

THE FLAME



OUR WORSHIP TIMES:

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



HOW DO PEOPLE GET TO CHURCH?

Recently the Institute for American Church Growth asked over 10,000 people this question: “What was responsible for your coming to this church?” This is how they replied:

I had a special need	2%
I just walked in	3%
I like the pastor	6%
I visited there	1%
I like the Sunday School	1%
I liked the program	3%
A friend or relative invited me	79%

It becomes clear from the above survey, which is typical of other surveys across the country, that ***the way people get to church is: other people invite them!*** People who do not have a church home come to a church because people they know and trust—either Friends, or Relatives, or Acquaintances, or Neighbors—invite them to their church!

This means that the most effective “evangelists” in every congregation are: the current members! Each and every one of us can invite our “**F.R.A.N.s**” (the “Friends, or Relatives, or Acquaintances, or Neighbors” mentioned earlier) to come to First United Methodist Church of Madisonville.

We are sending letters out to new Visitors and “Guests” who worship with us each week, letting them know more about our church, and inviting them back to our wonderful congregation. There are new residents moving into our community every week—let us know if anyone moves into ***your*** neighborhood, and we will deliver them a fresh loaf of bread within a few days, along with information about our church and a warm invitation to our worship services. God came to us in Jesus Christ to tell us of His inviting love. Let us go to our new neighbors and invite them to a church that is full of God’s love!

See you Sunday at the “place of God’s inviting love.”

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Roger McNeece

Custodians
James & Kim Cox



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Look What's Happening at First United Methodist Church!

February!!! Can you believe it? Where did January go? I am writing this on the Tuesday after we returned from Resurrection so it is still technically January. I still have the sights and sounds of this past weekend in my head. The music was great and Reggie Dabbs, our speaker, was awesome. Our kids (and adults) had a great weekend. There was a whole lot of singing, soul searching, hugging, playing, eating and studying God's word going on. Note what I left out. **There was not a lot of sleeping going on!** I know that there had to be a lot of sleepy kids (and adults) on Monday morning. But it is all worth it. It was very special to me to have Grant and Greyson on this trip. Although they have aged out of youth, they were excited to come back as young adult leaders this year. Resurrection is a life changing experience for many young people and I know that it has been for Grant and Greyson. Many of our youth

made decisions this weekend that will affect them for the rest of their lives. Thanks to all of you who supported this weekend in any way.

Now it is time to look forward to February and beyond. We have even looked ahead far enough to have Houston Park reserved for the Easter egg hunt! We have many special things that will be happening. Be sure to read the newsletter and calendar. Read your bulletin each Sunday. If you are not at church, you can go to our website and pull up our bulletin. I send out an email at the end of the week with prayer concerns and information about the following week's activities. I send out emails when there are special events or if I think we need a reminder. I try to forward THE CALL so that everyone can keep up with what is going on in with The United Methodist Church. We really want to keep everyone informed and involved.

See you in church Sunday.

Sue



Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual community Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 11th at Houston Park in Madisonville. We will have more info in the March newsletter, but wanted to give you ample time to help in our efforts to collect plastic Easter Eggs and **individually wrapped** candy.

There will be a tote in the gathering area soon for your donations.



Hiwassee District Training

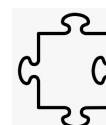
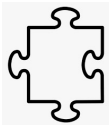
"Putting the Pieces Together"

A Hiwassee District Training Event
Sunday, February 23rd—2:30 to 5 PM
Allen Memorial UMC, Athens, TN

Everyone is invited to hear about new ways to reach others!

Cold Weather Ministry

Messy Church
Dinner Church
A Heart of Fire



There will also be training for leaders on the Finance, Staff-Parish Relations and Trustees Committees.

Come and learn how to take charge of your church's future!

Memorials and Honorariums

In the month of January donations were made to:



The Building Fund in memory of Gloria Witt from:

- Curwood Witt
Frank & Carol McKenzie

The Building Fund by Howard & Pat Harvey in memory of:

- Ralph DePew
Joe Penland
Lee Johnson
Gloria Witt
Christine Giles
Ruby Layman
Jessie Gibson
Floyd DeBoef
Ted Hall

in honor of:

- Bill Huddleston
Betty Hicks
Nancy Byrum
Bill & Jo West
Mable Graham
Irad Lee
Sue Hamilton
Reba Hall
Keith Knight
Bev Taylor
Mary Alice Huff
Jerry & Vanessa Barr

The General Fund by Allen & Karen Balsinger in memory of Carl, Betty, Mike, and Angie Balsinger



Happy Birthday

- 1 Suzanne Benton
3 Emily Pennington
6 Margaret Marshall
Floyd Reedy
7 Mary Fowler Wise
8 Regan Jung
9 Nancy Byrum
10 Hunter Cavett
Elida Houvenagle Chittum
12 Mat Vinyard
16 Beth Fowler Lewis
Jeff McMillan
17 Billy Williford
Bethany Williford
Merritt Sherrer
18 Cooper Strickland
Cole Strickland
20 Zeke Liszeski
22 Reba Hall
Danny Gibson
24 Rick Saunders
25 Emma Tate
27 Heather Houvenagle
Elise Kile

Happy

niversary

An-

- 17 Rick & Carol Rapping
27 Bob & Margaret Marshall
28 Mat & Stephanie Vinyard

Are we missing your name?



