

**The Message—Pastor Rickey Wade**

Friends,  
We are facing some trying times in our nation. Racism, along with the fear and violence it brings, is upon us. This coming weekend, a collection of white supremacists, under the banner of the National Front, plan on protesting in Shelbyville and Murfreesboro. The National Front is made up of several hate groups including (but not limited to) the National Socialist Movement, Traditionalist Worker Party, League of the South, White Lives Matter, and Vanguard America. Their stated purpose is to protest refugee resettlement, and the removal of Civil War monuments. These are some of the same groups that led to the atrocities in Charlottesville, Va. Their protest is planned in Shelbyville on October 28, 2017 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with protests following in Murfreesboro later that afternoon.

I am asking that we all be in prayer for our community, but also for our nation. As a people, we are becoming more polarized. We are not one nation united, but a nation divided. As the Lord Jesus Christ said, and Abraham Lincoln echoed, a house divided will not stand (Mark 3:25). We are not divided simply because we disagree, we are divided because we are willing to demonize, harm, and even kill those that oppose our view. Therefore, we need prayer. Hopefully, we can pray that our trust will be in God, and that we need not harm those unlike ourselves. For this reason, I will be attending a prayer vigil at Shelbyville First UMC on Friday, October 27th, 2017 at Noon (note the date and time change from that in our Bishop’s letter). I will take our church van and leave Tullahoma First at 11:30 a.m. Anyone wishing to go with me is welcome to do so.

Finally, I am angered by those who dehumanize others based on ethnicity, gender, age, or any such attribute. I am also angered by those who believe it appropriate to harm another simply because that person holds racist views. Genuine Christian love is very hard because it compels us to, “Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. . . Do not repay anyone evil for evil, . . . No, if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; . . . Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good” (Romans 12:14-21, selected). For this reason, I disagree with counter-protest. The racists coming to our community are doing so in large part to garner attention. A counter-protest has the real potential for confrontation, and possibly violence. To this end, any such counter-protest serves to give the attention the racists crave. If we stay away, ignore them if you will, we deprive them of attention while at the same time responding with peace to their hate. A protest that stirs up little, attracts little attention, and fades away as it came, is not newsworthy. A lack of attention to the racists’ protest will do little for their cause, greatly enhance the effectiveness of our brave men and women in law enforcement, and speak volumes about our resolve by refusing to participate in their agenda. Besides, one never knows, God may smile on us with a good cold rain on Saturday – we could use one; that might be worth praying about. 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 6-8 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.

**Fridays**

- Young Mom’s Group, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Reception Room #111, main bldg.

**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.

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



**\*\*\*Sunday, October 29th\*\*\***

Join us this Sunday for our *Next Gen Sunday*. Our worship services on this day will serve to highlight our ministries with our children and youth. FUMC children and youth will serve as musicians, liturgists, greeters, and more! Our guest speaker at all 3 services will be Russell Casteel, Director of Cedar Crest Camp.

**FUMC Children, Youth, and Parents: Join us in the SOUL Lounge at 10 a.m. for a summer camp preview and our announcements of camp dates for 2018!**




**Trunk or Treat**  
**Oct 29th 4-6 p.m.**  
FAC Parking Lot



This Sunday we will take up our 5th Sunday offering for *Partners for Healing*. Partners provides primary health care for the working uninsured in Coffee, Moore & Franklin Counties, and has had a long standing partnership with our church.



# 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



### Quilting Group

Thursdays  
10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Davidson Hall



## Senior Ministry—Esther J. Sims

**Thought of the Week:** *“Abiding with God and experiencing joy are synonymous.”  
(Being Still With God)*

The *“Cake Walk”* for *Truck or Treat* is on !!!!! Please package cookies, cupcakes, brownies, etc. in batches of six. Also, Please use dishes you don't want returned. Items can be brought to the FAC Building anytime on Sunday, October 29th before or after each service, until 3 p.m. that afternoon.

### This Week's Events...

Thursday, October 26th - Book Club  
Sunday, October 29th - Trunk or Treat

### Coming Events...

Sunday, November 5th - All Saints' Sunday  
Tuesday, November 7th - Golden Circle  
Sunday, November 26th - Sunday of Service  
Thursday, November 30th - Christmas at Beersheba

## Happy Birthday!!!

October 26 Larry Dean  
26 Ruth Rymer  
27 Nancy Thompson  
29 Frances Jones  
30 Carol Vacek  
31 Doug Moore



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,

It's still a month away, but I want you all to know, there will be no First Light on November 26th. The reason being, we are having the gym floors stripped and waxed and it's a big job and will take time to be done right! Thank you to the trustees for taking care of our buildings and worship spaces. Because we will be unable to meet in the gym, the church will have a church-wide Sunday of Service that Sunday. If you are not traveling that Sunday, please consider being a part of that day with us. There will be activities for all ages and skill sets. I look forward to serving with you!

