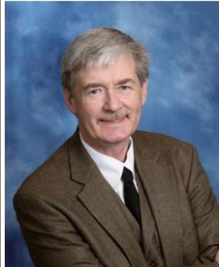


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OUR WORSHIP TIMES:

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



NOT DOING SLOPPY WORK

I almost always got “A’s” in math in junior high and high school. So, when our sons were in middle school, it fell to me to check our sons’ math homework when they had some or to help them when they got stumped. I found that they had the same problem that I had years ago: they have the potential for flawless work, but sometimes they got sloppy. As I would go over their work, occasionally I found a simple math error: simple addition that doesn’t add up, or a decimal place out of order. So, despite knowing how to do the problem, my son got a wrong answer. It was just because he got sloppy in using the right formula or in the simple math calculations.

“Garbage *IN*,

Garbage *OUT!*”

We can all be a little like that in our Christian life. We know what we *should* do. We know we should not gossip about others or make jokes at the expense of another person or another group of people, but we just get careless or lazy. We get sloppy.

We know we should be careful about what movies or T.V. shows we watch, and how we should spend our time. After all, the old computer guy’s warning was: “Garbage *IN*, Garbage *OUT!*” We know that we “reap what we sow,” but sometimes, we get sloppy in how we live our lives for the Lord. The apostle Paul encourages us to be more careful and pay closer attention to our Christian walk: he wrote, “*Be very careful, then, how you live - not as unwise, but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.*” Let us do quality work — in the lives we live — for our heavenly Father.

See you Sunday at the “Place of quality living.”

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Pumpkin Patch

We have been working on the October church calendar and we are going to have a month full of worship services and activities for all ages!

Our biggest community church activity happens in October. **It's Pumpkin Patch time in Madisonville, Tennessee!** On Saturday morning October 12 at 8:00 AM a huge tractor trailer truck loaded with pumpkins of all sizes, shapes and colors will pull into our upper parking lot. (*Watch your email to make sure the day and time does not change. We are at the trucking company's mercy.*)

The pumpkins will come from Pumpkin Patch USA in New Mexico. We (lots and lots of church and community folks) will unload ¼ of a tractor trailer load of bulk pumpkins and lot of little pumpkins into our fenced in playground area. From then through October 31st we will sell pumpkins, pumpkins, pumpkins! We will have school days where children from Madisonville Primary School walk to our patch, buy pumpkins, hear a few stories, do a craft and get a cookie. We will also have Head Start children from around the county visit the patch. This year we will have two new visiting groups. I received a phone call today from an assisted living facility in Loudon, and they are going to bring a group of seniors to visit our patch and participate in activities! And, we will have the children from the day care center from the First Baptist Church next door. As you can see, this means that we will have hundreds and hundreds of visitors on our church campus during Pumpkin Patch season. That means we will need lots of volunteers. On the days when we don't

have groups scheduled, we need folks to man the patch and sell pumpkins. We will put up our 10 by 10 tent for our command central. I will have a signup calendar in the gathering area by Sunday October 6th. For school and other special group days, we will need lots of help. If you will be a reader or crafter (very simple craft), please let Carolyn Greenwood know at (423) 253-5264. This will be our 10th year to do Pumpkin Patch. We have the process down to a science if we get plenty of volunteers. Just let me know if you have questions.





A “Comfort”ing Autumn Lunch

**Sunday October 20th
In the Fellowship Hall
After Morning Worship**

**This will be a luncheon of “Comfort”
foods. We will be looking for volunteers
to bring certain items to complement our
menu. There will be a sign-up sheet
posted in the gathering area soon.**

**Sponsored by the
Young Adult/Mid Life Ministry Team**

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will meet on Sunday, October 20th, 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 shampoo in response to the **CHALLENGE** for September. The challenge for October is **school supplies for Monroe County schools and snacks for the Wesley house**. There is more info for these needs on the table in the gathering area. 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 October 9, 2019 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.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will meet on Sunday, October 13th, 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.



*Wedding Shower
for
Haley (Harrell) & Trent Allen
Sunday, October 13, 2019
1:30 PM
in our gathering area*

*They are registered at
Walmart and
Bed Bath and Beyond*

*Hosted by the
United Methodist Women*



Senior Event

On Monday, October 21st our seniors will be going out for lunch. We will be going to Sol Azteca Mexican Grill at 4263 US Hwy 411 in Madisonville. We will eat at 11:30. If you want a ride, we leave the church at 11:15.

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

**Prayer Ministry Team**

The Prayer Ministry Team is in its final stages of putting together our "Reflections of Advent" booklet. This will be our fifth edition. If you have made a commitment to submit an article, please submit it on or before October 13th (preferably before).

See more info about the booklet on page 6.

The Prayer Ministry Team thanks everyone who is participating in the Advent project.

The Team will meet again on Thursday, October 17th at 6:00 PM.