We would like to hear from you if we are.

Please email the office at adminassist@firstumcmadisonville.org or call (423-442-2471) to let us know when your birthday or anniversary is.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will meet on Sunday, February 9, 8:30 AM at **Fat Stacks** Restaurant on Hwy 68. All men of the church are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please call Ray Nelson at 928-660-1061.



United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will meet on Sunday, February 16 at 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall.



The UMW will be hosting a wedding shower for Grant Hamilton and Mykayla Bottoms on Sunday, February 23rd, from 2 to 4 PM in our gathering area. They are registered at Walmart and Belk. Everyone is invited to attend.

If you have questions about the United Methodist Women's organization, their ministries and how you can serve, please contact Laurie McNeece, President, at 423-420-1054.

Church Family Covered Dish Supper

We need hosts for the Wednesday Night Church Family Covered Dish Dinner on February 12 at 6 PM.

If you will host, please let Dora know. The hosts need to be here around 5:30, provide bread and drinks, set up and clean up. There are usually people here who will help.

If you have any questions or are willing to help, please call Dora Nelson at 928-660-1009.



Prayer Ministry Team

Our team welcomes anyone who wishes to help others strengthen their communication with the Lord. Our first meeting of 2020 is scheduled for Thursday, February 20 at 6:30 PM. If you can't come, please know that we welcome your prayers!

We have a church wide event scheduled for the evening of Saturday, March 14th (pot luck dinner and guest speaker after) and Sunday, March 15th (guest speaker). We welcome your help in planning and working toward the success of this event.

Please consider becoming an active member of the Prayer Ministry Team. If evening meetings won't work for you, we can compromise to find a good time that will work for the majority.

If you can join our team, please let Marlee Tierce know by calling 423-884-2196 or emailing mtierce@aol.com or just chatting with her at church on Sunday.



The Young/Mid-Life Adult Ministry Team . . .

. is requesting your ideas and feedback.

Please take time to pick up a survey and fill it out. They are located **on the table behind the couch in the gathering area**. You can return them to the basket located on the same table. All surveys need to be turned In by **February 9th**.

Your help in planning our events is greatly appreciated!

Karen Rapping, Chairperson 423-404-3789



Ash Wednesday Service

The historic **Methodist** homilies regarding the Sermon on the Mount stress the importance of the Lenten fast, which begins on **Ash Wednesday**. The United **Methodist Church** therefore states that: There is a strong biblical base for fasting, particularly during the 40 days of Lent leading to the celebration of Easter. Our Ash Wednesday Service will be held on Feb 26th, at 6:45 PM in our sanctuary immediately after the Youth/IGNITE supper. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us.

**Lenten Lunches**

During the time of Lent, the 40 days before Easter, we have lunch at several of the churches in our community on Wednesdays at noon. The host church provides the lunch, an offering is collected to benefit the Good Shepherd Center, and the host pastor blesses us with a short devotion. The first lunch will be at Madisonville Presbyterian Church on March 4th. The schedule for the remaining ones will be out soon.

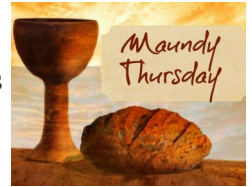
**Passover Seder Meal**

Our friends from The Olive Tree Messianic Fellowship will be hosting a traditional Jewish Seder Meal in our fellowship hall on Palm Sunday Afternoon. The Seder is a ritual performed by a community or by multiple generations of a family, involving a retelling of the story of the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt.

Everyone is invited to come and share in this meal. Time to be announced.

**Maundy Thursday Service**

Maundy or Holy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper when Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples on the night before he was crucified. In contrast to the joy of Easter morning when we worship our risen Savior, the Maundy Thursday service is solemn, marked by the shadow of Jesus' betrayal.

**Way of the Cross Walk**

The **Stations of the Cross** are representations of the path Jesus bore on his way to the crucifixion. They involve Jesus enduring suffering, insults, moments of support, and relay the intense sacrifice that Christians believe Jesus undertook for human salvation.

On Good Friday members of our community gather in our upper parking lot at noon for this walk through town carrying a cross, reading scripture and singing a hymn. We end at the Madisonville Presbyterian Church.

