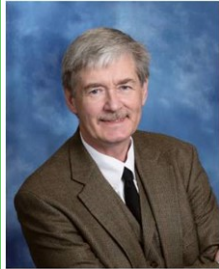


THE FLAME



OUR WORSHIP TIMES:

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



A BIBLICAL PRAYER for BELIEVERS

The believers in the Philippian church meant a great deal to Paul the Apostle. They were his first converts in Europe, for he had only days earlier crossed over the Bosphorus strait from Asia Minor, and arrived in the city of Philippi. The believers in the Crucified and Risen Jesus Christ were enthusiastic disciples, and supported Paul for the duration of his ministry there. For years after he had moved on, they continued to write him and send monetary support, as well as sending their encouragement and affirmation that they were praying for him.

Paul responded in kind, when he was able to write to them. In the New Testament Letter to the Philippians, he indicated in chapter 1, verse 9, that he was praying for them, and he told them how he was praying. What he wrote to them is an ideal example of how we might pray for one another, and how we might pray for all Christians we know: *“And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.”*

On the third weekend of this month, March 14th and 15th, we will have a special guest with us, the Rev. Brent L. White, Senior Pastor of Toccoa United Methodist Church, in Toccoa, Georgia. He will be with us for a meal on Saturday evening and a study afterward on the Class Meeting in the days of John and Charles Wesley, and the Class Meeting for United Methodist Christians today. He will also be preaching that Sunday morning.

See you every Sunday, at the “place of prayer” in Jesus’ name.

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Look What's Happening at First United Methodist Church!

The season of Lent is upon us. I am writing this article on Tuesday night before Ash Wednesday. Lent is a very symbolic season. I just now forwarded an article called Lent 101 to everyone on my distribution lists. Please take time to read through the article. It is a great overview of what Lent is all about. I'll bet that you will find out something that you did not know about Lent. Sometime during Lent I will send out a short quiz and I think this article will answer all the questions in the quiz. Watch for it!

I have looked over this newsletter a few times, and it is hard to realize all the special services and events that will take place at First UMC. Right now I see only 2 days on the calendar that do not have a church event or a community event taking place at First UMC. We will also take part in community events such as the weekly Lenten lunches. We will have the prayer weekend events. For me and my family we will have a big wedding on the 14th. Although this event is taking place at Calvary Baptist Church in Riceville, we hope that many of you will attend Grant and Mikayla's wedding. This church has been a special place for Grant as he grew to be a young man, and I thank all of you for being a part of his life. I think we all did a good job in raising him, and we are excited for Mikayla to become a part of the Hamilton family. Please say a special pray for them.

Please take time to read the newsletter and look at everything that is happening. There is something for everyone!

Sue



March 25th Lenten Luncheon at First UMC



Our church will host the noon Lenten Luncheon on March 25th. We will be responsible for a meal of soups, sandwiches and desserts. WE NEED HELP! If you will provide a crockpot of soup, a platter of sandwiches, a dessert, a couple of gallons of tea, or boxes or bags of crackers, please let Sue know what you will make or bring. All food needs to be at the church by 11:15 that day. We will also need kitchen and serving help. Pastor Keith will do a brief devotion after the meal and an offering will be taken for the Good Shepherd Center. Let Sue know if you have any questions or how you plan to help.

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night, **March 7th**. Daylight savings time begins at 2 AM on Sunday morning, March 8th. You will not want to be late for **all** the activities that are planned for that day.



SPRING

The Prayer Ministry Team

Please mark your calendars to come to a Potluck Supper on Saturday, March 14th beginning at 6:00. Please come and bring a vegetable or dessert to share.

We'll furnish Food City Fried Chicken and beverages as members share from the study *The Class Meeting*.

As a culmination of this transforming nine weeks together, we are excited to present Reverend Brent L. White (Senior Pastor of Toccoa United Methodist Church in Toccoa, Georgia) as our guest speaker on Saturday, March 14th after the potluck supper.

Then join us in welcoming Reverend White as he gives our message at our worship service on Sunday, March 15th.

Reverend White graduated from Georgia Tech in Electrical Engineering. He received his Master of Divinity from Emory University. He is married to Lisa and they have 3 children: Elisa, Townsend, and Ian.

The members participating in the small group study, *The Class Meeting*, are finishing their study in March. We have shared and grown in learning about John Wesley's zeal and beliefs for bringing others to Christ and how we can daily change as we journey through our life in God by participating in small groups.