Blessings,
Barbara Pennington, Chairperson

***Birthdays***

4	Carolyn Hunt Lawrence Johnson Aaron Tallent
8	Gabi Tallent
9	Carol McKenzie
10	Taylor Hammitt
11	Sharon Benton
12	Brendan Severance
15	Kevin Kile
16	Bill Huddleston
17	Marilyn DePew
19	Harold Hunt
21	Mathew Vinyard
23	Barrett Scott Cybula
24	Steve Tweed Kim Townson
25	Alfred Greenwood
26	Freida Naylor Walter Liszeski
28	Dora Nelson
30	Amy Paul

Anniversaries

1	Richard & Joyce Turner
10	Mike & Beth Pence
26	Charles & Phyllis Harrell
27	Jerry & Vanessa Barr

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.



Advent Devotional Booklet

We always get excited when we start planning our "Reflections of Advent" devotional booklet. Advent begins this year on December 1st, but we have already started planning. Our church friends and congregation are the body of our booklet. There are bulletin insert guides on the table in the gathering area to help you with your submissions. They can be emailed to Marlee Tierce at mtierce@aol.com or can be dropped off at the church office. There is also a folder on the coffee bar for your submissions. The deadline for submissions is **Sunday, October 13th.**

If you have questions, please call Barbara Pennington at 423-536-8950.



Welcome, new members, Regina Warfel, and Wendy & Rusty Poole! You have already added so much to our church family.



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

The **General Fund** in memory of:

Christine Giles from:

- Steve & Kathleen Cornett
- Peter & Jill Alliman
- Clarence & Midge Clark
- Judy Jenkins
- Martha Giles
- Becky Witt
- Dr. Carol Ackerman

The **Building Fund** in memory of:

Christine Giles from:

- Reba Hall
- Blair & Linda Clements
- Floyd Reedy
- Mike & Gabi Tallent
- John Summitt & Joan Holland
- Gloria Witt
- Wayne & Lucille Peery
- Alfred & Carolynn Greenwood
- Dwaine & Carolyn Peters
- Barbara Pennington

Ralph DePew from:

- Bob & Margaret Marshall

Steve Moser from:

- Alfred & Carolynn Greenwood

John Liszeski from:

- Alfred & Carolynn Greenwood

The **Memorial Garden Fund** in memory of:

Christine Giles from:

- Barbara Penland

Todd Reynolds from

- Barbara Penland

The **Youth Fund** in honor of **Jerry Barr** from

- Mara Harvey

A **Brick** for our Memorial Garden walkway was purchased by Roger & Laurie McNeece in honor of **John, Heather, Alexis and Allison Jones.**

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**
- **crackers** (Saltine or Ritz type preferred—store brands are fine)
- **personal care items**
 - ⇒ deodorant
 - ⇒ shampoo
 - ⇒ dish soap
 - ⇒ laundry soap powder



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

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.



Celebrating God's Gifts

Who: Caring Women in SE-Tennessee

What: A fundraising event to express our concern and commitment, through prayer and a time of devotion while enjoying a fall fashion show and lunch.

Why: To recognize the month of October as Downs Awareness Month: and to support Tri-County Center in serving special-needs adults in Monroe, McMinn, and Meigs Counties.

When: Saturday, October 19th, 2019—11 AM to 2 PM

Where: First United Methodist Church,
143 College Street, Madisonville, TN

Tickets will be \$25.00 per person with all proceeds going to Tri-County Center. Attendees may pay at the door (no credit or debit cards please).

Reserve a ticket by calling or texting Jan Johnson at 423-295-4872 (or leave a message).

Fashion show by:
Kelly Brackett of *Main Street Boutique*.



Thank you for your donations to the Holston Home for Children in September. We were able to send \$ 385.00 to them because of your generosity.



Our Gifts**For September****General Operating Fund:** \$ 19,811.32**Designated:** \$ 2,118.38**Building Fund:** \$ 5,850.00**Memorial Fund:** \$ 1,100.00**Our Presence****Average for September**

Sunday School— 34

Worship— 100

Our Commitments**For October****Ushers** Jerry & Vanessa Barr, Bob Marshall**Lay Reader** John Byrum**Flowers**

Oct 6 Communion

Oct 13 Hamilton Family in memory of
Fred & Joyce Hamilton

Oct 20 Pat Rapping

Oct 27 Lawrence Johnson in memory of
Mike Lowry**Acolytes**

Oct 6 Emily Deaton, Catherine Barger

Oct 13 Zander Liszeski, Justin Deaton

Oct 20 Leland Shaw, Storm Millsaps

Oct 27 Alexis Jones, Leilah Pyros

Coffee Bar Oct 6 Janet Tweed*Will you help?? Sign up at the coffee bar.***Trustee for the Month**

Alan Johnson

Wednesday Night Church Family Supper

Oct 9, 6 PM

Hosted by: - *Please let Dora Nelson know if
you will help.***Supper Hosts for IGNITE/UMYF**

