

THE FLAME



OUR WORSHIP TIMES:

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



“WHAT IS A CHURCH?”

Its twin stone towers reach more than fifteen stories over the center of Paris, as they have almost since the building construction began more than 800 years ago. Flying buttresses push together the hundreds of tons of stone, wood, and masonry and hold them in place. The church is one of the finest examples of early gothic architecture. It took almost 150 years to complete the building, and it boasts some of the most beautiful stone ornaments, figures, and gargoyles ever seen on its outer and inner walls. However, since so many of those figures are so high above the ground, it is said that "only an angel can admire their details."

The church was conceived and built “to the glory of God, to last a thousand years!” And it has survived nearly that long, in spite of the recent fire there, or in spite of the mob that attacked it during the French Revolution of the 1790's, when many of the statues and windows were smashed. The church has been the site of so many historic events: Henry VI of England was crowned King of France there in 1431; Mary, Queen of Scots, married Francis II, the “Crown Prince” of France, there in 1558; and Napoleon I was crowned “Ruler of France” there in 1804. Its long life was to be a testimony to the eternal nature of God, and its very name was to show honor to God: it is known as the “Our Lady” Cathedral, or, in French, as Notre Dame Cathedral.

But— is that all there is to a church? Stone walls, towers or spires, and a sanctuary to meet in once or twice a week, or even seven days a week, for worship?

There is a different idea of what the church is: for the Bible does not see the church of God as a stone building, built with hammers, nails, and masonry— the Bible envisions the church of God as a community of true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, constructed as the temple of God on earth, that people may come to know God in a personal way, for now and eternity.

In Scotland, they have a saying on Sundays— “the kirk (church) is now going in” to their building. The Scots remember that the church is the people, not the building.

This month, our Youth, and the adults that accompany them, will be helping some very needy families in eastern Kentucky, by building or rebuilding or repairing homes of families there. Our Youth are not just going from our church— they ARE our church, or at least, a vital arm of our church. Those of us who cannot go, we need to be praying daily for the mission of these young people— these young believers, who are such a vital part of our church.

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Look What's Happening at FUMC!

SCHOOLS'S OUT! SCHOOL'S OUT! WE ARE IN SUMMER MODE! I know that kids and teachers are happy for a short break. Pools are open. Gardens are growing. People are taking vacations. You can just feel the change in the HOT air. I hope we all get to relax a little bit over the next few weeks.

On Wednesday evening May 22nd we had our last session of IGNITE for the school year. To show our appreciation to all those who provided Wednesday night suppers through the school year, we had a special supper to show them how much we enjoyed the wonderful meals that they provided. The children and youth served the adults and everyone had a great time. We got to enjoy Margaret Chester's fresh strawberry pies! I want to personally thank all the supper hosts. They have been very faithful over the last few years. This has given them the chance to get to know the children and youth a little bit better and has given the kids and youth the chance to know some of our adult church folks on a one on one basis. It is a win win situation for everyone!

Our youth and leaders are preparing for their big mission trip to Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Ky. Almost 2 years ago a representative of Henderson Settlement spoke at one of our Sunday morning services and told us about all the things they were doing. Now we are becoming a supporting partner for a hot week in June. This will be a different experience from Johns Island. Our folks will be working with a different group of people and experiencing new things. It is going to be a younger group of kids this year and the work tasks have been based on this. There should be plenty for everyone to do and much to accomplish in a short time.

Bible School will be here before we know it. Check out the information on page 5. We will again join forces with Madisonville Presbyterian Church and we will have classes for all ages-children through adults. We will have a good supper, lots of crafts, music, Bible stories and fun. Please sign up at the coffee bar if you will

be a helper. I talked with the folks at Middlebrook Pike UMC in Knoxville (where we attended the Bible School workshop). They are doing their Bible School in early June. Before I could get my words all the way out of my mouth, their leader said that we could borrow all their decorations and things that they had left from their Bible School. This is a tremendous monetary savings for us and they were glad it could be re-used. It is so good to be a part of a connectational system.

Karen Rapping and the Young/Middle Adult Ministry Team are beginning to put together a late summer event for our entire church. The picnic at Houston Park was a huge success and we plan to build on that experience. We will have details soon.

