

THE FLAME



“FAITH—SHARING: EVERYBODY’S JOB!!”

When Salvation Army Commissioner Andy Miller retired at age 75, he said that as a 19 year-old cadet in training he made a commitment to the Lord that he would tell one person a day about Christ’s love. That is quite a commitment! Through the 56 years of his ministry, he had led many to put their trust in Jesus Christ for salvation.

“What do we pay him for, anyway?”

Before he rose to heaven, Jesus spoke to his disciples one last time. Surely, we might think, his last words would be the most important advice or instruction he could give. Jesus does not disappoint us— he told his disciples, “But the Holy Spirit will come upon you and give you power. Then you will tell everyone about me....” As far as we can tell, this command of Jesus was meant to be passed on to every generation of Christians and followers of Jesus: including us!

Some people think that it is the pastor’s job to visit and “recruit” people to their church. “What do we pay him for, anyway?” Whereas it is true that each pastor needs to visit regularly, and must set a good example for the congregation, it is the God-given responsibility of each and every Christian to be a witness for Christ, and to gently and kindly share the love of Christ with others, especially those who know very little about Jesus Christ.

Let us all commit ourselves, for the year 2020, to telling someone, once a week, about Christ’s love. It might be a neighbor, or a co-worker, or a fellow student, or it might be a stranger, like the young guy I helped check his tire in front of the Honey Baked Ham store in Alcoa recently. We all see or meet so many people each week— let us make a conscious effort to tell one person about the love of Christ.

See you Sunday at the “*Sharing the love of Christ*” place.

Keith G. Knight

OUR WORSHIP TIMES:

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

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Look What's Happening at First United Methodist Church!

2020! WOW! It is hard to believe. Where did 2019 go? And how did it go so quickly? 2019 was the year we lost 10 people very near and dear to our hearts-Floyd DeBoef (end of 2018), Ralph Depew, Jessie Gibson, Ruby Layman, Betty Balsinger, Joe Penland, Lee Johnson, Christine Giles, Gloria Witt and Kathy Hambaugh.

We lost many other friends and family members. We also had several new folks join our congregation and our church family. 2019 was definitely a year of many changes.

Where did 2019 go?
What will we do in 2020?

2020 is here. I like to read the comics in the newspaper every day. I always like to read *The Family Circus*. A day or so ago Dollie, the only daughter, was looking at a blank 2020 calendar. She was very excited. She said she loved looking at a calendar for the new year. She said it was hanging there waiting to be filled in with many exciting things that would take place in the new year. I am excited to think of our 2020 church calendar in that way—our invitation to fill in the blanks with many exciting things that will take place at First UMC Madisonville in 2020!

Look at the calendar of events for our church during January 2020 on the church calendar in the newsletter. Marlee Tierce will lead a study group that will begin on January 4th. IGNITE for children in grades K-5 will resume on January 8th. Our youth will meet that night after a short Christmas break. Chancel choir will also resume on January 8th. We can't forget opportunities for food! Our youth will provide lunch on January 19th as they prepare to go Resurrection 2020 January 24th-26th. We will be the host church for the Madisonville Communi-

ty Supper on January 28th. The United Methodist Men and United Methodist will meet on their regular Sundays. Several of our committees will meet.

Take a blank 2020 calendar and make wishes and plans for yourself. Make a few wishes and plans for First UMC Madisonville, too. Several of you turned in a Ministry Volunteer Sign-up Sheet for 2020. I have gone through all that we received. I will be passing this information along to ministry team leaders so they can let you know how you can become involved. I will have blank forms in the gathering area for others want to fill on out. I wish everyone in the congregation would fill one out!

Let's make 2020 a year where our calendar stays full--not just to stay busy.

Read Keith's column again. We want to SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST WITH EVERYONE!

Sue

Senior Outing

Monday, January 20th, 11:30 AM, Bert's Home Town Grill, Madisonville. We will be in the room at the left as you go in.





