

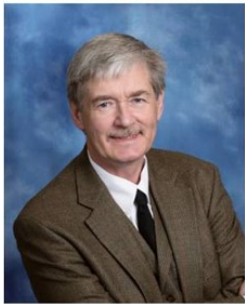
THE FLAME



OUR WORSHIP TIMES:

- Sunday School 10 AM
- Worship 11 AM
- Youth Fellowship and Ignite—Wednesdays at 6 PM

Pastor's Minutes . .



Being a "Nut" About Jesus!

There was a story once about a U.S. Navy pilot describing his complicated helicopter to his parents. He said there was just one small hexagon nut that held the main rotor to the mast on top of the helicopter.

He asked his parents if they knew the name of that nut. Of course, his parents did not. So, with a smile, he answered his own question: "They call it a Jesus nut."

To some people, that answer may sound rather irreverent. Yet, to name the nut 'a Jesus nut' can be explained. If that small nut ever came loose or fell off, the helicopter would not be able to stay in the air and would come crashing to the ground. So, it is understandable why pilots in the Vietnam War era gave the little hexagon part the name "the Jesus nut."

The apostle Paul wrote to the Colossians that Jesus Christ "...is the image of the invisible God...in Him all things in heaven and on earth were created.... He himself is before all things, and in Him all things hold together." (1:15, 17; NRSV) Because of Jesus, we live in a created and ordered universe, not a chaotic accident. He made

all reality, and He keeps everything together, keeping the cosmos from collapsing.

We also see that Jesus Christ holds things together for eternity: "For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him God was pleased to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of His cross." (1:19-20) Jesus can and does restore our relationship with God as our heavenly Father, and redeems us from the eternal penalty of sin through His self-sacrifice on the cross. This means that He alone can join us to the God who created us out of boundless love, who redeems us out of unconditional love, and who wants to guide us out of unlimited love.

If you ever feel that life is crashing down around you, don't you believe it! Remember that Jesus holds the strings of the universe together, and can hold your life together, as well, giving peace and confidence to each one of us in the midst of any circumstances. That is why I want to be a "nut" about Jesus, or at least a little crazy about Him!

See you Sunday at the "crazy about Jesus" place.

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Sue's News * * * *

Look what's happening at FUMC!

August! Can you believe it? Summer for all practical purposes is gone and it is time to start our fall activities. We will be busy. I want to highlight information on some of these activities.

NEW SUNDAY MORNING SMALL GROUP—On Sunday August 6th we will begin a new adult class at 10 AM that will be using FaithLink which is a contemporary study that helps us make connections between our faith and the challenges we face in our modern world. (More info on page 3.)

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS—On Sunday August 6th we encourage all those returning to school (students, teachers, administrators, bus drivers, etc.) to bring a backpack, briefcase, bus keys or anything else related to school to morning worship. Pastor Keith will do a special blessing for the beginning of the new school year.

IGNITE—This is our Wednesday night activity for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. They will begin meeting on Wednesday August 16. Supper will be served at 6 PM and activities including children's choir will begin at 6:30 PM. Parents need to pick up these children at 7:30 PM.

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—This group has continued to meet through the summer months but will ramp it up another notch beginning on August 16. They will eat supper with Ignite and then go to the youth room for their time of activities and worship at 6:30. This is for our 6th grade through 12th grade group.

HIWASSEE COLLEGE CHURCH FAIR—On Tuesday August 22nd from 11 AM til 2 PM we will again participate in this event back to school event for Hiwassee students. Representatives from First UMC and other area churches will have the opportunity to talk to many of the students and tell them about their churches. We want to hand out snacks (such as little bags of chips, granola bars, pop tarts, individual candy bars or bags, individual bags of microwave pop-

corn, snack crackers, etc.). We will put labels on the snacks with information about First UMC. Last year we had a drawing for a Walmart gift card and I think we will do this again this year. We will have a basket in the gathering area where you can put the snacks and you can let me know if you would like to go with us and visit with the students.