Remember that church is not out for the summer! We may slow down a little and do things somewhat differently, but we are still available 24/7 during the summer. Our office hours may be a little different, but we are still available to try to help meet your needs.

Sue

Senior Event

Watch your bulletins and e-mails for info about the outing for June 17th. Jan is working on it but it has yet to be confirmed. It promises to be a good time for all.

Sue Hamilton & Jan Johnson
Co-Chairpersons of the Senior Ministry Team



Hands-On Mission Project—

Thank you to all who have supported our Hands-On Mission Projects over the years. Your generosity has made a difference in thousands of lives. Our current project is Health Kits. The items needed are listed. It is vital that you follow the guidelines for sizes of each item, or they will not be acceptable. \$5.00 should accompany each kit to assist with shipping. Please put the \$5.00 in an envelope and tape it the kit. Thank you again for your generosity.

Hiwassee District: Health Kits

Goal: 400

Pack these items in a 2-gallon Zip-Loc bag:

- 1 hand towel
- 1 wash cloth
- 2 toothbrushes
- 2 tubes toothpaste (6.4 oz or less)
- 1 bottle shampoo (15 oz. or less)
- 1 bottle lotion (18 oz. or less)
- 1 bottle roll-on deodorant (4 oz. or less)
- 1 small spray perfume, cologne, or body mist (4 oz. or less)

Pack these separately in sandwich-size Zip-Loc bag. **Please do NOT put in larger 2-gallon bag:**

- 1 tube antibacterial ointment (1 oz.)
- 1 bottle Tylenol/acetaminophen (500 mg. (24 ct.)

The church will supply the 2 gal Zip-Loc bags. You can pick one up ahead of time or bring your stuff in a grocery bag and fill the bag here.

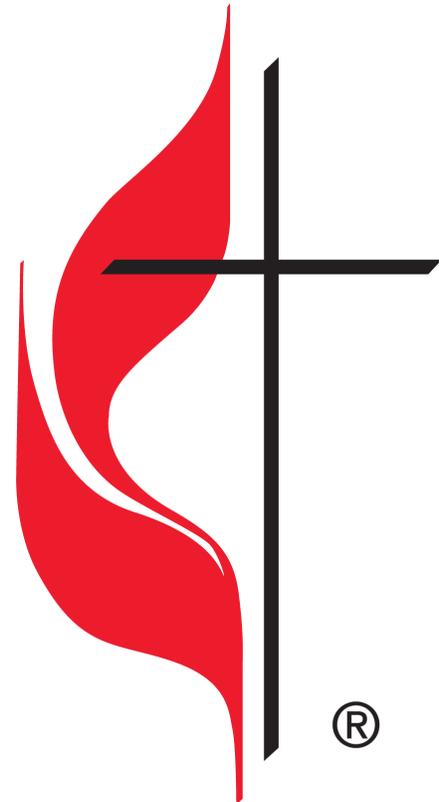
Kits need to be brought to the church no later than Sunday, June 2nd.

Change for Children—

Please bring your change this Sunday, June 2nd, for this offering to help Holston-related children's ministries for children in poverty and children at the Ishe Anesu Project in Zimbabwe.

Laurie McNeece, our delegate to the Annual Conference, will be taking this cash offering for us.

The health kits will be taken to the Hiwassee District office before Annual Conference.



United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will meet on Sunday, June 9th, 8:30 AM at Donna's Café. 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 meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:30 AM in our fellowship hall. All women who attend our church are invited to be a part of this group.



United Methodist Women

Thank you for your donations of laundry soap powder in response to the **CHALLENGE** for May. Our donations will be delivered soon to the Good Shepherd Center.

The challenge for June is bar bath soap. As usual, bring your donations and place them on the table in the gathering area. At the end of the month they will be delivered to the Good Shepherd Center and Transformation Haven Ministries.

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.

Pastor *(continued from page 1)*

This Sunday, we hope to see you here at First United Methodist Church of Madisonville. Remember, if you are a believer—you, yourself, and all of the people you see, are the church. The building you are in is not really the church. **YOU** are the church!

See you at the “place to follow Jesus” this Sunday.