In the month of **December**
donations were made to:

The **General Fund** in memory of
Gloria Witt by:

Mary Alice Huff
Sharon G. Lee

Christine Giles by:

Mary Alice Huff

Dr. Elton Frerichs, Jr by:

Jane Frerichs

The **Building Fund** in honor of:

Richard & Mary Margaret Mason by:

Angela Tallent

Reba Hall and Sue Hamilton by:

Angela Tallent

The **Building Fund** in memory of:

Tee Gregg

Bob Summitt

Floyd DeBoef

Ralph DePew

Jessie Gibson

Ruby Layman

Joe Penland

Lee Johnson

Christine Giles and

Gloria Witt by:

Clifford Lynch

Joe Penland

Christine Giles

Gloria Witt

Robert Lee Garner

Ralph DePew

Jessie Gibson

Betty Balsinger

Ruby Layman

Lee Johnson and

Kathy Hambaugh by:

Alan & Jan Johnson

The **Christmas Joy! Fund** by:

Curwood Witt in memory of
Gloria Witt

Reba Hall in memory of Ted Hall and in
honor of Sue Hamilton, Bev Taylor,
Mary Alice Huff and Barbara Pennington

Marlee Tierce in memory of Rick Tierce and
John & Elizabeth Cox and in honor of
Laurie McNeece

Mike & Gabi Tallent in memory of Gloria Witt

Peter & Jill Alliman in memory of Bill & Joyce
Bricker, Peter & Leola Alliman, Nathan
Donegan, Baby Lucas and Baby Tee

An anonymous donor in honor of Mary Alice
Huff and Bev Taylor

Heather Jones in honor of Debbie Denton

Steve & Kathleen Cornett in honor of
Joan Holland

Sandra Tompkins in memory of Dr Forrest G
Tompkins and Dr Robert R Tompkins

Pat Rapking (no designation)

John Summitt & Joan Holland in memory of our
children—Kristen, David and Scott
Holland and Tom Summitt

Steve & Janet Tweed in memory of Frank &
Marie Tweed

Richard & Mary Margaret Mason in honor of
Angela Mason Tallent and Melanie
Mason Bass

*If you have bills for the new Advent/Christmas
decorations, please turn them in to the office be-
fore the end of January.*



I am so grateful for all the visits, call, cards and
e-mails that I have received and just knowing
that you had me in your prayers.

Thank you for everything.

Barbara Pennington

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will meet on Sunday, January 12, 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, January 19 at 9:30 AM in the conference room.



United Methodist Women

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 January 8 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

The Prayer Ministry Team welcomes anyone interested in fostering the prayer ministry of our church. We welcome new members and those who have been on the team previously. Please contact Marlee Tierce, Chairperson, to let her know your willingness to serve as a member of the Prayer Ministry Team in 2020--mtierce@aol.com or call 423-884-2196. She welcomes any questions or suggestions. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 20th at 6:30 PM.



Building Fund Campaign



There is an Estimate of Giving form on the next page for your use if you do not already have a copy. If you have any questions please call Bruce Christopher, our Financial Secretary at 423-884-3965 or Jeff McMullan, our Finance Committee Chairperson at 423-884-6039.

CD Ministry

If you know of a church member who is unable to attend but would like to receive a cd of the morning worship service, please let the office know. We will be happy to mail them out or you may pick it up at the office and deliver it to them.

January 1, 2020 thru December 31, 2022

Estimate of Giving

Building Fund Campaign

First United Methodist Church, Madisonville, TN



Pledge for Our Future

This is your three year giving estimate to support the pay off of the debt for our church building. (Please retain this portion for your records.)

Grand total Building Fund commitment: \$ _____



January 1, 2020 thru December 31, 2022 Estimate of Giving to the Building Fund

I/We understand that all we possess is a gift from God and that God delights in blessing the obedience of His children. I/We rejoice in the opportunity to participate in this campaign to pay off the debt from the construction of our sanctuary, classrooms and office space.

Grand total 2020/2022 Building Fund Campaign:

\$ _____

I/We intend to divide the grand total as follows:

\$ _____ weekly

\$ _____ monthly

\$ _____ as follows _____

All donations received that are designated for the **Building Fund** will be credited to the 2020-2022 fund campaign efforts.

_____ Please have someone contact me about a non-cash contribution.

Electronic donations may be made on our website: www.firstumcmadisonville.org.

