

THE FLAME



OUR WORSHIP TIMES:

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



IMPROVING OUR DISCIPLINES

What makes up a true Christian? John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement that became the United Methodist Church of today, often preached and wrote on this issue. Most of all, Wesley thought that being dedicated to God meant having Christian discipline to practice what the first disciples and apostles practiced. In his sermon, *The Scripture Way of Salvation*, he made this observation: “What good works are those, the practice of which you affirm to be necessary to becoming more holy? First, all works of piety: such as public prayer, family prayer, and praying in our closet; receiving the supper of the Lord; searching the Scriptures, by hearing, reading, meditating; and such a measure of fasting or abstinence as our bodily health allows.”

“When you pray
 not “If you pray.”

How has your Christian walk been going? Wesley, as well as Martin Luther before him, and Augustine before him, and countless Christian leaders before them and since their times, have taught that the Christian life has certain habits that are very important for us to follow.

This week, why not work on your prayer life, and see if you can establish a time, in the early morning or late evening, when you can spend five or ten minutes praying? Try reading a copy of the *Upper Room* devotional guide, and use the daily prayer in that. Read the Bible verse and the devotion, also, to give you a background for the prayer. In Matthew 6, Jesus said, “When you pray....” He did not say, “If you pray....” For Jesus, prayer is not an optional activity in the Christian life. It is just something we do, often, as a natural part of life.

See you Sunday at the “place of Christian discipline”.

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Look What's Happening at FUMC!!

Wow! I just looked at our church calendar for September, and do you know what? There is only one weekday (Labor Day) and 3 Saturdays (and our youth plan to do a carwash off site on one of these Saturdays) that our church will not be in use either by us or a community group! If I were a betting person, I would bet you that very few churches in Madisonville or in this area can make this claim. What would our community be like if the outside organizations who use our facility ceased to exist because they had no place to meet? I think it would drastically change the climate of our community.

Think about the scouting programs in our community. We have Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts who meet here on a weekly basis. These kids are learning how to be good citizens, how to be careful with our environment and learning how God and Country fit together. Our church has given boys the chance to become Eagle Scouts and a place to bring their family and friends for their ceremony. What if they had no place to meet?

The Monroe County Homeless Coalition meets in our fellowship hall one day a month and looks at ways to help the homeless and near homeless population in our area. We call them quite often if we have someone who comes in the office and asks for help. The services that they provide assist many people but they do not have a brick and mortar office to work from. We give them a place to come together and share information and make decisions.

TOPS (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY) has met faithfully for as long as I can remember in our community room on Thursday afternoon. This groups helps each other maintain a healthier lifestyle and encourages other people to join them.

A very active AA group meets on a weekly basis at our church. This gives folks who are struggling with many issues a chance to get together and talk about issues.

We are the place where many of our community civic organizations do fundraisers that benefit our community. The Kiwanis Club of Madisonville just had a very successful spaghetti dinner in our fellowship hall and those funds will be used to benefit the children and youth of Monroe County. The Good Shepherd Center/ Lions Club will be using our downstairs as a place to offer free eye exams beginning on September 10th. I know of at least two more groups that will use our facility in the next few months to raise funds for very good causes.

I really like the phrase "we doze but we don't close"! That is the way I feel about the people and facilities of First UMC Madisonville. Thanks for all that you do to keep First UMC alive in our community outside of our scheduled worship services.

This is just one of the many ways that we can share God's love with others.

We Remember Christine Giles

Our church lost a very special member when Christine Giles passed away on August 24th. Christine joined First UMC Madisonville on 2/24/91. Please keep Christine's family in your prayers.



“. . .we doze,
but we don't close.”

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will meet on Sunday, September 8th, 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 September 22nd, 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 cereal in response to the **CHALLENGE** for August. The challenge for September is SHAMPOO!!

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.



United
Methodist
Women

Church Family Covered Dish Supper

We need hosts for the Wednesday Night Church Family Covered Dish Dinner on September 11th, 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.



Prayer Ministry Team

The Prayer Ministry Team met on August 8 with five members and Pastor Keith present. There were many prayer concerns shared and prayers lifted.

This was our first meeting since our Lenten prayer seminar in March. A summary of responses concerning the prayer weekend was discussed. These responses were from a questionnaire distributed to members of the congregation who attended. We felt this would be important in planning future events. The consensus was very positive.

We always get excited when we start planning our Advent devotional booklet. Advent begins this year on December 1st, but we start planning early. Our church friends and congregation are the body of our booklet. Beginning on September 1st there will be a bulletin insert guide 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. The deadline for submissions is Sunday, October 13th. If you have questions, please call Barbara Pennington at 423-536-8950.

