

The Flame

OUR WORSHIP TIMES:

- **Worship** 10:30 AM In-Person and On-Line at 1umcm.com
- **Youth Fellowship** Wednesdays at 6 PM

From the Pastor's desk . . .

Expanding our comfort zones.

"For this reason, I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you...for God did not give us a spirit of fear, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline." From 2 Timothy 1: 6-7



One of my favorite stories from the life of our founder John Wesley occurred just after his heartwarming experience at Aldersgate in 1738. Soon after this, he found that he was banned from preaching inside churches in London and the surrounding area. The reason was because Wesley's preaching style had changed after he accepted God's grace for himself at Aldersgate.

He began preaching enthusiastically about God's grace and salvation by faith rather than exclusively through works. The church leaders of his time thought that the new found passion of his preaching, his new doctrinal focus, and the emotional responses he got were all irregular and even a threat. So, he was banned from preaching from pulpits throughout England.

George Whitfield, a fellow early Oxford Methodist turned evangelist, also found himself barred from preaching inside the churches of England. So, he began preaching "out of doors" in the fields, in town squares, and anywhere else he could. It has been said that he had a booming voice and a powerful way of delivering the gospel message. Whitfield found tremendous fruit through preaching and building relationships with coal miners near the industrial town of Bristol. These were folks who found themselves not welcome in the "high churches" of England, and many had never heard the gospel of Jesus Christ clearly or plainly articulated.

Over time, Whitfield built a movement that had grown very large just in the span of three weeks in Bristol; his preaching audience had grown from 200 to approximately ten thousand! Upon hearing that Wesley had also been barred from pulpits, {and knowing about his preaching and organizational skills} Whitfield invited Wesley to help him in Bristol.

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The problem was that Wesley had only ever spoken at regular church services while in England, and he was nervous about it. He wrote in his journal on Saturday, March 31st, 1739:

"In the evening I reached Bristol and met Mr. Whitfield there. I could scarce reconcile myself at first to this strange way of preaching in the fields, of which he set me an example on Sunday, having been all my life (till very lately) so tenacious of every point relating to decency and order that I should have thought the saving of souls almost a sin if it had not been down in a church."

The next night, Wesley did a Bible Study on the Sermon on the Mount with a small group, and found— *"one pretty remarkable precedent for field preaching."* The next day, Monday, Wesley reports:

"At four in the afternoon I submitted to 'be more vile' (2 Sam. 6:22), and proclaimed in the highways the glad tidings of salvation, speaking from a little eminence in a ground adjoining the city, to about three thousand people. The scripture on which I spoke was this...: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor.'"

This simple decision by our founder, to step out of his comfort zone, and preach in a way that he never had before led to the beginning of the Wesleyan Revival all across England, and even contributed to the growth of the 1st Great Awakening. These revivals changed the hearts and lives of many across generations, including affecting both you and I as modern Methodists.

This month I invite you to strive to step out of your comfort zone to share your faith in Christ in new and creative ways. This could be through your actions, your words, or just by your example. As Methodists, we are naturally Methodical about how we go about our Christian life together.

My hope for us this month is that we can be

just as Methodical about stepping out of our comfort zones to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and to share his teachings. I pray that our enthusiasm for him and our passion for a life devoted to holiness in his name will show the world a type of joy and peace that it sorely lacks and desperately needs.

Lots of hope!

Chris

Sue's News - September 2022

As most of you know by now, I and my brother Gary had Covid the last part of August. We want to thank everyone who checked on us and offered support. Our cases were comparatively mild and we are both feeling much better now. Quarantine was no fun. Today (August 29th) is my first day back in the office, and I am SO glad to be back. I worked some from home last week, but it is just not the same as being physically present. I was a part of the online congregation yesterday, but I sure missed being a part of the service in person. I can't remember the last time I missed being in actual church because I was sick. I was here on Sundays during the pandemic when we did online services only. I sure am glad that we do have online services for those who cannot be here. I need a Sunday service to begin every week!

September already! I can't believe it! Where did August go? In fact, where did the first 8 months of 2022 go? It seems like just a few weeks ago the choir did the 2021 Christmas cantata. I just spent part of this morning listening to music and picking out the 2022 Christmas cantata. It is time to begin practicing the cantata (Bethlehem Morning), and we would love to have more voices in the choir. All you need to do is show up on Wednesdays at 6 PM and be ready to sing and make a joyful noise. There are no auditions or prerequisites to be in the choir. Everyone is welcome. We have a great time together, and we are a very faithful church group. If you have any questions, just give me a call. It's already beginning to

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very much a lot like Christmas!