Keith G. Knight

Church Family Covered Dish Supper

Our monthly covered dish supper will be on Wednesday, June 12th, at 6 PM, Hosted by: _____ . Everyone is invited to come and join the fellowship. **Please** bring a dish or two of food to share.

If you are willing to host one of our Church Family Covered Dish Suppers on the 2nd Wednesday night of the month, please let Dora Nelson know. It can be 2 or 3 people or a small group, i.e.: UMW, UMM, SS Class or other group. You will need to be here early—by 5:30 PM—to set things up, provide drinks and bread, and then clean up after we are through. If you have any questions or are willing to help, please call Dora Nelson at 928-660-1009.



Summer Office Hours

For the months of June and July we will have reduced office hours. Hours for those two months will be Monday—Thursday from 8 AM to Noon. The office will be closed on Friday. Reba will be in at other times if needed. If you need access to the church building afternoons and Fridays, please be sure to call to see if someone is there.

Reba will be in the office most of the day on June 7th to take care of those who want to get the new keys on that day.

Vacation Bible School

Make plans now for *“To Mars and Beyond”* July 21 thru 26. There will be classes for all ages—pre-school thru adults. We will have music, crafts, games, Bible Study, and food. If you are willing to help in any way there is a signup sheet at the coffee bar. We need people for the kitchen, shepherds to get the children from one activity to another, and teachers and helpers for the classes.

See the list below for items we need for crafts that you may be able to donate.

2019 VBS Craft Supply List

- Construction paper
- Star stickers
- Canvas Boards (Walmart or Hobby Lobby)
- Inexpensive Watercolors (8 color sets; need 5 or 6 sets)
- Watercolor paint brushes (about 15 or so)
- Kosher Salt
- Glitter Glue
- Round Coffee Filters (any size)
- Paper towels
- Dark Blue Craft Paint
- Toilet paper tubes (clean – NO TISSUE LEFT ON ROLL)
- Craft glue (we will need 2 or 3 new ones)
- Black craft paint

**ONLINE GIVING****Electronic Giving**

If you would like to give electronically GO TO our website at www.firstumcmadisonville.org and click on ONLINE GIVING

ONE-TIME GIFTS are simple to set up using a bank account or debit or credit card.

RECURRING GIFTS can be set up on a schedule that works for you, with flexibility to track and manage your giving pattern. By setting up a bank transfer, approximately 3% more of your gift will go to ministry compared to a credit card transaction.

FOR ASSISTANCE, please call Reba Hall at 423-442-2471.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



Our thanks go out this month to:

- ◆ Jeff McMillan for trimming shrubs around our church building
- ◆ Mike Tallent, Bob Marshall, and Jeff McMillan for taking care of maintenance issues at the parsonage
- ◆ Mike Tallent and Bob Marshall for replacing the AC filters
- ◆ Those persons who have taken food to some of our members.

From the Trustees

Church Keys

For several years, as maintenance dictated, and especially since our Church was rebuilt following the fire in 2007, we have replaced locks and issued different keys to those locks, requiring some of us having to carry an entire ring full of mis-matched keys. That couples with the daily wear and tear on our locks has resulted in this much needed update to our Church.

After a diligent search for a qualified locksmith, the Trustees have contacted with a firm to repair and re-key all the locks at the Church. The scheduled date they will begin work is JUNE 7th and we anticipate that all work will be completed by the next day. So, **BEGINNING ON FRIDAY, JUNE 7th, ANY KEYS YOU CURRENTLY HAVE FOR THE CHURCH WILL NOT WORK!!**

New keys will be issued to members and others who need to have access to the Church after completion of the work, and in compliance with the Church’s ‘Safe Sanctuaries Policy,’ issue of new keys will be strictly controlled. Please not that ALL LOCKS in the Church will be re-keyed for specific assess and all of the newly issued keys will be specially designed so that they cannot be copied.

We will begin re-issuing the new keys on Monday, JUNE 10th. If you now have a Church key and feel that you need to have a key I the future, you will need to come by the Church Office and sign out a key of the Key Registry. For security purposes, we are asking those of you who get a key, to not lend it to others. Those receiving a key must also adhere to the security request issued earlier (to keep doors locked at all times to prevent access to intruders). These security requirements are necessary in order to assure that 1st UMC-Madisonville remains a welcoming and safe place of sanctuary in our community.