Oct 2 United Methodist Men

Oct 9 Church-wide Covered Dish Supper

Oct 16 Dora Nelson Team

Oct 23 Grubb/Strickland Team

Oct 30 Fowler Team

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

Todd Strickland	John Stratton
Maria Rosian	Mary Nelson
Pete & Kathy Hambaugh	John Summitt & Joan Holland
Barbara Penland	Susan Miley
Art & Penelope Fowler	Logan Hunt
Kristin Pennington	Sandy & Mike O'Neill
Jimmy Leamon and family	Selena Wiggs
Paul Robbins	Marjorie Fezlar
Nancy Byrum	Joyce & Dick Turner
Bill & Jo West	Howard & Pat Harvey
Sharon Amundson	Freida Naylor
Catherine Reed	Courtney Farmer
Betty Hicks	Hank Weston
Mary Margaret and Dickie Mason	Barbara Monhollen
Lynn Knight	Christine Hendricks and son-Randy
Doug Lottes	Maria Nelson
Charles Baker	Mable Graham
Donna Roberson	Dwaine & Carolyn Peters
Barbara Roberson	Peggy Hyatt
Janet Bales	Gene Carson
Curwood Witt & family	Bonnell Cooper
Barbara Baiz	Peggy White
Marilyn DePew	David Beaubien
Bill Huddleston	Jimmy Williams
Gregg Dodd	Irada Lee

*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



October 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.</p>		<p>1 <i>Girl Scouts 6 PM CR</i></p>	<p>2 UMYF/IGNITE 6 PM Supper Hosts: United Methodist Men Choir Picnic at the Clements' home 6 PM <i>Hiwassee College Alumni CR 3:30 PM</i></p>	<p>3 <i>TOPS 4 PM CR</i></p>	<p>4 <i>AA CR</i></p>	<p>5 <i>MOPS yard sale in lower parking lot</i></p>
<p>6 SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM Children & Youth Ministry Team 6 PM</p>	<p>7 <i>Boy Scouts 6 PM CR</i> <i>Cub Scouts FH 6 PM</i></p>	<p>8 Finance 6 PM <i>Girl Scouts 6 PM CR</i></p>	<p>9 Church Family Supper 6 PM Host: UMYF 6 PM Choir 7 PM <i>Hiwassee College Alumni CR 3:30 PM</i></p>	<p>10 GSC Dinner/Auction at Tsali Notch <i>TOPS 4 PM CR</i></p>	<p>11 <i>AA CR</i></p>	<p>12 Pumpkins Arrive!! 8 AM</p>
<p>13 UMM 8:30 AM at Fat Stacks SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM Fun at the Farm after Worship Show for Haley Harrell Allen 1:30 PM</p>	<p>14 Trustees 6 PM <i>Boy Scouts 6 PM CR</i> <i>Cub Scouts FH 6 PM</i></p>	<p>15 <i>Girl Scouts 6 PM CR</i></p>	<p>16 UMYF/IGNITE 6 PM Supper Hosts: Dora Nelson Team Choir 7 PM <i>Homeless Mgmt FH Noon</i> <i>Hiwassee College Alumni CR 3:30 PM</i></p>	<p>17 Prayer Ministry Team 6 PM <i>TOPS 4 PM CR</i></p>	<p>18 <i>Head Start CR 10:30—1:30</i> <i>AA CR</i></p>	<p>19 <i>Lunch & Fashion Show to benefit Tri-County Center—FH—All day</i></p>
<p>20 UMW 9:30 AM SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM Lunch after Worship—hosted by the Young Adult/Mid Life Ministry Team</p>	<p>21 Senior Event <i>Boy Scouts 6 PM CR</i> <i>Cub Scouts FH 6 PM</i></p>	<p>22 <i>Girl Scouts 6 PM CR</i></p>	<p>23 UMYF/IGNITE 6 PM Supper Hosts: Grubb/Strickland Team Choir 7 PM <i>Hiwassee College</i></p>	<p>24 <i>TOPS 4 PM CR</i></p>	<p>25 <i>AA CR</i></p>	
<p>27 SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM</p>	<p>28 <i>Boy Scouts 6 PM CR</i> <i>Cub Scouts FH 6 PM</i></p>	<p>29 <i>Girl Scouts 6 PM CR</i></p>	<p>30 UMYF/IGNITE 6 PM Supper Hosts: Fowler Team Choir 7 PM <i>Head Start FH 10:30—1:30 PM</i> <i>Hiwassee College</i></p>	<p>31 <i>TOPS 4 PM CR</i></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>	



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It's Pumpkin Patch Time in Madisonville!!

- Who:** Everyone who is able!
What: Unload pumpkins galore!!
When: Saturday, October 12
8 AM
Where: The playground area by
our upper parking lot
Why: Because it's fun!

Bring your gloves, wheel barrows,
and 2 wheel dollies and help get
our patch set up.

We will have children from Madisonville Primary School, Head Start classes from around the county, a senior citizen group from Loudon County, and the children from the day care center from First Baptist visiting with us during the month as well as the people of our community.

The sign up sheet for volunteers is in the gathering area. Be sure to sign up!