There are many announcements for the coming weeks in this newsletter. Keep it handy and watch for more information and updates in the weekly bulletin, on our website, through emails and through other forms of church communication. See you soon.

Sue



Who Are They???

She grew up in Oregon and graduated from Oregon State University. She now calls herself a University of Tennessee convert. He grew up in Knoxville. He was placed on the UT nursery school list on the day he was born, is a UT graduate and a diehard UT fan. He is a retired school history teacher and loves to do family and county history research. She is an appraiser for the United States Forest Service. They love to travel and garden and he is an avid reader. He is a descendant of the early pioneer Carson family of Monroe County. Who are they?

We will continue to profile a family or person in our church each month. See if you can identify them from the info that we give you—the answer is on page 8

YOUTH REPORT: Back to School, Special Guests, and Water Balloons

August means back to school (I can still hear the groans from you all about that). We wish you all the very best year. Learn a lot. Have fun with friends. And be kind to all you meet.

We wish our new college freshmen the best as well as they start a new chapter. We look forward to hearing about the great things they are doing.

In August, Marlee Tierce joined us as our special guest to talk about the annual conference and what that means for our youth. How the Book of Discipline has changed over the years is fascinating. Marlee explained how

the annual conference affects our youth, our church and our local congregation. She also noted how our youth can share their thoughts about the future of the church with her and other leaders in our church. We appreciate Marlee spending time with us and hope she'll come again!



We also took part in a very epic water balloon fight in downtown Madisonville. The Monroe County Wellness and Prevention Coalition organized this fun event with our police and fire departments and emergency medical response teams. This is the first year for the community water balloon fight, and we hope they do it again because we had a blast. We had about 15 youth help fill about 2,000 water balloons. We sold some, and then we put the others to good use as well. Most of us were sufficiently soaked by the time the last balloon burst. What made the event even more fun was then sharing dinner with several of our Youth at the food trucks. Any time spent with these

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young people is time well spent. They are so much fun and simply amazing!



We end August with our senior high breakout. Our high schoolers will discuss this question: Does sexism still exist? Each month we try to have a breakout where they pick the topic and have an open conversation about it. They don't shy away from difficult topics for breakouts!

We are gearing up for Nerf gun battles and more for September. Please stop in on a Wednesday and meet our Youth if you don't know them yet. And if you have any questions about our youth program, let Pastor Chris, Jerry or me know.

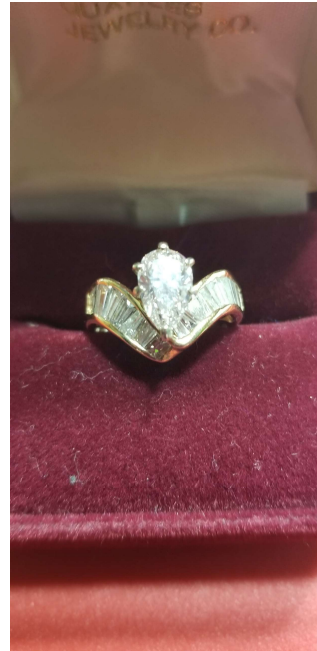
Blessings,
Vanessa

Diamond Ring Needs a New Home

We all lovingly remember Emma Tate, who was a devoted member of this church family. To demonstrate her love for us, Emma's family has bestowed upon her church her diamond ring, with the intent



that we sell it and use the proceeds of that sale for the benefit of the church. The trustees are considering how to use the proceeds in ways that Emma would appreciate.



The ring, pictured to the left, has been evaluated and appraised by several jewelers at 1.47 carats, and based upon those appraisals, the Board of Trustees has decided to place a minimum asking price of \$12,000.00. Due to the value of the ring, it is currently secured in a safety deposit box; we will not be showing the ring in public, nor storing the ring on the church campus.

For persons seriously considering the purchase of this ring, we will arrange a personal viewing and inspection in a secured location. Interested parties, accompanied by a trustee, may arrange their own appraisal. Please contact the church office at (423) 442-2471 for more information, or to make an appointment.