The Prayer Ministry Team will continue small group studies open to anyone. Do you have a study or topic you would like to join with us in studying? Just let Marlee Tierce know (mtierce@aol.com; 423-884-2196). Please watch the bulletin and future newsletters for information about the time, date, and title of our continuing of small groups sharing together to become better at understanding our faith and our commitment to our life in God.

We would love to have you as a member of our Prayer Ministry Team. Just let Marlee Tierce know and watch for meeting times in the bulletin and newsletter.

We welcome your prayers!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 3 Rick Rapping
Art Slouka
- 4 Penelope Fowler
- 6 Duane Dopkins
- 8 Bruce Christopher
Richard Beaubien
- 9 Greyson Strickland
- 10 Samantha Buckett-Veliz
- 13 Kevin Taylor
- 15 Lindsay Greenwood Liszeski
- 18 Jordan Watkins
- 20 Chalmers Thompson
- 22 Charles Harrell
- 24 Joe Alan Johnson
- 26 David Hargett
Jillian Pence
- 27 Zaiden Kadau
- 29 Joe Grubb
Jennifer McKenzie
- 30 Wayne Peery
Patty Williford

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 18 Butch & Carol McKenzie
Keith & Lisa Johnston
- 25 Kevin & Bev Taylor

Are we missing your birthday or anniversary?



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, March 8, 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, March 15 at 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall.



The UMW will be hosting a wedding shower for Sammi Tippie and Kevin Collins on Sunday, March 8th, from 2 to 4 PM in our gathering area. They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target. Everyone is invited to attend.

A "**Salad Bar Extravaganza**" is planned for Sunday, April 26th after the morning worship service. Mark your calendars now. More info will be out soon.

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 March 11th 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.

First United Methodist Church, Madisonville



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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Memorials and Honorariums

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

The **Memorial Garden Fund** in memory of Letha, Glenn & David Rapping from Karen Rapping



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 lunch schedule is:

- 3/4 Madisonville Presbyterian Church
- 3/11 Madisonville Church of God
- 3/18 Buckner Memorial, Forkners Chapel and Vonore UMC at First UMC
- 3/25 First United Methodist Church
- 4/1 St Joseph the Worker Catholic Church

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. Service on Thursday, April 9th at 7 PM.

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 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 April newsletter about how you can help, but wanted to give you ample time to help in our efforts to collect plastic Easter Eggs and ***individually wrapped*** candy.

There is a tote in the gathering area for your donations.

Easter Sunday Service

We will have our cross outside on 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.

Wedding Shower

The United Methodist Women are hosting a wedding shower for **Kevin Collins and Sammi Tippie** on Sunday, March 8, 2-4 PM in our gathering area.

Kevin & Sammi are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target. 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.



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.

Watch For More Info!

Senior Event

Watch your e-mails and the Sunday bulletins for news about this month's senior outing.



Creation Care Team

The Town Creek cleanup is planned for Saturday, March 21. Time to be announced. Watch your e-mails and the bulletins for more info.



THANK YOU

Thank you all so much for honoring us with a wonderful wedding shower on February 23rd and for all the wonderful gifts that you gave us. First UMC Madisonville is a very special church and will continue to be a guiding force in our lives. We love all of you very much.

Grant and Mikayla



. . .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 - -

**green beans and
large diapers**



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

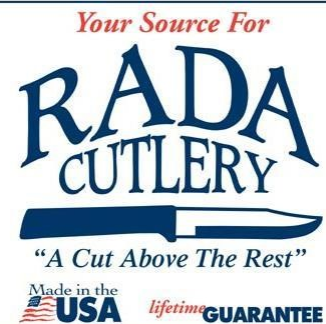
Help Us Fund Our Summer Mission Trip!!

Dora Nelson is now accepting orders for Rada products. The order will be sent in on **March 2nd**. All profits from this order will go toward the expenses for the 2020 Mission Trip.

All of these items will go well in your kitchen or make wonderful gifts for your friends and family.

There are catalogues and order blanks on the counter at the coffee bar.

If you have questions, please talk to Dora at 928-660-1009.



Community Supper

Thanks to all who have supported the community suppers held at the Madisonville Presbyterian Church. It's great to know that our congregation can be counted on for support when needed. The next date for our church to provide the meal is April 14th.

Dora Nelson & Kay Grubb
Co-coordinators



Special Offerings for March

UMCOR Sunday March 22nd

Your generous gift supports UMCOR's administrative costs so that 100% of all other designated gifts will go to the project you specify. Your contribution this day ensures UMCOR's response in times of crisis.



Holston United Methodist Home for Children March 29th "Make a Difference . . . Invest in Children" Your generous gift this day will help HHC continue to be a place where young people find hope for a future and freedom from the past.