We sincerely appreciate your understanding and patience during this time of change.

Alan Johnson, Trustee’s Chair

I will be in the office most of the day on Friday, June 7th, if any of you want to come by that day to sign for a key. Please call the office to confirm that someone is here to assist you with keys.

Reba

Special Sunday Offering

“Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.”

Micah 4:3b NRSV

Peace with Justice Sunday supports shared United Methodist ministries locally and globally.

For example, funds have been used to:

- ◆ Create a United Methodist peace ministry uniting Arizona border communities;
- ◆ Equip Liberian United Methodists to implement the denomination’s Social Principles and address social-justice issues contextually; and
- ◆ Provide resources for Pennsylvania students to educate their community about sex-trafficking at home and abroad.

Connectional giving through offerings like Peace with Justice Sunday provides an opportunity for us to share the costs of worldwide ministry with other United Methodists.

We will be collecting this offering on Sunday, June 16th. Please prayerfully consider how you can help and respond accordingly.



For the month of **May** donations were made to:

The **Building Fund** in memory of:

Ralph DePew by:

Bob & Margaret Marshall

The **General Fund** in memory of:

Joe Penland by:

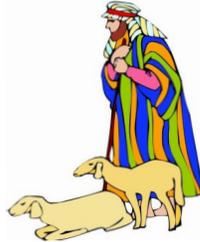
Marlee Tierce

Second Mile Giving . 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 needs at this time are:

- **soup and canned fruit**
 - **personal care items**
- ⇒ deodorant
⇒ shampoo
⇒ dish soap
⇒ laundry soap powder



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 \$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



Will You Serve?

- Ushers
Lois Green at 423-884-6401
- Greeters and Coffee Bar
sign up at the Coffee Bar counter
- Nursery volunteers—contact Mary Kefauver at 423-519-5158 or Dora Nelson at 928-660-1009
- Host Monthly Wednesday Night Supper
Dora Nelson at 928-660-1009



Happy Birthday

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|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Melanie Slouka |
| 2 | Mike Pence |
| 5 | Abigail Greenwood |
| 6 | Wanda Barger |
| 10 | Nathan Greenwood |
| 12 | Charlotte Lee |
| | Eric DePew |
| 13 | Todd McConkey |
| 20 | Kimberly Buckett |
| | Alan Holloway |
| 21 | Darrell Benton |
| 22 | Candace Martin |
| 24 | Sue Hamilton |
| 27 | Richard Mason |
| 28 | Allan Benton |
| 30 | Kathleen Cornett |

Happy Anniversary

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| 12 | Tom & Beth Lewis |
| | Peter & Jill Alliman |
| 24 | Steve & Janet Tweed |
| 26 | Billy & Patty Williford |
| 29 | Pete & Kathy Hambaugh |

Are we missing your name?



We would like to hear from you if we are. Please email the office at adminassist@firststumcmadisonville.org or call (423-442-2471) to let us know when your birthday or anniversary is.

There are Member/Attendee Profile sheets on the table in the gathering area and in the attendance notebooks. Please take time to fill one out for your family if you have not already done so or if there are changes.

Our Gifts**For May****General Operating Fund:** \$ 16,075.10**Designated:** \$ 540.00**Building Fund:** \$ 2,340.00**Memorial Fund:** \$ 20.00**Our Presence****Average for May**

Sunday School— 31

Worship— 102

Our Commitments**For June****Ushers**Dora & Ray Nelson,
Clifford Lynch & Larry Davis**Greeter****Lay Reader** John Byrum**Flowers**

- June 2 Communion
- June 9 Joan Holland in memory of her daughter Kristin
- June 16 Lawrence Johnson in memory of Joe Penland
- June 23 Lawrence Johnson in honor of Sue Hamilton and Reba Hall
- June 30 Clifford Lynch in memory of Patsy Lynch

Acolytes

- June 2 Storm Millsaps & Catherine Barger
- June 9 Alexis Jones & Kyleigh Curtis
- June 16 Leilah Pyros & Catherine Barger
- June 23 Evan Kile & Kyleigh Curtis
- June 30 Leland Shaw & Justin Deaton

Coffee Bar

June

If you would like to host the coffee bar, for a month or a Sunday, please sign up at the coffee bar. You are asked to clean up (or arrange for someone else to do it) if you bring goodies or make coffee.

