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COUNTING OUR DAYS

I read recently that, if we live to be 70 years of age, we will live approximately 25,568 days. Assuming we are 18 when we complete high school, we will have 52 years, or 18,993 days, of adult life. To figure your current age in days, just multiply your age (in years) times 365.25,

and add the number of days since your last birthday. (It helps to use a calculator!) According to this calculation, I am over 20,000 days old!

D. J. DePree, who lived to be almost 100 years old, had for many years been calculating his age in terms of days. If you asked him, "How old are you?" he would answer immediately with the number of days. He based his practice on Psalm 90:12 — "Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." Literally counting his days helped Mr. DePree remember the swift passage of time, and the need to live with eternity's values in view.

How are your days going? Are you using them wisely for your family and loved ones? Are you putting the days to good use for your employer, or teacher, or spouse? Most importantly, are you using your days wisely for Christ? Have you reached out to share your faith with some coworker or neighbor, or a fellow student? Have you seen a person in need, and stopped to help them? Have you made a plan for giving to God's purposes each Sunday through your church? I have found in my life, that if I do not plan to do something ahead of time, I probably won't get it done—the days fly by so fast. How are your days going?

Remember our Children and Youth as the busy days of summer approach. Our Youth are going on their mission trip this year in the last week of June, to Henderson Settlement in Kentucky, to work on house repairs for families in need, and to share the love of Christ with the people who need to hear and see the Gospel. It should be an exciting and rewarding mission trip for all involved. Vacation Bible School is scheduled in July, with the theme "To Mars and Beyond", and should be a fantastic trip this year.

See you Sunday at the "making your days count for 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 FUMC!

May! Can you believe it! Where has this school year gone?! I know that if you are a student or a teacher or the parent of a school age kid you might not be thinking this. I know that 99% of you all are looking forward to summer break, and you deserve it. For the rest of us who do not fully go by a school schedule, we may not look at time the same way that parents, students, and teachers do. But, many of our activities are still built around the school schedule. When the school break begins, traffic is not nearly as heavy early in the morning and at 3:00 PM. Walmart is not as crowded at 3:15 PM. Many of our favorite TV programs are in rerun mode. Gardens and flowers are being planted. Lawns are being mowed. Summer rates begin to go into effect at travel destinations. Many people are planning vacations. Out of town grandchildren are beginning to make their plans for summer visits. Swimming pools are opening. Days are longer which means more time for golf and other outdoor activities. We shed our winter coats and get into our shorts and sandals mode. I would venture to guess that every one of us has at least one or two things that we do differently in the summer.

One thing that is a constant is our church. We may change some of our routines. Our IGNITE group will not meet every Wednesday night when school is out but we hope to have an activity for them once a month at our Wednesday night covered dish supper. Committees and ministry teams may not meet as often during the summer months but the work that they plan and oversee continues. We switch our thermostats from heat to cool throughout the church but the building remains comfortable. We may make our office hours a little more compact, but we will still get the work done. The choir will not wear robes, but they will still fill the choir loft and provide special music. You can probably think of many more examples.

First United Methodist Church will continue to do God's work during the summer months. We may go about it a little differently. Our services might be a little more casual. We may not see familiar faces quite as often due to travel and vacations. But, the work of the church will go on. We still need everyone's support. Continue to pray for our church and be here when you can. Remember to call and visit our members who are hurting and in need. Barbara Pennington, Barbara Penland and I visited with Marilyn Depew last week and we all came away blessed because of our time with Marilyn. We plan to do more visiting in the near future. The office can give you the names and addresses and phone numbers of folks in our congregation who could use a visit. Pastor Keith visits, but we can all do this do. Summer will be a good time.

Just keep in mind that the church and its people are there for you 365 days a year. And remember—the church is not a building. The church is the people. Let this be our theme through the summer months and beyond.



Senior Event



Watch your bulletins and e-mails for info about the outing for May 20th. 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 PAGE 3 THE FLAME

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: last Sunday in May.

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 on Sundays or to the office during the week no later than June 2nd.