**Easter Sunday Service**

We will have our cross outside by Good Friday. Bring flowers to decorate the cross on Easter Sunday morning.



Our regular Sunday morning worship service will be at 11:00 AM following Sunday School at 10:00 AM.


A decorative border at the top of the page featuring various tropical plants and flowers. On the left, there are large green monstera leaves and a string of green beads. On the right, there is a vibrant orange and blue bird of paradise flower, more monstera leaves, and another string of green beads. The background is a light gray and white checkerboard pattern.

Wedding Shower

The United Methodist Women are hosting a wedding shower
for **Grant Hamilton & Mykayla Bottoms**
on Sunday, February 23rd, 2-4 PM in our gathering area.

Grant & Mykayla are registered at Walmart and Belk.
You are invited to attend and wish this young couple well
as they start their new life together.

Please contact Laurie McNeece, UMW President,
if you have questions.

A vertical arrangement of various green plants and flowers, including ferns, monstera leaves, and small white and yellow flowers, set against a white background.

Together with their families

Mikayla Elizabeth Bottoms

&

Gary Stephen Grant Hamilton

request the pleasure
of your company
at the celebration of their marriage
Saturday, the fourteenth of March
two thousand and twenty
at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Calvary Baptist Church
115 County Road 78
Riceville, TN 37370

Reception to follow.

Please RSVP by
February 10, 2020
via text message
or phone call at

423-381-1990

or

423-381-1594

We look forward to
celebrating with you!

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

Good Shepherd Center

The need at The Good Shepherd Center pantry at this time is - -

green beans!



Please put your donations in the grocery cart in the hallway and we will see that they get delivered to the Good Shepherd Center.

Spending Your Spare Time

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

- used candles and yarn leftovers for Camp Wesley Woods
- empty prescription bottles for the animal shelter or other organizations who use them
- bring empty ink cartridges to the church for recycling and reward \$s.
- used or new jigsaw puzzles for the nursing home
- used eye glasses—we will see that they get to a group who could use them
- aluminum can tabs for the Shriners Hospitals for Children or other organizations
- Box Tops for Education –either cut the coupons from the package or scan your receipt for the new digital coupons

Flowers

We all like to have flowers on the Altar for our Worship services. Please check the flower chart in the hallway. If you would like to provide flowers for one or more Sundays sign up on the available days or call Joan Holland at 423-442-9466 or the office at 423-442-2471. We will be glad to assist you.



Kiwanis Chili Supper



On Thursday, February 27th, the Madisonville Kiwanis will be holding their annual Chili Supper/Cook-off from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. You are invited to come out and help this organization in their efforts to raise funds to help the children of Monroe County.

Youth News



What an amazing Resurrection 2020! It's hard to describe what all takes

place at Resurrection. It's so much more than a fun weekend in a cabin, staying up late and laughing with about 30 of your closest friends. We share many laughs, but we're also challenged to embrace our faith and share it boldly. At Friday night's session, Reggie Dabbs (our speaker and East Tennessee native) encouraged us to stop what we're doing and look Jesus in the eye. In other words, spend some no-distractions, honest time with God. On Saturday, Reggie reminded us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Nothing. What a powerful message that we sometimes forget! And on Sunday, we were challenged again when he said the time to act is NOW.

With 33 from our church attending, this is the largest group we've taken. I wish everyone could witness the sea of 6,000 youth jumping to Christian music, singing along and praising Jesus. It's an amazing sight only topped by watching a flood of youth commit their lives to God and to His service during an alter call on Saturday night.

We have a lot planned for our youth in 2020, and Resurrection 2020 was a great way to kick off this year. Ask us about our experience!

Thank you for all your support, prayers and love during Resurrection. We certainly felt it!

Vanessa Barr, Youth Leader

Our Gifts**For January****General Operating Fund:**

Needed: \$20,862 **Rec'd:** \$ 19,710

Building Fund:

Needed: \$4,034 **Rec'd:** \$ 11,013

Memorial Fund: \$.00

Designated: \$ 2,938

Our Presence**Average for January**

Sunday School— 42

Worship— 100

Our Commitments**For February****Ushers**

Chal Thompson
Alfred &Carolynn Greenwood

Lay Reader**Flowers**

Feb 2 Communion
Feb 9 Dora & Ray Nelson for their sons'
(Tony & Scott) birthdays
Feb 16 Gabi Tallent
Feb 23 Barbara Penland in memory of Joe
and in honor of Eric & Larry White

Acolytes

Feb 2 Alexis Jones & Leland Shaw
Feb 9 Emily Deaton & Catherine Barger
Feb 16 Zander Lizeski & Justin Deaton
Feb 23 Storm Millsaps & Leilah Pyros

Coffee Bar

Gabi Tallent

Will you help?? Sign up at the coffee bar.