Scroll down to the "On-Line Giving" instructions.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Signature: _____



Happy Birthday

- 3 Carolyn Peters
- 4 Art Fowler
- 5 Joyce Turner
- 7 Beth Pence
- 10 Kat Ahart
- 11 Jerry Barr
Peter Alliman
- 13 Frank (Butch) McKenzie
Ashley Sands Alston
- 16 Jill Peters Reeves
Mary Margaret Mason
- 18 Chal Thompson
- 19 Laura Alliman Gregg
Cathy Saunders
- 20 Katie Collins Woodby
- 21 Kay Grubb
Eva Hendershot
- 23 Jan Johnson
Laurie McNeece
- 24 Christy Hall Buchanan
- 25 Carolyn Greenwood
Emma Grace Andrews Watkins
- 27 David Kefauver
- 28 Gavin Curtis Watkins
- 30 Ann Barker
- 31 Cassey Tate

Happy Anniversary

- 15 John & Susan Sherrer

Are we missing your name?

We would like to hear from you if we are.

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



Jubilation 2020

A time of rejoicing

- Who: Older Adults
- What: Workshops, Music, Worship and **Fun**
- When: April 20-22, 2020
- Where: The Ramsey Hotel and Convention Center, Pigeon forge, TN
- Why: To celebrate God, our Creator, who calls us to rejoice each new day!

More info is available at the Holston Conference website—Holston.org—or from the office. There are brochures in the gathering area.

2020 Ministry Volunteer Sign Up Sheets

I want to thank everyone who turned in a sheet. I have compiled all the information that I have received so far and I have begun distributing it to the ministry team leader and to others who need the information. This way they can see who has volunteered for things that are in their areas of responsibility. We really need more volunteers in some areas. We will have the signup sheets in the gathering area. If you haven't already filled out a volunteer sheet, please fill out one and put it in the offering plate or give it to me.



Sue

Second Mile Giving . . .

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

Good Shepherd Center

The needs at The Good Shepherd Center pantry at this time are any type of non-perishable foods.

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
- 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

"They have changed!!"

You can still clip the pink coupons and turn them in. More and more products are going to digital coupons. Simply scan your receipt and any qualifying products you purchased will automatically be registered. There is a place on the app where you can select the school you want your rewards to go to.

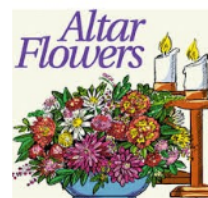


Flower chart

The flower chart for 2020 is on the bulletin board in the hallway by the sanctuary. If you want to place flowers on our Altar in memory or in honor of someone during the year please sign up on the chart or call Joan Holland at 423-442-9466 to arrange a date.

We have no one signed up for January 12, 19 or 26!! Please call and volunteer.

There are many more dates still available so check early to get the date you want.



Lunch After Worship

The UMYF fundraiser lunch is Sunday, Jan. 19.



We will serve tasty spaghetti, salad and desserts. The lunch is for everyone, and we appreciate donations to help with costs for Resurrection 2020. We have about 30 youth and adult leaders going this year!

United Methodist Youth Fellowship

Community Dinner

Tuesday, January 28, is our week to provide supper at the Madisonville Presbyterian Church. We are serving a Christmas dinner and need sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, corn pudding, cole slaw, dinner rolls, drinks, and desserts. We usually serve about 50 people. Your donations of food need to be at the Presbyterian Church by 4:30 pm. Please contact Dora Nelson at 928-660-1009 or Kay Grubb at 423-442-4608 to let them know how you will help. Thank you for helping. Servers and clean up crew are always welcome.

Free Community Dinner



Our Gifts**For December****General Operating Fund:****Needed:** \$20,304 **Rec'd:** \$ 26,312.26**Building Fund:****Needed:** 4,034 **Rec'd:** \$ 29,937.84**Memorial Fund:** \$ 115.00**Designated:** \$ 2,511.20**Our Presence****Average for December**

Sunday School— 39

Worship— 99

Our Commitments**For January****Ushers**Mark & Nicholas Radosevich
Jeff McMillan (1st two weeks)**Lay Reader****Flowers**Jan 5
Christ-
mas
Jan 12
Jan 19
Jan 26

Will you provide flowers? Please call Joan Holland at 423-442-9466 for information and to sign up.

