

The McKendree Vine

November 2012



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United Methodist Church

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Upcoming Events for November

Vow, it's November already -- the year seems to be flying by! Here's what's coming up:

Youth Downtown Outreach This Sunday the youth will be packing and handing out lunches after church. At 11a we will meet downstairs in the kitchen to pack up the bags with sandwiches, water, personal items, etc. We will then walk around downtown together and hand them out to people who want them. We will also be praying with people along the way. This is going to be an awesome experience that the youth came up with as we look forward to Thanksgiving! We will not have youth group Sunday Night because of our lunch project. If anyone would like to help contribute to these bags please email Jacob at mckendreejacob@gmail.com.

United Methodist Women will meet on Saturday, November 17th at 10:00 am in the Community Room at the church for our November meeting. Martha Barr has the program entitled "Peace As Action."

Operation Christmas Child is an international movement to assist children with gifts at Christmas. Pack a shoebox of gifts - small toys, school supplies, hygiene items, etc. Tag the outside of your box to show whether it is for a boy or girl, and the child's age: 2-4 years, 5-9, or 10-14. You may use a standard shoebox or any container about that size. Bring your filled boxes to McKendree! Sunday the 18th is the absolute last day to get this to us!

McKendree Charge Conference, Monday, November 19

This is McKendree's annual "Wellness Report." Come hear how our church is doing. We will have Presentation of Ministry Reports, as well as our Goals, Budgets and Ministry Teams for next year. We are meeting at 5:30 pm in the first floor chapel. We encourage everyone to attend!

It was Quite a Week! From Saturday, October 27 to Thursday, November 1, we had three big events for our McKendree family.

Fall Festival was a great success! McKendree Church partnered with Clark Memorial UMC for our children's Fall festival on Saturday, October 27. We had about 100 people in attendance with 40-50 children. **Gerry Schmutz** and her team won the McKendree Best Trunk Trophy, for decorating her car trunk as Noah's Ark! The winner from Clark Memorial UMC had a trunk decorated as Cookie Monster. The children enjoyed games like Dangling Donuts, Putt Putt Pumpkin, and Mystery Bowls. A big "Thank You" to **Shelley Handy, Heather Marshall and all the Children's Team** for your hard work in planning and coordinating this event. Plans are already underway for next year's event, so you can start thinking now about how to decorate your cars for the next Fall Fest.

Homecoming 225th Anniversary Celebration was Sunday, October 28th.

Homecoming was a great day of coming together to worship. We were blessed to have **Harriett Olson**, the Deputy General Secretary of the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Missions, as our special speaker. Harriett is a familiar face to many McKendree members, because before she moved to New York to take her current position, she lived in Nashville and was a member here at McKendree. It was great to welcome her back! Harriett's sermon on "Jesus is Calling for You" (taken from Mark chapter 10) was a stirring reminder of God's call and desire for our lives.

We were humbled to receive several recognitions and proclamations from the Office of the Mayor, Metro Council and from the U.S. Congress.

Following our worship, we went to the Rooftop of the Christian Life Center for the unveiling of our Tree Mural (on the back wall of the stage). Artist **Beth Inghish** initiated this project, assisted greatly by our own artist **Buford Winfrey**, and many people from the McKendree family and the downtown community. We also had 25 additional art pieces on display as part of our **GenerARTsity Showcase**.

Of course, it wouldn't be a proper Southern Homecoming without food, and we had plenty of delicious goodies! We served some food on the rooftop and much more in our Fellowship Hall.

A Souvenir Journal was printed for the occasion, which included the order of worship, the history of the church (with a listing of 225 years of pastors!) and notes from individuals and companies in the McKendree family and in our community. Extra journals were printed, so if you were not able to be here and would like one, please call the church office.

It was a great day, and we wish to thank **Brenda Harlan, Tony Peterson, and Kevin Sparkman** for their work on the journal, **Penny Hooper** for coordinating the reception, **Susan Elliott** for her help also with the reception, **Valerie King** for handling communications and **Anthony Mangin, Joanne Knorr and the Worship Team** for putting the service and GenerARTsity Showcase together. Thank you to everyone who helped make this day possible! And a special thank you to everyone who came and worshiped and celebrated with us!

Hymns for Hunger

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On November 1st, McKendree UMC had the opportunity to participate as the Nashville tour stop for 12-time Dove Award Winner, **Cindy Morgan**, and critically acclaimed artist **Andrew Greer**. Joining these two were special guests **The McCrary Sisters**, whom many will know from albums and tour dates with Bob Dylan, Donnie McClurkin, Yolanda Adams, Elvis, Stevie Wonder, Johnny Cash, and many more.