RECOGNITION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT LEADERS—During morning worship on Sunday, August 27th, we will honor all those who teach and educate others here at First UMC.

Sue



5	Kevin Cornett Susan Miley
7	John Byrum Josh Connaster
10	Mark Radosevich
12	Keith Knight
14	Gene Carson Joyce McWilliams
15	Rose Barker
18	Corey Taylor Larry Davis
19	Tim Rapping
20	Andrew Tallent
21	Robert Scott
27	Joan Holland
28	Lois Green
29	Ralph DePew

Happy Anniversary

1	Alfred & Carolynn Greenwood
2	John & Heather Houvenagle
11	Howard & Pat Harvey
19	Bruce & Judy Christopher
22	Charlie & Charlotte Lee
24	David & Mary Kefauver Ralph & Marilyn DePew

New Sunday Morning Small Group

Beginning Sunday, August 6, at 10 AM, we will be providing an additional opportunity for adults to gather and study prior to our morning worship. The curriculum we will be using is called Faith-Link, a contemporary study that helps us make connections between our faith and the challenges we face in our modern world. This is an electronic curriculum and, if you provide your e-mail address, a copy of the material (four pages each week) to be discussed on Sunday will be sent to you by the prior Wednesday. You may print it out at home to bring on Sunday or keep it on your phone or tablet. Sample lessons can be found at Cokesbury.com->Curriculum->FaithLink.

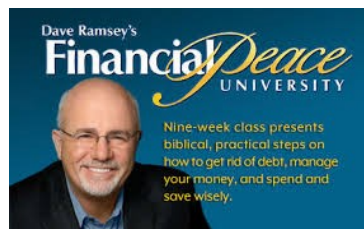


If you think you might be interested, place your name on the sheet found on the round glass table in the Gathering Area or contact the church office. We will try this curriculum for eight weeks and continue it if there is enough interest. We think this material would be particularly interesting to Millennials and GenXers who have not yet found a Sunday morning group to be part of, but folks of all ages are welcome!

So, on August 6 at 10 AM, grab a cup of coffee, come downstairs to the Community Room and we will give this a try! If you have questions, contact Art Fowler (423-836-1533) or Sue Hamilton (423-337-1830).

Financial Peace University

Please mark your calendars for September 10th. We will start Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University class Sunday at 4 pm. It is a nine week class and runs about 2 hours each class. If you want to get your finances on track or just want some advice on insurance, IRAs, debt, credit etc., you will find this class very helpful. If you have any questions, please see Phyllis Harrell or call her at 423-519-0215.



Sermon Titles and Bible Passages for August

Aug 6 "Mission to Every-body!!!"
Acts 10-9-16, 44-48

Aug 13 Youth Sunday and Promotion Sunday

Aug 20 "The Great Escape!!!"
Acts 12:6-11

Aug 27 "Keys to Effective Christianity!"
Acts 13:1-5

Faithful in our Stewardship

Every ministry in our congregation needs the support, as we say, with "Our Prayers, our Presence, our Gifts, our Service, and our Witness, that in everything God may be glorified through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." **EVERY MEMBER and EVERY BELIEVER** in Jesus Christ as their Savior, is encouraged to give a **TITHE** (a tenth) of their income, or as much of that as they, after prayer and consideration, believe they can give.

You can make a Promise to Give or a Commitment to give regularly. Estimate of Giving cards can be found in the attendance registers in each pew, or from the office.



**Story Time
"Hero Central"
Vacation Bible School 2017**

United Methodist Men

A few special thanks are in order. One for all the FUMC men and others who generously contributed to the cost of building a ramp for Howard & Pat Harvey. Thank you each and every one for your thoughtfulness and concern for one of our UMM Founding members. Secondly, and in no small way, a huge thank you to Duane Dopkins, from Buckner UMC, who led the construction project and all those who assisted Duane in that effort. Pat reports that the ramp looks great and they are very grateful for the assistance in getting the ramp built. A big thanks also for Steve Tweed in coordinating the delivery of materials for the project. We appreciate the fine folks at Valley Building Supply and to all those who contributed to making this project a success.