Change for Children—

If you have not already done so, please take a canister home with you and save your change for this offering to help Holston-related children's ministries for children in poverty and children at the Ishe Anesu Project in Zimbabwe. Bring it back on Sunday, June 2nd, when we will collect this offering.

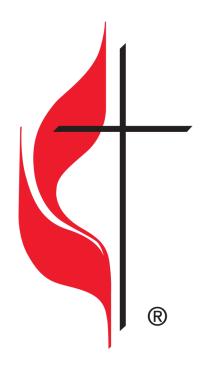
Conference Mission Offering—

This year's offering is designated for our Conference-wide Opioid Addiction Response. We will collect this offering the last Sunday in May.

Please be in prayer for these three Holston Conference mission projects and how you can help.

Laurie McNeece, our delegate to the Annual Conference, will be taking the two cash offerings 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, May 12th, 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.

Thank you for your donations of peanut butter in response to the **CHALLENGE** for April. They will be delivered soon to a local facility of the UMW's choosing.

The challenge for May is powdered laundry detergent for The Good Shepherd Center. 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 GSC for the clients that they serve in Monroe County. If you have questions about the United Methodist Women's organization, the ministries and how you can serve, please contact Laurie McNeece, President, at 423-420-1054.

Thank You Supper

Our youth, IGNITE children, Wednesday night leaders and parents are very thankful for the wonderful meals our Wednesday night supper teams have provided this school year. On Wednesday night May 22nd at 6 PM we want to show our appreciation. We want to serve YOU supper. If you are the leader or a member of one of the 5 teams (Fowler, McNeece, United

Methodist Men, Grubb/Strickland and Nelson), please join us in the fellowship hall at 6 PM and we will have supper for you. This will end our school year sessions for IGNITE, but our youth will continue to meet throughout the summer. We plan to have some special activities for IGNITE during the supper months.

Church Family Covered Dish Supper

Our monthly covered dish supper will be on Wednesday, May 8th, at 6 PM. The Youth and IGNITE groups will host for this evening. Everyone is invited to come and join the fellowship.



Please bring a dish or two of food to share. If your 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 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.



Congratulations to Dr. Mary Fowler Wise who has passed her board certification test for becoming a certified family physician. Mary's husband Austin will be taking his tests soon to become a certified internal medicine physician. This young couple and daughter Julie will be moving to Knoxville soon where they both have positions waiting for them. Congratulations to Mary and Austin and to proud parents Art and Penny Fowler.

Vacation Bible School



Make plans now for "To Mars and Beyond" in July. 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 please let Lee Anne Strickland know. We need people for the kitchen, shepherds to get the children from one activity to another, and teachers and helpers for the classes.



Our thanks go out this month to:

- Shane Cavett for taking care of some plumbing issues for us
- Jeff McMillan for trimming shrubs and washing a couple of windows
- Art Fowler for taking care of our paper recycling
- Roger McNeece for taking the aluminum cans to sell. The money goes into our children's programs. So . . .save your aluminum cans, bring them to the church and help our children.
- IGNITE for making cards to brighten a little girl's day.
- Karen Rapking, Chairperson of our Young Adult/Midlife Ministry Team, for planning and coordinating our Church Family Picnic on April 28th



The National <u>Day</u> of Prayer was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. In 1988, the law was unanimously amended by both the House and the Senate and signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on Thursday, May 5, 1988, designating the first Thursday of May as a day of national prayer. Every president since 1952 has signed a National Day of Prayer proclamation.

Our hope is that individuals, churches, and spiritual leaders in America, will humble ourselves and unify in prevailing prayer for the next great move of God in America. We can come together in clear agreement that this is our greatest need. We can become a visible union, standing together in prayer. We can pray more than ever before, and practice extraordinary prayer for the next great move of God in America that will catapult the message of the gospel nationally and internationally.

The National Day of Prayer service in Monroe County will be on Thursday, May 2nd, 11:30 AM on the Courthouse lawn. The theme this year is **Love One Another** and comes from the words of Jesus in John 13:34—"Love one another. Just as I have loved you." Join with others from our community as we stand together to pray for our country. Our own Rev. Keith Knight will be a part of this service.