Starting at 5:30pm the doors to McKendree were open as guests could enjoy Latin food from Nashville's Latin Wagon food truck and enjoy handcrafted coffee from Beve Mobile Coffee LLC. Admission to the concert was only one canned food or non-perishable item. In total, McKendree collected over 290 food items for our food pantry which serves the lowtowntown homeless and displaced community.

The concert took place a few minutes after 7pm when Cindy, Andrew, and the McCrary's shared microphone time and songs they had written, as well as classic hymns that many of us grew up singing. For many, the highlight of the evening was the invitation for one homeless man, Maurice "Piano Man," to come and play the classic hymn *Amazing Grace*. Hearing Maurice play the piano in a very Ray Charles-esque way filled the audience with incredible joy as this man was given the opportunity to share his gift, where many would have overlooked him. This performance also received the only standing ovation of the evening.

In total, this event blessed the McKendree family and we'll certainly do more events of this nature in the future.

>>> MCKENDREE CHURCH FAMILY NEWS <<<

Prayer Concerns

Rex Callaway, Jordan's dad

Marvine Vannauker, Joanne Knorr's mother

Patsey Winfrey, at home

Introducing Paula Smith Paula is the newest person on our staff and is here by appointment from the District Superintendent. Paula is serving McKendree Church part-time (10 hours a week) without pay and she is currently working in the area of pastoral care. Please make Paula and her husband Bobby welcome!

Contact Information Needed

We have lost contact with these church members. If you have an address, phone number or email address for any of these people, please contact the church office. Thanks for your help!

M/M Ben & Denise Bahil

Ms. Rosa Cota

Mr. Christopher Domino

M/M Rodger & Elaine Davis

Mr. James Farris

M/M Keith & Artie Scantlin
Mr. Darryl Sheaks

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Sunday Worship Services are at 9 am (contemporary) and 11 am (traditional). Our doors are open for everyone to join us in worship. Join us this Sunday!

REFRESH is our mid-week Wednesday gathering. We meet in the first floor chapel each Wednesday, 12:00-12:30pm. This short time of worship includes prayers, hymns, a message and Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome!

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New Members We welcome **Leila Norrell** to our church family. Leila joined McKendree Church on October 7. We also welcome **Ben and Lynne Davidson** to our church family. Ben and Lynne joined McKendree Church on November 1. We're glad to have them all as part of our family!

Baptisms We will be doing baptisms on the 4th Sunday of each month. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact the church office at 271-2600 or mckendreeinfo@gmail.com

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Wednesday Night Bible Study, 6:00 pm

Our class is continuing in "**Breaking the Code: Understanding the Book of Revelation**" by Bruce Metzgar. This is always an interesting study; come and join us! The class meets in Room 209 (just across from the church office). Childcare is available and everyone is welcome!

November Sermon Series - Make the Choice: Be Thankful! During this preaching/teaching series we will explore the way humanity makes choices. By searching through the biblical narratives in the Old and New Testament,

ve are learning kingdom lessons. We see that when making choices, we really need to examine the options, critically calculate the consequences and see how God desires for us to make the best possible choice -- choosing based on God's guidance!

McKendree Life Groups

Sunday, 5:30 pm - Panera Life Group, Panera West End

Monday, 9:30 am - St. Paul Life Group

Monday, 7:00 pm - Davis Life Group

Tuesday, 5:30 pm - Men's Life Group, Bel-Aire Salon

Tuesday, 7:00 pm - John Wesley Life Group

Thursday, 7:00 pm- Brentwood Men's Life Group (every other week)

Thursday, 7:00 pm - Hill Street (Brentwood) Life Group

Contact the church office if you would like to join one of our groups!

JMW News

wish to thank Pastor Stephen for inviting our National Director of the organization of UMW to be our Homecoming speaker. I thank God we have a leader who is such a compassionate, caring, and knowledgeable woman of God. And most of all we thank God for his guidance in Harriett Jane Olsen being chosen as the "CEO" of this great organization. I believe we are in good hands. I hope you enjoyed her message and the day as much as I did.