Our next monthly meeting is at Donna's Old Town Cafe, 8:30 AM, Sunday August 13. Come join us at the newly remodeled Donna's for breakfast, fellowship, and devotional.



United Methodist Women

The July meeting of the UMW was called to order and the Purpose was read. There were six members in attendance.



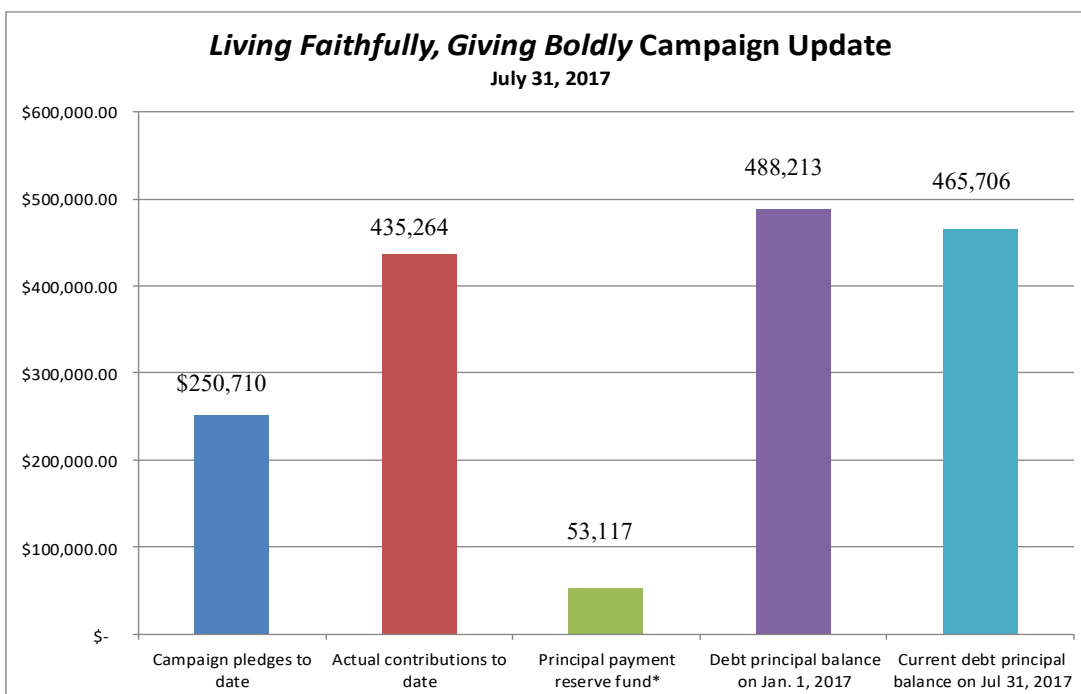
Sherrie McConkey read passages from Psalms and Romans. Sections from the Response Magazine about "Different Names for God" and the modernization of the Massi tribe in Africa were discussed.

Joan Holland read the treasurer's report and a motion was made to reimburse Laurie McNeece for her tuition to Mission U in Lenoir City. The motion was seconded and passed. In the absence of our secretary no minutes of the June meeting were read. A motion was also made and passed to sponsor two students for the Good Shepherd's Christmas in July.

Barbara Penington gave a program on Acts 16 about Lydia, a maker of purple cloth and the first woman Christian convert in Europe. Barbara served refreshments and a short social time was enjoyed.

The meeting was adjourned.

We welcome women of the church to join us for our next meeting on August 20 at 9:30 in the fellowship hall.



. . . is an opportunity to help over and above your regular tithes and offerings to the church.

Good Shepherd Center

The **third** Sunday of each month is the **Good Shepherd Food Sunday**. Pantry need at this time is:

- pasta - any kind

They really need volunteers. If you will help call 423-420-8888 for more information.