Interested in a Mission Trip?

There is a mission trip that has been tentatively scheduled for Oct. 9th-13th that will go to southwest Virginia for flood relief and cleanup. (The crew will leave after church on the 9th and return on that Thursday.) Members of our church who participate in the trip will be joining a crew from Keith Memorial UMC from Athens, Tennessee. Details about lodging, fees, and travel are currently being worked out. If you have questions or are interested in participating in this trip please e-mail Chris at cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org

Have you visited the church library lately?

Our church library has been transformed into the ***1st UMC Devotional Library***. This is a space in our church that is set aside where you can grow in your relationship with God through study, prayer, and discussion with others. There are many theological and devotional resources in our stacks from several different generations, and we will be adding more commentaries and study resources for the congregation's use in the near future. Beginning monthly in September the Rev. Chris Black will highlight two books from our collection that have been formative for him personally and have them highlighted so that you can read them too! We hope you will drop by and use our library as a quiet space to read, pray, reflect, and even research about our unique Christian faith and its scriptures.

Coffee, Dessert, & Difficult Conversations:

Questions about Disaffiliation



In August we had our first Coffee, Dessert, & Difficult Conversations meeting which answered the question: "What is going on in the UMC?" Pastor Chris Black talked about our general church's administrative processes, our relationship with the Book of Discipline, and all that has happened from the 2016 General Conference until now. Our

lay representative to the Annual Conference also spoke about her experiences at our most recent Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska in June.

On Wednesday evening September 21st at 7:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall the Rev. Chris Black will hold another Coffee, Dessert, &

Difficult Conversation on the issue of disaffiliation, and Holston's Conference's unique process for disaffiliation. He will also discuss what led up to disaffiliation being an option for United Methodist churches, and his thoughts on a path forward for our local church.

More Scenes from Battle



**Your
Pastor**

Our Service

Trustee

The Trustee for the month of August is Jerry Barr. If you have questions or concerns please contact him.

Altar Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for the Altar sometime during this year, please contact Kim Townson at townsonkjwp@gmail.com or 423-836-5385. She has the schedule and will be happy to hear from you.

September 4 - Communion Sunday

September 11 - The grandchildren of Wayne & Lucille Peery in honor of their grandparents.

September 18—Sue and Gary Hamilton in memory of their parents, Fred and Joyce Hamilton

September 25 - John Summitt & Joan Holland in memory of their son, Scott Christian Holland

Our Gifts

For August, 2022

General Operating Fund:

Needed: \$ 21,920 **Rec'd:** \$13,013

Building Fund:

Needed: \$ 4,084 **Rec'd:** \$ 5,103

Memorial Fund: \$ 75

Designated: \$ 250

Our Presence

Worship Service

Average for August, 2022

In person - 79

Online - 10

Memorials & Honors

In the month of **August**, a donation was made to:

The **General Fund** in memory of:

Freida Naylor from: Phyllis Harrell

Community Dinner

Pencil Tuesday, September 20 into your calendar. That is our day to provide food for the Community Dinner at Madisonville Presbyterian Church. More info coming soon!

Community Assistance Fund (CAF) Report

Since we restarted the Pastor's Community Assistance Fund before Easter this year, we have been very active. We have provided gift cards from businesses that do not sell alcohol or tobacco, and we otherwise make payments by credit card or check directly to landlords or service providers - not to the CAF clients themselves.

The Community Assistance Fund has received \$3,045 in donations this year/ \$273 in August, and has to date made a total of \$1,313 this year/\$485 in August in disbursements to those in need. We have gift cards for food and gas from Subway, McDonalds, Walgreen's and United Grocery Outlet (UGO) to have available in the office when people show up with immediate needs for food, gas or other items.

Additionally, every week we get calls out of the blue from people with specific needs, and have been able to help them. The price of gas has prompted a number of calls for assistance, and we are seeing an uptick in calls from the elderly and families with as children asking for assistance with medical bills, utilities, and housing needs. While we cannot fill all of those needs, your generosity makes it possible for us to be able to immediately say "yes" to people with very real needs, and to be Christ's hands and feet every day.