AcolytesJan 5 Zander Liseski & Alexis Jones
Jan 12 Storm Millsaps & Leland Shaw
Jan 19 Emily & Justin Deaton
Jan 26 Alexis Jones & Leliah Pyros**Coffee Bar***Will you help?? Sign up at the coffee bar.***Trustee for the Month**

Kevin Taylor

Wednesday Night Church Family Supper

Jan 8, 6 PM

Hosted by: -

Supper Hosts for IGNITE/UMYFJan 1 New Year's Day
Jan 8 Family Night Supper
Jan 15 Strickland/Grubb Team
Jan 22 Fowler Team
Jan 29 United Methodist Men**Our Prayers****On-going Prayer Concerns:**

Todd Strickland	Logan Hunt
Maria Rosian	Sandy & Mike O'Neill
Pete Hambaugh	Selena Wiggs
Kristin Pennington	Marjorie Fezlar
The Leamon family	Joyce & Dick Turner
Paul Robbins	Howard & Pat Harvey
Nancy Byrum	Freida Naylor
Bill & Jo West	Courtney Farmer
Sharon Amundson	Christine Hendricks and
Catherine Reed	son-Randy
Betty Hicks	Maria Nelson
Mary Margaret and	Mable Graham
Dickie Mason	Dwaine & Carolyn Peters
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
Barbara Baiz	donor family
Marilyn DePew	Tina Smith
Bill Huddleston	Dr Bob Hunt
John Stratton	Eli Zinck
Mary Nelson	Shane Garner
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
8804 S Northshore Drive,
Knoxville, TN 37922
Edna Bonifacius—Asbury Place, Maryville
Gerri Benton—Wood Village Assisted Living,
Sweetwater
Steve Cavett—NHC Farragut

January 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.</p> <p>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 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 <i>TOPS 4 PM CR</i>	3 <i>AA CR</i>	4
5 SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM Class Meeting Book Study— after worship Children & Youth 6 PM	6 Staff Parish Relations Committee 6:30 PM <i>Boy Scouts 6 PM CR</i> <i>Cub Scouts FH 6 PM</i>	7 <i>Girl Scouts 6 PM</i>	8 Church Family Supper 6 PM Hosts: UMYF/IGNITE 6 PM Choir 7 PM <i>InterAgency Noon CR</i>	9 <i>TOPS 4 PM CR</i>	10 <i>AA CR</i>	11
12 UMM 8:30 AM at Fat Stacks SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM Class Meeting Book Study— after worship	13 Trustees 6 PM <i>Boy Scouts 6 PM CR</i> <i>Cub Scouts FH 6 PM</i>	14 Finance 6 PM <i>Morgan Ellis FH 3 PM—></i> <i>Girl Scouts 6 PM CR</i>	15 UMYF/IGNITE 6 PM Supper Hosts: Strickland/Grubb Team Choir 7 PM <i>Homeless Mgmt Group Noon FH</i>	16 <i>Head Start Noon—2 PM CR</i> <i>TOPS 4 PM CR</i>	17 <i>AA CR</i>	18
19 UMW 9:30 AM SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM Lunch after worship provided by our Youth Class Meeting Book Study— after worship	20 Senior Event 11:30 AM at Bert's Hometown Grill <i>Boy Scouts 6 PM CR</i> <i>Cub Scouts FH 6 PM</i>	21 <i>Girl Scouts 6 PM CR</i>	22 UMYF/IGNITE 6 PM Supper Hosts: Fowler Team Choir 7 PM	23 <i>TOPS 4 PM CR</i>	<div> 24 </div> <div> 25 Resurrection Our Youth and Leaders will leave on Friday afternoon and return on Sunday afternoon. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel and worship. </div> <div> <i>AA CR</i> </div>	
26 SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM Class Meeting Book Study— after worship	27 <i>Boy Scouts 6 PM CR</i> <i>Cub Scouts FH 6 PM</i>	28 Community Dinner —our week to provide and serve <i>Girl Scouts 6 PM CR</i>	29 UMYF/IGNITE 6 PM Supper Hosts: UMM Choir 7 PM	30 <i>TOPS 4 PM CR</i>	31 <i>AA CR</i>	



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*We wish you a
Happy New Year!*

Pastor Keith

Reba

Sue