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

The **Building Fund** in memory of:

Joe Penland by:

Jane Frerichs Frank & Carol McKenzie

Gene & Carol Bourlard

Ralph DePew by:

Frank & Carol McKenzie Bob & Margret Marshall

The **General Fund** in memory of **Patsy Lynch** by Peter & Jill Alliman

Easter Memorials for the **Pastor's Discretionary Benevolence Fund** by:

Lucille Peery in memory of **Loeta Dockery**— Jane Frerichs' sister

Barbara Penland in memory of **Jospeh Meek Penland**

Reba Hall in memory of Ted Hall

Reba Hall in honor of Sue Hamilton, Bev Taylor, and Mary Alice Huff

Alfred & Carolynn Greenwood in honor of their grandchildren—Zander, Zeke, and Abby and the grand-children's parents—Lindsay, Walter, and Nathan & Adrienne

Alfred & Carolynn Greenwood in memory of their parents—Charles & Kathryn Greenwood and Hugh & Juanita Hickey

Laurie McNeece in honor of the United Methodist Women

Laurie McNeece in memory of Ralph DePew, Joe Penland, Bob Pennington and Mike Lowry

Anne M Byers in memory of **Hugh & Sue McMurray**

Marlee Tierce in memory of Rick Tierce and John & Elizabeth Cox

Barbara Pennington to honor the lives of those who have passed to their eternal home

The Watkins family in memory of **Dave Rapking**The Williford family in memory of **BJ Williford**and in honor of all those fighting cancer

An anonymous doner in honor of **Uncle Donald Swann** and in memory of **Bruce David Rich**

Dear Friends.

I can't thank you enough for the kindness you have shown me in the last sev-



eral days. I have suffered two great losses in the last three years. Faith and friends have helped me greatly in both instances.

I am very grateful for both your prayers and your material gifts for the benefit of little Jaxson.

I will probably never know your individual kindnesses but be assured that I am immensely grateful for all.

I love you all and hope that I can somehow repay your kindness in the future.

Clifford Lynch

Dear Church Family,

It has taken me far too long to thank all of you for your love and caring through this time of Joe's passing. The planning of the services by Sue and Reba and Rev. Keith was so perfect and everything was so respectful to Joe's memory.

The meal following the service was far beyond anything we expected. Thank you to all of the folks who worked so hard to make it so memorable.

I pray that I have written to everyone who contributed memorials in Joe's memory. Thank you all again for your generosity to the church that Joe loved.

When Joe and I moved here twenty years ago we had no idea how blessed we would be with friends and a loving church. Each of you helped to make the last years of Joe's life joyful and blessed. My heartfelt thanks to each of you and may God bless you as much as he blessed Joe and me in our family and marriage.

Thank you,

Barbara Penland and family

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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
- \Rightarrow 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 varn 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
- 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

- Elizabeth Benton
- 2 Lee Anne Strickland
- Jeffrey Houvenagle Mike O'Neill
- 5 **Bev Taylor**
- 7 **Britney Williford**
- 8 Nancy Knight
- 10 Todd Strickland
- 11 Jill Alliman
- 13 Lucille Peery **Troy Dearmon**
- 21 Stephanie Vinyard
- 22 Steve Cornett
- 25 Pat Rapking Angela Tallent Hunter Jozwiak
- 26 Samantha Kadau
- 30 Jo West Hannah Harrell
- 31 Ben Barger Kayana Donegan

Happy Anniversary

- 15 Paul & Pam Barker
- 16 Kevin & Sarah Kile
- 19 **Dwaine & Carolyn Peters**
- 25 Keith & Nancy Knight
- 27 Blair & Linda Clements
- 29 Harold & Carolyn Hunt David & Jackie Hargett
- 30 Shane & Megan Cavett

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. 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.