We Support Our Church By Our Prayers

On-going Prayer Concerns:

Lynn Pyros & Family
Tom & Denise Washburn
Frank Dossett
Libby Hicks
James Lane
Trip Tolbert
Infant Elsie Mae Rose & family
Lucille Peery & Family
Norman Nelson
Terry Steinrock
David Ginsburg
Stephanie Dean
Mary Nelson
Stella VanZile & Family
Allison Slouka
Ray Sammons
Annalese Bryant
Lexi Beason
Geneva Bivens
April Stinnett
Jennie Schutte
Judy Robinson
Pam (Janet Ruppel's friend)
Stan & Kay Collett
Sarah Lovingood
Ronnie Gay
Shelby Nelson
Jeff Smith

Karen Paxton
Farmers
Jim Bromwell
Sharon Torbett Allmon
Pat Rapking & Family
Allen & Julia Reedy
Dustin & Becky Seay
Lee Anne Perry
Sandra Coleman
Joe Alan Johnson
Joe Grubb
Scott Turney
Fred Schwartz
Dr. Mike McCoy
Brad Hughes
Lindsay Kefauver (David Kefauver's sister)
Sandy Hampton (Barbara Penland's friend)
Jill Alliman's friend Kayla, and her newborn twins
Chris Hull (friend of Ray & Dora Nelson)
Lonnie Allmon (Karen Rapking's co-worker)
Carl (Kathy Isbill's brother)
Valerie Stratton (Dora Nelson's sister-in-law)
Mable Graham
Barbara Raper
Kat Ahart

Barbara Baiz
Karen Balsinger
Bob Carl
Joseph Certo
Roger Green
Betty Hicks
Brad Reedy
Mari Rosian
John Stratton
Todd Strickland
Mike Summitt
Dick Turner
Jo West
Pat & Gary Cloud
The Kapileo family
The Leamon family
Sandy & Mike O'Neill
Carol & Rick Rapking
John Summitt & Joan Holland
Wanda Williford

If you have placed a family member or a friend on our prayer list and they have reached a point where they can come off, please let Sue know.

In most instances, names will remain on the ongoing prayer list for two months.

Our Active Military Personnel:

Shawn Gregg—US Army
Nathan Greenwood—US Navy
David Hargett—US Army
Robert Haller—US Marines
Zach Johnston—US Army
Adam Thornton—US Coast Guard Reserves

If you would like addresses for our church family members who are in the military, nursing homes, or assisted living, please call the office.

Those in Nursing Homes or Assisted Living:

Pat Harvey
Mary Margaret Mason
Wood Village Assisted Living
Judy Lee
The Nursing Center at Little Creek
Sam Grubb
Life Care Center of Athens
Marilyn DePew
Life Care Center of Blount County
Nancy Byrum
The Lodge at Wood Village

Meetings

United Methodist Men



The United Methodist Men will meet on Sunday, September 11th at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. All men of the church are invited. Breakfast will be served.

Board of Trustees

The Trustees will meet on Monday, September 12th at 6 PM in the conference room.

Finance

The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 13th at 6 PM in the fellowship hall.

United Methodist Women



The United Methodist Women will meet on Sunday, September 18th at 11:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided

Youth Fellowship

The United Methodist Youth Fellowship meets on Wednesday evenings at 6 PM.

Choir Practice

The chancel choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 6 PM.

Cub Scouts Den 100, and Scouts BSA Troop 10

The **Cub Scouts** meet at 6PM on Mondays in the Youth Room For questions, please call Leona Layman at 423-462-4024. The **Scouts BSA** meet at 7 PM on Mondays in the Community Room.

Watch your e-mail and the bulletins for more info/reminders on these meetings. ANY CHANGES WILL BE REFLECTED LIVE ON THE CALENDAR AT 1umcm.com

September 2022

Happy Birthday!

- 2 Mike Tallent
- 4 John Houvenagle
- 5 Barbara Baiz
- 6 Ellie Martin
- 7 Colin Pfrogner
Becky Williams
- 8 Kinsley Arden
Barbara Pennington
- 19 Gabriel Barker
- 20 Jan Lowry
- 23 Patricia Harvey
Mary Kefauver
- 24 Betty Hicks Jr.
- 26 Kristin Bazeley
John Maiuri
- 28 Judy Maiuri
- 29 McKinley Allen

Happy Anniversary

- 1 Art & Penny Fowler
- 7 Allan & Sharon Benton
- 15 Art & Melanie Slouka
- 10 Mark & Debbie Radosevich
- 19 Duane & Reba Dopkins
- 20 Wayne & Lucille Peery

Are we missing your name?