Spending Your Spare Time

Don't forget these **mission opportunities** that will only take a few minutes of your time:

- Box Tops for Education
- used candles and yarn leftovers for Camp Wesley Woods
- empty prescription bottles for the animal shelter
- bring empty ink cartridges to the church for recycling and reward \$\$.
- clean or new backpacks for the schools
- used or new jigsaw puzzles for the nursing home
- used eye glasses for a Holston Conference mission trip
- aluminum can tabs for the Shriner's Hospitals for Children



Will You Serve?

- Ushers
Barbara Pennington at 423-442-2933
- Greeters and Coffee Bar
sign up at the Coffee Bar counter
- Nursery volunteers
Sue Hamilton at 423-337-1830
- Host Monthly Wednesday Night Supper
Sue Hamilton at 423-337-1830

Camp Wesley Woods

In July Ted and I took two **large** boxes of candle pieces and yarn (leftovers and whole skeins) to Camp Wesley Woods.



They were so excited to receive these items. We met Patrice, the Summer Camp Specialist, and the craft leader who told us that they had to go out and buy yarn for crafts this summer and had been praying for craft donations. Please continue to save these items for CWW! They are important to their continued ministry to the children who attend summer camps. They have already served over 1000 children this summer! What a witness for God!

Reba Hall

Memorials and Honorariums

A donation was made to the **Building Fund** in memory of:

Dave Rapping by Bob & Margaret Marshall
Frances Maxwell by Mary Alice Huff

A donation was made to the **Memorial Garden Fund** in memory of:

Marion Loggins by Joe & Barbara Penland

A donation of a **Brick** was made to the **Memorial Garden Fund** in honor of:

Todd, Sherrie, & Brandi McConkey by Roger & Laurie McNeece



Our Gifts**For July****General Operating Fund:** \$ 24,614.47**Designated:** \$ 2,657.41**Building Fund:** \$ 4,575.00**Memorial Fund:** \$ 80.00

(Includes Memorial Garden and Bricks)

Our Presence**Average for July**

Sunday School— 38

Worship— 106

Our Commitments**For August****Ushers:** Blair Clements, Mark Radosevich,
and Ben Barger**Greeter:****Lay Reader:****Flowers**

Aug 6 Communion

Aug 13 Bob & Margaret Marshall

Aug 20 Frank & Carol McKenzie in memory
of their parentsAug 27 The Hamilton family in memory of
Fred Hamilton**Acolytes**Aug 6 Britney Williford
Quinn StricklandAug 13 Tate Sherrer
Lily MaiuriAug 20 Catherine Barger
Evan KileAug 27 Evan Kile
Britney Williford**Coffee Bar****Wednesday Night Supper**Aug 9, 6 PM Hosted by:
*We need hosts!!! Please call Sue.***UMYF/Ignite (Pre-Youth) Supper Hosts**

Aug 9 Church Family Supper

Aug 16 Art & Penelope Fowler Team

Aug 23 Dora Nelson Team

Aug 30 United Methodist Men

Our Prayers**On-going Prayer Concerns:**

Prayer requests will be listed in the bulletins for four weeks. Ongoing prayer requests will be listed in the newsletter. If there is someone on this list who no longer needs to be there, please let the office know and we will take them off. If we have taken someone off that you would like back on, or we need to add someone, please let us know that also.



Todd Strickland	Betty Hicks
Maria Rosian	Mary Margaret and
Rich & Robert Edwards	Dickie Mason
Pete & Kathy Hambaugh	Jan & Alan Johnson
Joyce Hamilton & family	Melba Knight (Keith
Dick & Joyce Turner	Knight's mom
Joe & Barbara Penland	Lynn Knight (Keith
Penelope Fowler	Knight's sister)
Kristin Pennington	Wanda Wickle (Nancy
Jimmy Leamon and	Knight's mom)
family	Ted & Reba Hall
Teresa Layman	Doug Lottes
Paul Robbins	Kevin Kile & family
Nancy Byrum	Billy Williford & family
Joyce McWilliams	Pat & Howard Harvey
Bill & Jo West	Charles Baker
Sharon Amundson	Donna Roberson
Catherine Reed	Barbara Roberson