The United Methodist Women will meet on Saturday November 17th at 10:00 in the Community Room at the Church for our November meeting. Martha Barr has the program entitled "Peace As Action." The focus will be how we can be empowered by the Holy Spirit to learn ways in which we can assume responsibility to be peacemakers in our own community and throughout the world. Any and every woman at McKendree is welcomed and encouraged to join with us as we explore this important process of being peacemakers.

share with you about two meetings some of our members have recently attended which help us keep informed about what is going on in our conference. I always come away from these meetings excited about the ways the women in our conference are at work at home and abroad, and so thankful to be a part of this wonderful and caring organization. Six of our members were present at Clark Memorial UMC for the Nashville district meeting of UMW where we heard our guest speaker, Sandy Ruby, a former Regional Director of the Women's Division for 10 years, give a inspiring and somewhat unusual interpretation of "Walking With Jesus" using of the biblical story of the Samaritan woman at the well.

On October 20th we had four members attend the Tennessee Annual meeting of UMW at Lebanon First UMC. We got to meet and hear greetings from our new bishop, Bishop Bill McAlilly, and to receive communion from his hand. The theme for the day was "Walking in Wholeness" and we heard a very informative and heartrending message on Domestic Violence from Kathy Walsh, Executive Director of Tennessee Coalition To End Domestic and Sexual Violence, who herself was a victim of domestic violence.

Come join us in our mission efforts for meeting the needs of women, youth and children.

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Clothes Closet We continue to have many requests for warm clothing. In September we had 328 men and women come to the clothes closet. In October we had 363 people -- 236 men, 127 women. Did you know, it is estimated that there are 4000 homeless people in the downtown Nashville area. Many of them are outside all night. We especially have a need for socks, sweatshirts/sweatpants, jackets and coats. All donations are greatly appreciated!

Are you ready to walk? McKendree Church will participate in the **Mayor's Challenge** on Sunday afternoon, November 18. This is a just-for-fun event. Mayor Karl Dean is encouraging all Nashvillians to join him at Public Square Park in Downtown Nashville to walk or run in the 2nd Annual Mayor's Challenge 5K and Kids' Fun Run. Activities start at noon. The Kids' Fun Run is 3/4 mile and begins at 2 pm. The 5K begins at 2:15. Participants are encouraged to arrive at least one hour before their start time. The event is free and open to all ages and fitness levels.

May God give each of you a blessed year!

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you, and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.
Numbers 6:24-26

November Birthdays

November 2 - Suzanne Gentry, Bettye Kilgrow, Gary Mitchell, Jo Vincent

November 3 - Eric Coomer

November 4 - Heather Stewart, Margie Swift

November 5 - Kacey Moseley, Pat Reigle

November 6 - Jackson Coomer, Mary Earheart, Janet Gray, Annalee Mueck,
Carl Thompson

November 7 - Mary Ousley, Vivian Williams

November 8 - Brooke Davis, Gary Vincent

November 9 - Sarah Barlar

November 13 - June Maul, John McNair

November 18 - Wade Bonds, Mary Cartwright
November 21 - Pattie King
November 22 - Zoe Fasig, Mary Mullins, Sonya White
November 24 - Vivienne Graham
November 26 - Stephanie Cavnar, Rodger Davis, Rocio Harrelson
November 29 - Misty Chambers

>>> WEEKLY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES <<<

McKendree Campus
Main Building: 523 Church Street, 37219
Christian Life Center: 520 Commerce Street, 37203
McKendree Parking Center, 140 6th Avenue North, 37203

Sunday

8:30 -- Prayer Time, Sanctuary
9:00 -- Worship Celebration
9:20 -- Children's Church
10:00 -- Sunday School for Adults, Youth and Children
10:00 -- Extension Bible Studies
11:00 -- Worship Celebration
5:00 -- Youth Activities, CLC gym

Monday

9:00 -- Art Group, Room 304

Tuesday

1:30 -- Community Lunch, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday

2:00 -- REFRESH Noon Worship, Chapel
6:00 -- Bible Study, Room 209
7:00 -- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday

.2:00 -- Al-Anon, Room 207 (outside group that meets here)
4:00 -- Community Dinner, Fellowship Hall
6:00 -- Boy Scout Troop 219, Fellowship Hall
7:00 -- Prayer Group, Sanctuary (3rd Thursday of the month)

Saturday

9:00 -- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

McKendree's Core Values

As followers of Jesus Christ we are:

- Listening to GOD
- Participating in authentic relationships (with God and others)
- Being mission minded (internally and externally focused)
- Engaging in transforming worship
- Learning and living scripture
- Praying for God's Kingdom on earth

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As always, Remember God's will for us is good, we must do the rest!
Pastor Stephen

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