Our Gifts

For February

General Operating Fund:

Needed: \$20,862 Rec'd: \$ 15,045

Building Fund:

Needed: \$4,034 Rec'd: \$ 3,063

Memorial Fund: \$ 20**Designated:** \$ 1,727Our Presence**Average for February**

Sunday School— 38

Worship— 94

Our Commitments**For March**UshersRegina Warfel,
Donna & Peggy WengertLay Reader**Altar Decorations** for the month will be in
keeping with the season of Lent and Easter.AcolytesMar 1 Zander Liszeski & Storm Millsaps
Mar 8 Emily Deaton & Leland Shaw
Mar 15 Storm Millsaps & Alexis Jones
Mar 22 Leland Shaw & Emily Deaton
Mar 29 Alexis Jones & Zander LiszeskiCoffee Bar

Dora Nelson

*Will you help?? Sign up at the coffee bar.*Trustee for the Month

Ray Nelson

Wednesday Night Church Family Supper

Mar 11, 6 PM

Hosted by: - *Will you help?? Please let Dora
Nelson know if you will serve.*Supper Hosts for IGNITE/UMYFMar 4 United Methodist Men
Mar 11 Family Night Supper
Mar 18 Fowler Team
Mar 25 NO IGNITEOur Prayers**On-going Prayer Concerns:**

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

*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
Pat & Howard Harvey—Wood Village Assisted
Living, Sweetwater



March 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM Class Meeting book study after worship C&Y Ministry Team 6 PM	2 <i>Boy Scouts 6 PM CR</i> <i>Cub Scouts FH 6 PM</i>	3 <i>Girl Scouts 6 PM CR</i>	4 Lenten Lunch noon at Madisonville Presby UMYF/IGNITE 6 PM Supper Hosts: UMM Choir 7 PM	5	6 <i>AA CR</i>	7 <i>Hiwassee Alum FH all day</i>
8 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i> UMM 8:30 AM at Fat Stacks SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM Class Meeting book study after worship Tippie/Collins Wedding Shower 2-4 PM	9 Trustees 6 PM <i>Boy Scouts 6 PM CR</i> <i>Cub Scouts FH 6 PM</i>	10 Finance 6 PM <i>GSC/Lions Club Eye program CR 8:30AM-3:30 PM CR</i> <i>Girl Scouts 6 PM CR</i>	11 Lenten Lunch noon at Madisonville Church of God Church Family Supper 6 PM Hosts: UMYF/IGNITE 6 PM Choir 7 PM <i>InterAgency Noon CR</i>	12 <i>TOPS 4 PM CR</i>	13 <i>AA CR</i>	14 Pot Luck Supper 6 PM "Class Meeting" Book Study wrap-up with guest speaker. Everyone is invited to bring a covered dish and participate.
15 UMW 9:30 AM SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM	16 Senior Event <i>Boy Scouts 6 PM CR</i> <i>Cub Scouts FH 6 PM</i>	17 <i>St Patrick's Day</i> <i>Girl Scouts 6 PM CR</i>	18 Lenten Lunch noon here hosted by Buckner/Forkner's Chapel & Vonore UMC UMYF/IGNITE 6 PM Supper Hosts: Fowler Team Choir 7 PM	19 <i>TOPS 4 PM CR</i>	20 <i>AA CR</i>	21 <i>Annual Town Creek cleanup — time to be determined</i>
22 SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM	23 <i>Boy Scouts 6 PM CR</i>	24 <i>Girl Scouts 6 PM CR</i>	25 Lenten Lunch noon at 1st UMC UMYF 6 PM Choir 7 PM	26 <i>TOPS 4 PM CR</i>	27 <i>AA CR</i>	28
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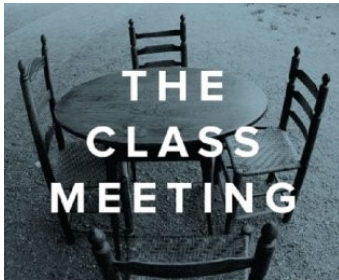
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The Class Meeting

Book Study

You are invited to join with the participants of this book study as they wrap up these study sessions with a 'pot-luck' supper on Saturday, March 14th, at 6 PM in our fellowship hall. Fried chicken and beverages will be provided, so please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Our guest for the evening will be the Rev. Brent L. White, Senior Pastor of Toccoa United Methodist Church, Toccoa, GA. He will also bring our message on the following Sunday morning.

Plan now to attend this evening of food, fellowship, and sharing.