The next meeting of the Prayer Ministry Team will be September 12th at 6 PM.

Thank you and God bless.

Barbara Pennington, Chairperson



Fifth Sunday Community Worship Service

We will join with other Madisonville area churches on Sunday evening September 29th for a time of food, fellowship and worship at Madisonville Presbyterian Church. We will have a covered dish supper at 5:45 PM. The worship service will be at 7 PM in the sanctuary. This will be our annual service of music and singing. Choirs, soloists, and groups from the participating churches will present all types of music to the glory of God. You don't want to miss this service!



Acolyte Training

On Sunday morning September 29 during Sunday School hour Carolynn Greenwood will have acolyte training in the sanctuary for children and youth from first graders up. These children are a very important part of our morning worship each week. They learn how to light and put out the alter candles but they also learn the symbolism of the alter candles. Carolynn would like for those who have already been trained and those who want to be trained

to meet with her on this Sunday morning. If you have any questions, give Carolynn a call at (423) 253-5264.



Senior Event

This month we have a special treat on Monday September 16th.



Bruce Christopher has arranged for us to have lunch at the Kahite Clubhouse located at 100 Kahite Trail in Vonore. Our plan is to be there at 11:45 AM for lunch. If you want to carpool, come to our lower parking lot and we will leave here at 11:15. Bruce will get us some menus in advance. He said he thought most of the lunch prices were under \$10.00 and we can pay there. If the weather is nice, we may be able to eat outside under a new covered area that they now have. Watch for more information in emails and in the bulletin.

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

Memorials

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

The **General Fund** in memory of **Helen Reedy** from:

Betty Cole
Dr & Mrs J. R. Stanley

The **Building Fund** in memory of **Christine Giles** from:

Steve & Kathleen Cornett





Thank You

This antique settee was in the parsonage for many years. When the parsonage was remodeled in 2016, it was brought to the church and stored. Thanks to **Joan Holland** it is now reupholstered and in our gathering area where it is a wonderful addition.

Kiwanis Club Of Madisonville

Thank you so much for letting us have our annual Spaghetti Supper/Auction in your fellowship hall on August 22nd. Our partnership with First United Methodist Church Madisonville has always been a very special part of our community outreach efforts. Our proceeds from the event will benefit the children and youth of the area. Please accept this donation to the church as part of our thanks.



Kiwanis Club of Madisonville

Church T Shirts

We have been putting together an order for church t shirts for anyone who wants to buy one or more. This is the shirt that our youth and leaders designed for the mission trip but it is great for wearing anywhere. The signup sheet is on the coffee bar. Short sleeve shirts are \$15.00 and long sleeve shirts are \$18.00. There is a color chart in the packet. Cut off time will be Sunday September 8th. Proceeds will go to our youth program.

2nd Printing of Carolyn Peter's Cookbook

Several years ago Carolyn Peters put together a cookbook called *A LITTLE BIRDIE TOLD ME*. This was a collection of some of her family's favorite recipes. Many of us have used it over the years when we needed a good recipe. I used it again just this week to make Carolyn's buttermilk battered fried okra. That little touch of cayenne pepper makes all the difference in the world. Carolyn donated the proceeds from the first printing to the church. She is now out of these wonderful hard copy cookbooks and has decided to do a second printing. She is trying to get a handle on how many to print. They make great gifts for wedding showers, and Christmas will soon be here! We will let you know when the signup sheet will be ready. Again, Carolyn plans to donate the proceeds from the cookbook to the church. The cost will be \$20.00 and it is well worth the cost!

Sue



Happy Birthday

- 2 Mike Tallent
- 3 Christine Hendricks
- 4 John Houvenagle
Brian Tallent
- 5 Barbara Baiz
- 8 Barbara Pennington
- 19 Emmanuelle Capri Barker
- 20 Jan Lowry
- 21 Bill West
- 23 Mary Kefauver
Rebecca Tweed Fox
Keith Johnston
Pat Harvey
- 24 Betty Hicks
- 29 Kenny Tate
Emma Vinyard
- 30 Sheila Kanabar

Happy Anniversary

- 1 Art & Penny Fowler
- 7 Allan & Sharon Benton
- 15 Art & Melanie Slouka
- 20 Wayne & Lucille Peery

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.



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*.



... 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 \$\$.
- 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 are a-changing!!”

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.

Holston Home for Children

BELIEFS

We are guided by principles that have been passed down throughout the history of this ministry.

