:1-7*

**Wednesdays in October**

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. This allows busy folks a time to connect with our church through an interactive experience. We share scriptures, prayers and discussion through an online platform and have a blast doing it! We hope to see you on Facebook in October!



**First Light & Outreach Ministry—Jeff Harrison**



Hey Everyone,

It was a blessing to be away and attend my sister's wedding in MD last week. Thank you all for your well-wishes and prayers as we traveled. Thank you also to all of our volunteers led by John Cook for filling in while I was away. I am in need of volunteers for our First Light service who are willing to pray with people after the service. I'm positive this is needed as we care for one another through our worship times. If you are interested, would you please contact me. It would be on a monthly rotation and would be on Sunday morning immediately following the First Light service.

# Senior VIBES

## Ongoing Events...

### Adult Art Group

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



## Senior Ministry—Esther J. Sims

**Thought of the Week:** *“Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be will be complete.” John 16:14*

### This Week's Events...

**Saturday, October 14th** - Hoe Down, 5-7:30 p.m. in the FAC Building

### Coming Events...

**Sunday, October 29th**

Trunk or Treat

**Sunday, November 26th**

Sunday of Service

**Thursday, November 30th**

Christmas at Beersheba;  
cost \$20; deadline for  
paying is October 15th.

## Happy Birthday!!!

**October 15** Martha Ervin  
**17** Lou Ann Mitchell  
**19** Joanne Seiber  
**19** Donna Johnson  
**21** Barry Bishop  
**22** Charlotte Bethmann



Don't forget the **“Cake Walk”** at **Trunk or Treat**. Please sign-up to bring goodies 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



Our church has responded to the Volunteers in Mission program for over 25 years since the first missionary, Jack Breed, paved the way. Over the years we have sent VIM people to numerous places around the world. There is always a need somewhere. We are planning to complete a medical center in Guatemala this coming February, but around \$8,300 funds are needed for this project. Please help by making a contribution to GUATEMALA VIM 2018.

### Sunday School Challenge



The challenge for 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.



### United Methodist Women 3rd Monday

Our monthly meeting will be held October 18th, at 10:30 am. Board members will be the hostesses and are asked to be at FAC building at 9 a.m. for set up. Our speakers are Stephen and Michelle George, and the program is on living with Bi-Polar disorder. Our October donation is toothbrushes and toothpaste for the Henry Center. Looking forward to seeing you!

### United Methodist Women Nut Sale

Fall pecan sales have arrived! UMW is currently 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.

\*\*\* LOOKING AHEAD \*\*\*

### United Methodist Women and Youth Food Fair

Tulahoma FUMC Women and Youth will have a “Food Fair Booth” at the annual Tulahoma Kiwanis Kraft Show. Dates are

Friday, November 17th (United Methodist Women) and Saturday, November 18th (Youth), in our FAC Building. More information will be in upcoming newsletters.



**Joyce and Hal Bridges** joined our church at the 11 a.m. service last Sunday, October 8th.

**Welcome to our church family!**

# Children's Ministry—Julie Uehlein



Here are dates in **October** to note:

- 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

**Sunday, October 15th**

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

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



**Children's Church** - 11 a.m. service

*\*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 read scripture*

**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.

**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

*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*

# Youth & Discipleship Ministry—Kris Roberts

## YOUTH



*What We're Teaching (Sunday School)*

**Old Testament: Pursuing God's Best**  
The month of October we will be studying passages from 1 & 2 Samuel, Kings and Chronicles. Join us as we discover God's plan for the best life!

**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.

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Sundays**

- Worship 8, 9, & 11 a.m.
- Sunday School 10 a.m.
- HS Youth 5 p.m. - Coffee/Topical Discussion/Dinner

**Wednesdays**

- MS Youth 6-8 p.m. - Snack Supper / Topical Discussion / Planned Activities (Gym)
- Disciple Bible Study 6-8 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**

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!

**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.





## Worship Attendance-

### October 8th

8 a.m.	67
First Light	121
11 a.m.	91
<b>Total</b>	<b>279</b>
Sunday School	73
Dossett Sunday School	8
<b>Total Sunday School</b>	<b>81</b>

### Sunday, October 15th

#### Offering Counters

Jim & Helen McClure  
Rush & Belinda Bricken

#### Greeters/Welcome Teams

8:00 a.m.	John & Lisa Wright
9:00 a.m.	Butler Family
11:00 a.m.	Ann Lester Sandy Lindeman Beverly Lindsay

## Keeping In Prayers

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

*Jim McClure* and his family in the loss of his mother *Sara McClure*. Mrs. McClure passed away last Thursday, October 5th. Services were held Saturday, October 7th, in Commerce, GA.

*Our Encouragers Group will meet this coming Tuesday, October 17th, at Ruby Tuesday's at 12:30 p.m.. Encouragers is a support group for anyone who has lost their spouse and wants to share a meal and fellowship with others on the same journey.*



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.

## **Connect**

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