We would like to hear from you if your name is left off of the birthday or anniversary lists. Please call or text the office at (423) 442-2471 or email rbeaubien@firstumcmadisonville.org.

Please leave a message if we are not there to let us know when your birthday or anniversary is.

September 2022

OFFICIAL Calendar with up-to-date Updates /Changes
@ 1umcm.com

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) 5:30 PM Community Room	3
4 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 AM Scripture & the Wesleyan Way 11:45 AM— Fellowship Hall	5 Labor Day—Office Closed Cub Scouts 6 PM Youth Room Scouts BSA 7 PM Community Room	6	7 UMYF at 6 PM Choir 6 PM	8	9 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) 5:30 PM Community Room	10
11 UMM 9 AM Fellowship Hall Sunday Worship 10:30 AM Scripture & the Wesleyan Way 11:45 AM— Fellowship Hall	12 Trustees 6 PM, Conference. Rm Cub Scouts 6 PM Youth Room Scouts BSA 7 PM Community Room	13 Lion's Club Eye Exams 8:30 AM—12 Noon Community Room Finance Committee 6 PM, Fellowship Hall	14 UMYF at 6 PM Choir 6 PM	15	16 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) 5:30 PM Community Room	17
18 Sunday Worship 10:30 AM - Sanctuary UMW 11:45 AM - Fellowship Hall	19 Cub Scouts 6 PM Youth Room Scouts BSA 7 PM Community Room	20 Community Dinner Presbyterian Church	21 UMYF at 6 PM Choir 6 PM	22	23 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) 5:30 PM Community Room	24
25 Sunday Worship 10:30 AM - Sanctuary Scripture & the Wesleyan Way 11:45 AM— Community Rm. Private Event— 12 PM Fellowship Hall	26 Cub Scouts 6 PM Youth Room Scouts BSA 7 PM Community Room	27	28 UMYF at 6 PM Choir 6 PM	29	30 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) 5:30 PM Community Room	



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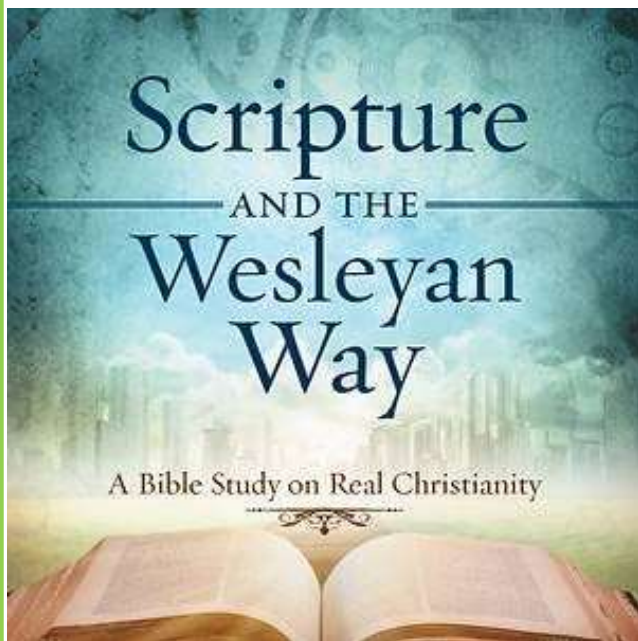


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Bible Study: Scripture and the Wesleyan Way



There is still time to join us on Sunday mornings after church service to partake in the Scripture and the Wesleyan Way Bible study group. Let Marlee Tierce know to get you a book, but you can come even without one. Each chapter works alone and she will give a summary of the previous week so you can come when you are able.

Do let Marlee Tierce know since we are sharing lunch together and want everyone to have that fellowship. We meet in the Fellowship Hall from 11:45 to 1:15 on the Sundays that UMW doesn't meet for 8 sessions: September 4, 11, 25 (in the Downstairs Community Room on the 25th), then back to the Fellowship Hall for October 2, 9, 23, 30, and November 6.

This study takes Bible verses to compare each week and links them to one of John Wesley's sermons with discussion on our lives and beliefs about those verses. You are welcome at the table! **BRING YOUR BIBLE WITH YOU!**

Questions about the study or want on the list? Marlee Tierce, mtierce@aol.com, 423-884-2196