These beliefs strongly influence our services:

- God loves children and their families so much that He sent His Son to die so that they could have abundant and eternal life.
- Every child should be taught about Jesus.
- All things are possible in Christ.
- Every child should have a warm and secure place to live.
- People can change.
- Lasting change occurs through caring relationships.
- It is the birthright of every child to have a family.
- The best place for a child to be raised is within a caring family.
- Children and youth should always have something to look forward to.
- Kids and families deserve our very best.
- Every child deserves the opportunity to reach their God-given potential.

PRACTICES

The people of Holston Home shall diligently attend to those in our care through these practices:

- Provide the highest quality of professional service for our children and their families through highly trained and competent staff.
- Treat all people with love, respect, and care.
- Keep all information confidential.
- Be open and honest in our communications.
- Recognize progress and achievements of children and families.
- Advocate for the rights and needs of our children, youth, and their families.
- Practice the highest principles of Christian stewardship in every aspect of our ministry.

On Sunday, September 29, we will collect our **5th Sunday Offering** for Holston Home. Please prayerfully consider what you can give this month for the children in need.



HOLSTON UNITED METHODIST
HOME FOR CHILDREN

Our Gifts**For August****General Operating Fund:** \$ 19,780.72**Designated:** \$ 1,055.00**Building Fund:** \$ 4,570.00**Memorial Fund:** \$.00**Our Presence****Average for August**

Sunday School— 36

Worship— 105

Our Commitments**For September****Ushers** Regina Warfel, Blair Clements
Joe Rybenski**Lay Reader** John Byrum**Flowers**

Sept 1 Communion

Sept 8 Carol McKenzie

Sept 15 Clifford Lynch in memory of
Patsy Lynch

Sept 22 Pat Harvey

Sept 29 Joan Holland in memory of Scott

Acolytes

Sept 1 Leilah Pyros & Leland Shaw

Sept 8 Justin Deaton & Storm Milsaps

Sept 15 Catherine Barger & Emily Deaton

Sept 22 Evan Kile & Alexis Jones

Sept 29 Kyleigh Curtis & Justin Deaton

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

Carol McKenzie

Wednesday Night Church Family Supper

Sept 11, 6 PM

Hosted by: -

Supper Hosts for IGNITE/UMYF

Sept 4 McNeece Team

Sept 11 Church-wide Covered Dish Supper

Sept 18 Fowler Team

Sept 25 Grubb/Strickland Team

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

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

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
 Joyce Turner—Madisonville Health & Rehab
 Center, Room 205B



September 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM	2 Labor Day <i>The office will be closed.</i>	3 <i>Girl Scouts 6 PM CR</i>	4 IGNITE/UMYF 6 PM Supper Hosts: McNeece Team Choir 7 PM	5 <i>TOPS 4 PM CR</i>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Youth Lock-in 7 PM Fri—9 AM Sat </div>	
8 UMM 8:30 AM at Fat Stacks SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM	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 Exams CR 8:30 AM-5 PM</i> <i>Girl Scouts 6 PM CR</i>	11 Church Family Supper 6 PM Hosts: IGNITE/UMYF 6 PM Choir 7 PM <i>Inter Agency Noon CR</i>	12 Prayer Ministry Team 6 PM <i>TOPS 4 PM CR</i>	13 <i>AA CR</i>	14
15 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>Girl Scouts 6 PM CR</i>	18 UMYF/IGNITE 6 PM Supper Hosts: Fowler Team Choir 7 PM <i>Homeless Mgmt Group</i>	19 <i>TOPS 4 PM CR</i>	20 <i>AA CR</i>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Car Wash (tentative) Watch for more info in the bulletins. </div>
22 UMW 9:30 AM SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM Hiwassee District Conference 3 PM at Keith Mem UMC in Athens	23 <i>Boy Scouts 6 PM CR</i> <i>Cub Scouts FH 6 PM</i>	24 <i>Hiwassee District Pastors Meeting 7 PM Conference Rm</i> <i>Girl Scouts 6 PM</i>	25 UMYF/IGNITE 6 PM Supper Hosts: Grubb/Strickland Team Choir 7 PM	26 <i>TOPS 4 PM CR</i>	27 <i>AA CR</i>	28
29 SS 10 AM Acolyte Training during SS Worship 11 AM 5th Sunday Svc Madisonville Presbyterian Church—Supper 5:45 PM, Worship at 7 PM	30 <i>Boy Scouts 6 PM CR</i> <i>Cub Scouts FH 6 PM</i>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <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> </div>				



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Pumpkin Patch

October 12 thru 31

Our pumpkins are scheduled to arrive on Saturday, Oct 12 at 8 AM. We will need lots of help to unload and arrange the pumpkins on our playground.

The classes from Madisonville Primary School and Head Start will be making field trips here during the month.

Mark your calendar now to help on Saturday, Oct 12th.

The sign up sheet to work the patch during the month will be out soon.

