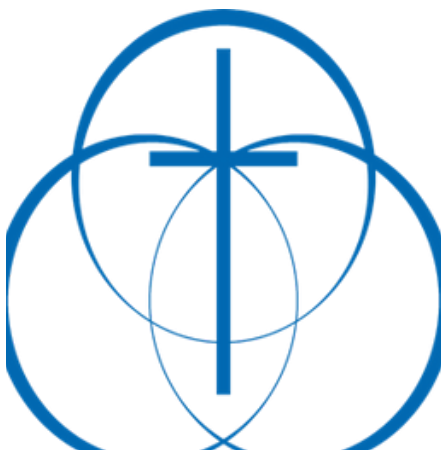




Smoky Mountain Methodist Church

October 2025 Newsletter

From Our Pastor Rev. Parker Benson

This morning, I fed all the cows. We have five cows and a heifer.

Also, three calves and one bull. And a donkey. I fed them all.

I went out at daybreak (currently 7:00 a.m.), and first let the chickens out of their coop. Carol has two coops: one for the big chickens and one for the little chickens. They all run around in one chicken lot, which is fenced in. In the afternoon we let them out of the lot, and they run around the yard, the pastures, and the fields – free range. When it gets dark, they all go back into their respective coops automatically. All you have to do is go up there and close the doors on the coops and shut the gate to the lot. Pretty neat.

Then I fed all the cows. The feed is in 55-gallon barrels. When they get empty, I load them in the back of the truck and drive to CO-OP on South 411 and get them filled. You have to pull up on the scales and get weighed; then you pull around to the feed silo, and they fill them up; then you drive around and get weighed again and then go in and pay. The four barrels of feed will last about a month because I don't feed them every day. I only feed them so that when I need the cows to go in a certain pasture or corral, I can put feed in a bucket, and they will follow me. Farmers say, "A cow will sell its soul for a bucket of feed." But you have to feed them from time to time just to keep them healthy and somewhat docile so they will follow you.

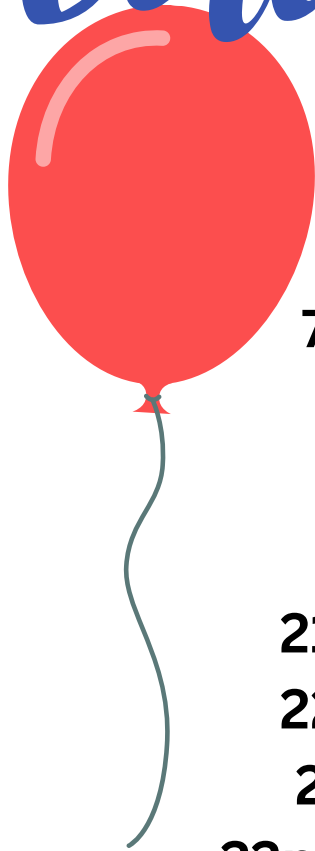
"Today at noon, a man is bringing us another heifer – called a "replacement heifer," to replace cows we recently sold. We sold three recently because they were getting old, too old to calve, and we have to replace them with a heifer. A heifer – BTW – is a cow that has never had a calf. Once she has a calf, she is properly called a cow. Until then she is a heifer.

What,” you may ask, “does this have to do with church?” Good question. Possible nothing, but the Bible does say, “A righteous man cares for the needs of his animal.” (Proverbs 12:10) So, I do. The same as you do when you feed your cat or your dog or your goldfish.

And Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

Love in Christ,
Parker

Happy Birthday



3rd Marilyn Byrd
6th Pete Gale
7th Denis Schmidt
12th Glen Schmidt
17th Jan McCoy
17th Kris Woelke
21st Steve McGee
22nd Evan McGee
22nd Denise Rose
22nd Bonnie Van Pelt
28th Karen Page



BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR BRAD

**EVERY TUESDAY
FROM 10-11:30 A.M.
WE ARE STUDYING
JAMES**

EVERYONE WELCOME!!!