Our Active Military Personnel

David Hargett—US Army
 Tyler Kadau—US Marines
 Wesley Taylor—US Army
 Adam Thornton—US Coast Guard
 Zach Johnston—US Army

Those in Nursing Homes or Assisted Living:

Edna Bonifacius—Asbury Place, Maryville
 Allene Scott—Athens Place, Athens
 Gerri Benton—Wood Village Assisted
 Living, Sweetwater
 Marie Tweed—The Lantern at Morning
 Pointe, Lenoir City
 Judy Lee—Morning Pointe of Athens
 Melba Knight—Kindred -Fairpark, Maryville
 Ruby Layman—Woods Village, Sweetwater

(Call the office for addresses.)

August 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Please check with the office to see that the space you would like to use for your Team meetings or other event is available before you schedule your next meeting.		1 Passion Sisters 9:30 AM Communications Team 6 PM <i>Cub Scouts 6 PM FH</i>	2 UMYF 6 PM Choir 7 PM	3 <i>TOPS 4 PM</i> <i>Community Rm</i>	4 <i>AA CR</i>	5 Youth Pool Party at the Nelsons
6 SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM <i>Blessing of the Backpacks</i> during worship	7 <i>Boy Scouts 6 PM</i> <i>Community Rm</i>	8 <i>School Starts</i> Passion Sisters 9:30 AM Finance 6:30PM <i>Cub Scouts 6 PM FH</i>	9 Church Family Supper 6 PM Hosts: UMYF 6 PM Choir 7 PM	10 <i>TOPS 4 PM</i> <i>Community Rm</i> <i>AAMC 6 PM FH</i>	11 <i>AA CR</i>	12 Youth Bowling Party
13 UMM 8:30AM SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM <i>Mission Trip Recap and Promotion Sunday</i> during worship	14 Trustees 6:30 PM <i>Boy Scouts 6 PM</i> <i>Community Rm</i>	15 Passion Sisters 9:30 AM <i>Cub Scouts 6 PM FH</i>	16 UMYF/IGNITE 6 PM Choir 7 PM <i>Homeless Mgmt Group</i> <i>Noon Comm Room</i>	17 Prayer Ministry Team 6:30 PM <i>TOPS 4 PM</i> <i>Community Rm</i>	18 <i>AA CR</i>	19
20 UMW 9:30 AM SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM	21 <i>Boy Scouts 6 PM</i> <i>Community Rm</i>	22 <i>Passion</i> Sisters 9:30 AM Hiwassee Church Fair 11 AM—2 PM <i>Cub Scouts 6 PM FH</i>	23 UMYF/IGNITE 6 PM Choir 7 PM	24 <i>TOPS 4 PM</i> <i>Community Rm</i>	25 26 Hunger Experience Lock-In	
27 SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM <i>SS Teachers and Wed Night Leaders Recognition</i> during worship	28 Deadline for Newsletter Information Noon <i>Boy Scouts 6 PM</i> <i>Community Rm</i>	29 Passion Sisters 9:30 AM <i>Cub Scouts 6 PM FH</i>	30 UMYF/IGNITE 6 PM Choir 7 PM	31 <i>TOPS 4 PM</i> <i>Community Rm</i>	If your group will be meeting on a regular schedule (every month, every other month) please let the office know.	



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Bible School 2017

Mission Project

Our mission project this year was collecting items for and putting together Bags of Love. Bags of Love is a faith-based, not for profit community service project whose goal is to spread the love of Jesus by providing the comfort of immediate needs for women and children in our area who are in life-altering situations by providing them with items that will make their transition a little bit brighter. We concentrated on items that would be needed by children and youth. Each bag will have a quilt or blanket, a stuffed animal, personal toiletry items, clothing and items that will meet age appropriate needs. This is just a tiny sample of things collected.