## Missions Moment—Holt Cason



The only exposure to religion that the children of Liepa, Latvia have is through our Connecting Congregational church. They have little knowledge of the love of Jesus Christ or his

redeeming grace except through the only church in the area. While the situation may seem hopeless, the church in Liepa has reached out to the community to start an after-school program during the week and Sunday school classes on Sunday. Through these programs, the children can learn about God, have at least one meal a day and see that someone cares. Our missions program is working.

## Sunday of Service

### November 26th

**Unified Service 9:30 a.m.**  
Sanctuary

**Service Opportunities**  
from 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Celebration Dinner at 4:30 p.m.**  
Davidson Hall

Sign Up on Sundays during November



**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.



## Children's Ministry—Julie Uehlein

This Sunday, October 29th, will be a great day for our Children's Ministry. The following are happening and we hope you all will join us:

**Next Gen:** This is our version of Children's Sabbath. You will see children participating in all services.

**Cedar Crest Camp meeting:** Are you interested in your child attending summer camp? Meet us in The SOUL Lounge on the 29th at 10 a.m. for info and summer dates.

**Painted House sign-up:** If your child is painting on November 5th, please sign up by October 29th.

**Trunk or Treat:** 4- 6 p.m. I cannot wait to see all of our kiddos dressed up!

### Save the Date - November

**Wednesday, November 1st** - Dossett Chapel for Missions, 3-4 p.m.

**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



*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 29th**

**Nursery Hours**

7:45 a.m. - 12 noon

**Sunday School**

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

**Children's Church**

11 a.m. service

### **2016 Trunk or Treat**

*Last year we had over 700 people from our community in attendance. Come out this year and join the fun!*

## 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!

**Saturday, October 28th** - Granddaddy's Farm, weather permitting

**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.

**Sunday, October 29th** - HS to Haunted Woods, Spring Hill

### 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.





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

**United Methodist Women and Youth Food Fair**

Tullahoma FUMC Women and



Youth will have a "Food Fair Booth" at the annual Tullahoma 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.

### Church Leadership

In preparation for this year's Charge Conference in December, we have begun looking at the different roles to be filled within the Church. Please check the bulletin board outside of the finance office for a list of the committees and who's currently serving. We greatly appreciate your service to the Church in the past year. If you served on a committee this year and do not feel you will be able to continue serving please contact Pastor Rick.

If you ordered *pecans* from the United Methodist Women, they will be available for pick-up this Sunday, October 29th, in Davidson Hall.

## Worship Attendance-

### October 22nd

8 a.m.	56
First Light	149
11 a.m.	117
<b>Total</b>	<b>322</b>
Sunday School	147
Dossett Sunday School	9
<b>Total Sunday School</b>	<b>156</b>

### Sunday, October 29th

#### Offering Counters

Bill & Charlotte Bethmann  
Steve & Julia Mayes

#### Greeters/Welcome Teams

8:00 a.m.	Joan Everetts Margaret Maddox
9:00 a.m.	Special Greeters for Next Gen Sunday
11:00 a.m.	Ann Smotherman Mark & Susan Russell

## Keeping In Prayers

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

### ***Griefshare - Surviving the Holidays***

Saturday, November 4th  
10 a.m. in Davidson Hall

As we begin to think about the holidays, those of us who have lost a loved one and are grieving are unsure how to face the holiday season. This program is designed to provide a comfortable environment to help with this issue. There will be a video with small group discussion, and refreshments. Kay Crosswy, Linda Roberts, and Beverly Lindsay will be facilitating. We are asking that you call the church office at 455-5434 if you will be attending (requested but not required).

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### ***Memorials***

#### ***Sara McClure***

*from*  
Wed. Morning Bible Study  
Ann Cunningham  
Bill & Charlotte Bethmann  
Bob & Barbara Prater  
WC & Jane Anne Driver  
Gerald & Billie Gillis  
Charlotte Hatheway  
Thomas & Arey Jean Barton

#### ***Wendy Surratt***

*from*  
WC & Jane Anne Driver

#### ***Janice Quick***

*from*  
Bill & Charlotte Bethmann

## **Connect**

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