Annual Church Picnic
October 4th
from 5:00-7:30 under
the Pavilion at Pearson
Springs Park



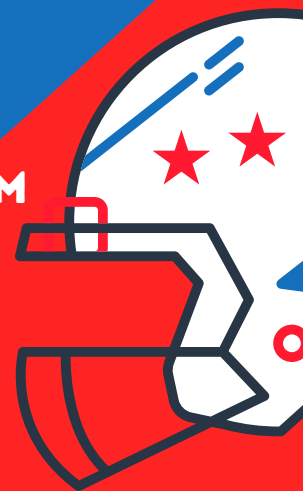
FOOTBALL
TAILGATE
PARTY

THURSDAY

OCTOBER 2  **4-5:30 PM**

WE WILL BE FEEDING
THE AJROTC PROGRAM

Heritage High School
at the ROTC bulding



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WE WILL BE FEEDING
THE JV FOOTBALL
TEAM

OCTOBER 13 AT 2:30

@ HERITAGE HIGH
SCHOO



Menu: sandwich trays,
chips, water, and cookies

Friday Night Football

Come and join us on October 2nd &
17th at Heritage High School
(meeting 5:45-half time) and help
Pastor Brad pass out information
about our church!



Help
Spread The
Word!

We give away Church
business cards, mini
Jesus figurines, "Jesus
Loves You" bracelets,
Cross Key Chains,
Stickers, Bottled
Water and Candy!

*** Want to donate? We have an amazon
wishlist or can shop for you! (Ask Pastor
Brad or Jenny for more informaiton) ***

SUNDAY SCHOOL FALL QUARTER PROGRAM

STARTING ON
SEPTEMBER 7 WITH THE
GOSPEL OF JOHN. WE
WILL USE THE WESLEY
ADULT BIBLE STUDY AS
A GUIDE. JOIN US AT
9:30 ON SUNDAY
MORNINGS IN THE
CHOIR ROOM. PLEASE
SEE KRISTINE BROCK
FOR MORE DETAILS.



Men's Luncheon

**Monday, October
20th at 11:00 a.m.**

**Calhouns in
Maryville, TN**



GHOST BUSTERS

OCTOBER 15TH

CHILDREN: 5:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

YOUTH: 6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

AT TRINITY HOUSE

DESSERT, DEVOTIONAL,
AND THEME GAME!



Trunk or Treat

BOO-TIFUL

STARTS
at 5-7pm

NIGHT

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At Heritage High
School Parking
Lot



Women of Faith Fall Shop and Brunch

November 8th 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Sponsored by Smoky Mountain Global Methodist Church
at Heritage Middle School**

**3741 E. Lamar Alexander Parkway
Maryville, TN, 37804**



- **Appetizer Brunch**
- **Special Guest Speaker
Testimony**
- **Small Business Vendors**
- **Door Prizes**
- **Basket Raffle**

**Guest Speaker:
Laura & Maleka West
with Blind Faith Ministries**

FREE EVENT!



Smoky Mountain Methodist Church

Monthly Member's Spotlight

Kristine Brock



Where were you born and raised?

***I was born in Knoxville and raised on the Blount County side of Seymour.**

How long have you lived in TN?

***I have always lived in TN except for 2 years of grad school in Pittsburgh and 6.5 years working in Georgia.**

Name something unique about you that very few people know.

*** My only trip to Europe was a tour of Scotland in 2012. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity to see the Highlands, coastal areas and a couple of cities. I would love to go back sometime.**

What is the hobby that you are most passionate about today?

*** We enjoy visiting TN State Parks and exploring the beauty and history of our home area.**

What qualities do you admire most in others?

***Kindness, empathy, strong work ethic and humility.**

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Monthly Member's Spotlight

Jesse Brock



Where were you born and raised?

***I was born in Decatur, Illinois and grew up in Hindsboro, Illinois.**

How long have you lived in TN?

***I moved to TN from Kentucky almost 7 years ago when Kristine and I were married.**

Name something unique about you that very few people know.

I started playing the fiddle/violin at age 8, after learning how to sing at 7.

What is the hobby that you are most passionate about today?

Antique watch collecting

What qualities do you admire most in others?

Kindness and genuine generosity