Trustee for the Month

Mike Tallent

Wednesday Night Church Family Supper

Feb 12, 6 PM

Hosted by: -

Supper Hosts for IGNITE/UMYF

Feb 5 McNeece Team
Feb 12 Family Night Supper
Feb 19 Nelson Team
Feb 26 Grubb/Strickland Team

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

Todd Strickland	Logan Hunt
Maria Rosian	Sandy & Mike O'Neill
Kristin Pennington	Selena Wiggs
The Leamon family	Marjorie Fezlar
Paul Robbins	Joyce & Dick Turner
Nancy Byrum	Howard & Pat Harvey
Bill & Jo West	Freida Naylor
Sharon Amundson	Courtney Farmer
Catherine Reed	Christine Hendricks and son-Randy
Betty Hicks	Maria Nelson
Mary Margaret and Dickie Mason	Mable Graham
Doug Lottes	Peggy Hyatt
Charles Baker	Peggy White
Donna Roberson	David Beaubien
Barbara Roberson	Irad Lee
Janet Bales	Richard Hall
Curwood Witt & family	Jimmy Williams and donor family
Barbara Baiz	Tina Smith
Marilyn DePew	Dr Bob Hunt
Bill Huddleston	Eli Zinck
John Stratton	Emma Tate
Mary Nelson	
Susan Miley	

Please let us know if anyone can to be taken off this list or if anyone needs to be added.

Our Active Military Personnel

Adrienne Greenwood—US Army
Nathan Greenwood—US Navy Reserves
David Hargett—US Army
Zach Johnston—US Army
Tyler Kadau—US Marines
Wesley Taylor—US Army
Adam Thornton—US Coast Guard Reserves

Those in Nursing Homes or Assisted Living:

Mary Margaret Mason—Wood Village Assisted
Living, Sweetwater
Judy Lee—Northshore Heights, Knoxville
Edna Bonifacius—Asbury Place, Maryville
Gerri Benton—Wood Village Assisted Living,
Sweetwater
Steve Cavett—River Oaks, Room 307, Loudon



February 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>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. If your group will be meeting on a regular schedule (every month, every other month) please let the office know so it can be included in the calendar.</p>						1
<p>2 SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM Class Meeting book study after worship C&Y Ministry Team 5 PM</p>	<p>3 <i>Boy Scouts 6 PM CR</i> <i>Cub Scouts FH 6 PM</i></p>	<p>4 <i>Girl Scouts 6 PM CR</i></p>	<p>5 UMYF/IGNITE 6 PM Supper Hosts: McNeece Team Choir 7 PM</p>	<p>6 <i>TOPS 4 PM CR</i></p>	<p>7 <i>AA CR</i></p>	
<p>9 UMM 8:30 AM at Fat Stacks SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM Class Meeting book study after worship</p>	<p>10 Trustees 6 PM <i>Boy Scouts 6 PM CR</i> <i>Cub Scouts FH 6 PM</i></p>	<p>11 Finance 6 PM <i>Girl Scouts 6 PM CR</i></p>	<p>12 Church Family Supper 6 PM Hosts: UMYF/IGNITE 6 PM Choir 7 PM</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Valentine's Day <i>AA CR</i></p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 UMW 9:30 AM SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM Class Meeting book study after worship</p>	<p>17 Senior Event <i>Boy Scouts 6 PM CR</i> <i>Cub Scouts FH 6 PM</i></p>	<p>18 <i>Girl Scouts 6 PM CR</i></p>	<p>19 UMYF/IGNITE 6 PM Supper Hosts: Nelson Team Choir 7 PM <i>Homeless Mgmt Group Noon FH</i></p>	<p>20 Prayer Ministry Team 6:30 PM <i>TOPS 4 PM CR</i></p>	<p>21 <i>AA CR</i></p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM Class Meeting book study after worship Hamilton/Bottoms Wedding Shower 2-4 PM Hiwassee Dist Training 2:30-5 PM at Allen Mem</p>	<p>24 <i>Boy Scouts 6 PM CR</i> <i>Cub Scouts FH</i></p>	<p>25 <i>Girl Scouts 6 PM CR</i></p>	<p>26 UMYF/IGNITE 6 PM Supper Hosts: Grubb/Strickland Team Ash Wed Svc 6:45 PM Choir after Ash Wed service</p>	<p>27 <i>Kiwanis Chili Supper 4:30-6:30 PM</i> <i>TOPS 4 PM CR</i></p>	<p>28 <i>AA CR</i></p>	<p>29</p>



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*The Administrative Staff
wishes you a
"Happy Valentine's Day"*

Pastor Keith

Reba

Sue