Wednesday Night Church Family Supper

June 12, 6 PM

Hosted by: -

Bring a dish or two of food to share and enjoy the fellowship with our church family.

If you would like to help host our suppers on the 2nd Wednesday of each month please contact Dora Nelson at 928-660-1009

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

Todd Strickland	Marilyn DePew
Maria Rosian	Bill Huddleston
Pete & Kathy Hambaugh	John Summitt & Joan Holland
Barbara Penland	John Stratton
Art & Penelope Fowler	Mrs Henry
Kristin Pennington	Mary Nelson
Jimmy Leamon and family	Susan Miley
Paul Robbins	John McMillan
Nancy Byrum	Logan Hunt
Bill & Jo West	Sandy & Mike O'Neill
Sharon Amundson	Selena Wiggs
Catherine Reed	Marjorie Fezlar
Betty Hicks	Joyce & Dick Turner
Mary Margaret and Dickie Mason	Howard & Pat Harvey
Lynn Knight (Keith Knight's sister)	Clifton Greenwood
Doug Lottes	The Millsaps Family
Charles Baker	The Patrick Family
Donna Roberson	Freida Naylor
Barbara Roberson	Courtney Farmer
Janet Bales	Hank Weston
Curwood Witt & family	Jay Browne
Barbara Baiz	Barbara Monhollen
	Christine Hendricks

Please let us know if anyone needs 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:

Edna Bonifacius—Asbury Place, Maryville
 Gerri Benton—Wood Village Assisted Living, Sweetwater
 Judy Lee—Athens Place, Athens

(Addresses available from the office)

June 2019

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 <i>Hiwassee Alum</i> 1 PM
2 SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM Lunch After worship by our Youth Children & Youth Ministry Team 6 PM	3 <i>Boy Scouts</i> 6 PM CR	4 Finance 6 PM	5 UMYF 6 PM Choir 7 PM	6 <i>TOPS</i> 4 PM CR <i>AAMC</i> 6:30 PM FH	7 <i>AA</i> CR	8
9 UMM 8:30 AM at Donna's Cafe SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM	10 Trustees 6:30 PM <i>Boy Scouts</i> 6 PM CR	11	12 Church Family Supper 6 PM Host: UMYF 6 PM	13 <i>Homeless Mgmt Group</i> Noon FH <i>TOPS</i> 4 PM CR	14 <i>Flag Day</i>  <i>AA</i> CR	58
<p>Annual Conference Sunday afternoon thru Wednesday Please keep Pastor Keith, Laurie and Sue in your prayers.</p>						
16 Father's Day Sausage Biscuit Bar by our Youth 9-11 AM UMW 9:30 AM SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM	17 Senior Event — watch your bulletins and e-mail for info	18	19 UMYF 6 PM Choir 7 PM	20 <i>TOPS</i> 4 PM CR	21 <i>AA</i> CR	22
23 SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM	24	25	26 Choir 7 PM	28	28	29
<p>Mission Trip Our Youth and Leaders will be going to Henderson Settlement June 23 thru 29. Please keep them in your prayers for safe travels, safety in their work, along with fun and fellowship, and that this week will be a meaningful and learning experience for all who attend and those they serve.</p>						
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Upcoming Youth Activities

- June 2 Oodles of Noodles! Join us after worship for a delicious spaghetti lunch. Our youth will load your plates up with noodles and lick-your-lips sauce. It's free, but we will graciously accept any donations you'd like give. Donations help with construction supplies and other Mission Trip 2019 expenses.
- June 16 Sausage biscuits for Dad! 9 to 11 AM - Today, we celebrate dads, granddads, uncles and those who are like dads to us. Hang out with us in the gathering space for sausage biscuits, juice and coffee. Of course, if you'd like to drop a dollar, two or ten in the basket, we will put it to good use for our Mission Trip 2019 supplies.
- June 23-29 Mission Trip 2019: Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky! We have a fantastic group of youth and adults ready for a great week of work in the Henderson Settlement community. Please, pray for those we are serving and for us. Have questions or curious about the mission trip? Ask Jerry and Vanessa Barr for details!