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Our Gifts

For April

General Operating Fund: \$ 17,489.40

Designated: \$822.66 Building Fund: \$3,655.00 Memorial Fund: \$550.00

Our Presence

Average for April Sunday School— 37 Worship— 120

Our Commitments

For May

<u>Ushers</u> Blair Clements, Jeff McMillan

and the Marshalls

Greeter

<u>Lay Reader</u> John Byrum

Flowers

May 5 Communion

May 12 Ray & Dora Nelson

May 19 John Summitt in memory of

his son Tom

May 26 Clifford Lynch in memory of Patsy Lynch and Martha Johnson

Acolytes

May 5 Justin Deaton & Alexis Jones

May 12 Leilah Pyros & Catherine Barger

May 19 Evan Kile & Emily Deaton

May 26 Kyleigh Curtis & Storm Millsaps

Coffee Bar

May

If you would like to host the coffee bar, for a month or a day, please sign up at the coffee bar.

Wednesday Night Church Family Supper

May 8, 6 PM

Hosted by: - The Youth and IGNITE groups

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

UMYF/IGNITE Supper Hosts

May 1 McNeece Team
May 8 Church Family Supper

May 15 Fowler Team

May 22 Appreciation Supper!!

Our Prayers

On-going Prayer Concerns:

Todd Strickland Barbara Baiz Maria Rosian Marilvn DePew Pete & Kathy Hambaugh Bill Huddleston Barbara Penland Amy Harrison John Summitt & Joan Art & Penelope Fowler Holland Kristin Pennington John Stratton Jimmy Leamon and Mrs Henry family Mary Nelson Paul Robbins Susan Miley Nancy Byrum John McMillan Bill & Jo West Logan Hunt Sharon Amundson Sandy & Mike O'Neill Catherine Reed

Betty Hicks Selena Wiggs
Mary Margaret and Dickie Mason Joyce Turner

Lynn Knight (Keith
Knight's sister)

Doug Lottes
Charles Baker

Howard & Pat Harvey
Clifton Greenwood
The Millsaps Family
The Patrick Family

Donna Roberson Freida Naylor
Barbara Roberson Courtney Farmer
Janet Bales Hank Weston

Curwood Witt & family

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 Christine Hendricks—Madisonville Rehab Center

(Addresses available from the office)

May 2019

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. 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.		1 IGNITE/UMYF 6 PM Supper Host: McNeece Choir 7 PM	National Day of Prayer 11:30 AM on the Courthouse lawn	3 AA CR	4	
			_	TOPS 4 PM CR		
5 SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM C&Y 6 PM	Boy Scouts 6 PM	7 Finance 6 PM	8 Church Family Supper 6 PM Host: Youth & IGNITE groups IGNITE/UMYF 6 PM Choir 7 PM	9	10	11 Youth Car Wash 10 AM— 2 PM at Advance Auto Parts
	CR Cub Scouts 6:30PM FH	Girl Scouts 6 PM CR		TOPS 4 PM CR AAMC 6:30 PM FH	AA CR	
12 UMM 8:30 AM at Donna's Cafe SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM	13 Trustees 6:30 PM	14	15 IGNITE/UMYF 6 PM Supper Host: Fowler Choir 7 PM	16	17	18
	Boy Scouts 6 PM CR Cub Scouts 6:30PM FH	Girl Scouts 6 PM CR	Homeless Mgmt Group Noon FH	TOPS 4 PM CR	AA CR	
19 UMW 9:30 AM SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM	20 Senior Event	21	22 UMYF/IGNITE 6 PM Appreciation Supper to thank the supper hosts! Choir 7 PM	23	24	25
	Boy Scouts 6 PM CR			TOPS 4 PM CR	AA CR	
26 SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM	27	28	29 UMYF 6 PM Choir 7 PM	30	31	
	Boy Scouts 6 PM CR			TOPS 4 PM CR	AA CR	



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Upcoming Youth Activities

May 11 Mother's Day Carwash! Give your mom, grandma, favorite aunt the gift of a clean car for Mother's Day. Stop in at Advance Auto Parts between 10 AM and 2 PM. We are grateful for donations to help defray expenses for Mission Trip 2019.

June 2 Oodles of Noodles! Join us after worship for a delicious spaghetti lunch. Our youth with 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! 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!