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Most people could go to an art museum and recognize a Vincent van Gogh painting without much trouble. His style and personality stand out immediately from other artists. Most people can also recognize a Picasso when they see one in an art museum. The same is true of a Rembrandt painting, such dark and deep colors. A Monet painting, his Impressionist style, is both beautiful and different. And the crazy style in which Salvador Dali paints identifies him immediately, just as Jackson Pollock's abstract style of painting is so unusual one might think "is this art". Yet each of these artists and their styles have withstood the tests of time and many of their "masterpieces" hang in art museums from New York to Paris.

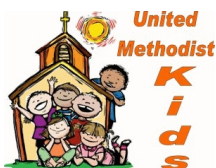
The New Testament, from the Gospels to the epistles of Paul, also paints a picture. It is a picture of the Christian life which each person is invited to experience. The life of faith has the common brush strokes of grace, forgiveness, love, and obedience. One comes to experience these brush strokes in the person of Jesus Christ. The picture which the Bible paints is unlike any other, and cannot be found in any other religion, philosophy, or secular viewpoint. Do you know the artist, the master? And more importantly, are you allowing Christ to transform you and put his signature on the canvass of your life?"



If you wish to donate to the relief efforts for Hurricane Florence victims, you may earmark your check for UMCOR: Florence.

Laity Sunday will be held on Sunday, October 14 and Bess Thornburg will be delivering the Message. The Laity Service award will be presented during this service.

Our Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, November 11, at 10:00AM in the Church Parlor.



Now that things are back to “normal” the kids are enjoying our Wednesday night routine. Around 25 children join us each week for food, fun, worship, classes, and crafts. We have been learning about the slimy situations that we sometimes find ourselves in when we lie and deceive to gain our own selfish desires. Sometimes others are the reason that we go through slimy situations. While other times the things we go through are of our own making. The children are learning that even though we may mess up, God still loves us. We may have to suffer the consequences of our sin, but God will help us through them if we trust and rely on Him. The story of Jacob and Esau was the starting point for our study.

Each week we worship as a large group by singing praise songs, praying, and taking up an offering. Our offering this fall is going to help pay for the postage of our Operations Christmas child shoeboxes. The older students go to hand chime class while the younger students watch a video of today’s lesson and sing worship songs. We were able to share in our homecoming celebration this year by singing for the glory of God and the enjoyment of the congregation. Our 2nd – 7th graders (UMTweens) played a selection on the hand chimes.

We encourage parents to talk to their children about the lesson each week. Getting the children to talk about what they have learned will help reinforce the lesson and help them to make it a part of their daily habits.



Our annual Trunk or Treat will be on Sunday, October 28 from 5-6:30. Please join us by decorating your trunk and passing out candy to our children. We will have games for the children and hot dogs for the entire family. Come join in the fun with your church family as an outreach to our community.

YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS

It is time to start planning for our Winter Retreat and Summer Mission Trip. In order to reserve our spots we need to submit our deposits. If your student is planning on attending it is necessary for you to communicate with Jeanna. The Winter Retreat will be in Gatlinburg again this year. As in the past it will be held over the Martin Luther holiday weekend. The school calendar works well for this event this year. **Exams will be over** and the students will be out of school. The spring semester does not start until the Tuesday that they go back to school. We will leave on Friday, January 18 or Saturday, January 19 and return on Monday, January, 21. Our deposit is due by October 15. Each student will need to pay \$100 towards to cost of the retreat per the Finance Committee guidelines. If your student is planning on going, Jeanna will need \$25 dollars toward this payment by Sunday October 14, in order to make a reservation for your student. This \$25 signifies that your student is committed to go and that you will pay the rest of the fee to the church by January 6. When the reservation is made for your student the church is obligated to pay the entire amount to the organization putting on the retreat. This money is non-refundable. If we make reservations for 15 and only 10 go, then we are responsible for paying the entire amount for 15. Please understand that if your student backs out after the reservation is made YOU are still responsible to pay the entire \$100.

This year for our mission experience we will be attending Carolina Cross Connection. We are planning on going the week of June 16-22. The cost per person attending the mission trip will be between \$315-\$365. As in the past, each student will be required to pay a \$100 deposit towards this mission experience, while the rest of the cost will be paid through fund raisers and donations from our church. This deposit can be made in two installments of \$50 each. The first deposit will be due by October 21 and the second will be due by November 25. By paying the deposit you are making a commitment for your student to attend. Once we reserve your student’s spot, we are obligated as a church to pay the total amount whether your student goes or not.



It is time to start planning on stuffing shoe boxes for children around the world who may not get a Christmas Present. With each box

children will learn that Jesus loves them and that someone cares. Please plan on helping our church fill 100 boxes. For the next 6 weeks we will be collecting items. The following is a schedule for items to be collected:

- Wed. Oct. 3: tooth brushes/tooth paste (brushes should be individually wrapped), soap
- Wed. Oct. 10: Small toys (no guns or anything related to war)
- Wed. Oct 17: socks, flip flops, t-shirts, gloves, toboggans
- Wed. Oct 24: hair brushes, combs, hair bows, pony tails holders, etc.
- Wed. Nov. 7: crayons, colored pencils, coloring books, pencils, sharpeners, note pads, etc.
- Wed. Nov. 14: games, puzzles, stuffed animals, dolls

You may pack a box on your own if you like and bring it to the church no later than Sunday, November 18. You can pick up labels and boxes at the church later in October. The age categories are 2-4 years old, 5-9 years old, and 10-14 years old. Please try to buy a few items for the older category. This age group seems to get left out.

We cannot pack any liquid objects like lotions and perfumes. We are not allowed to pack candy or gum either.

It cost \$9 shipping for each box. If you would like to donate towards the shipping you can designate that on your check to the church.



KINGDOM KIDS KORNER

After a complete month of school almost all of our children have adjusted and appear to be enjoying their school experience. Our staff is working hard to make this a great school year and I am so proud of them! Two new staff members, Melody Bridges and Jaclyn Sours, join our returning staff of Sara Baity, Cassie Cahoon, Haley Craft, and Kim Stout.

During the month of October we will be visiting Lineberger's Pumpkin Patch; participate in Trunk or Treat; and walk in the Little Spooks Parade down Main Street.

The children enjoy attending Chapel on Wednesdays. Chapel programs alternate between Pastor Joe and our teaching staff members. The children always shout a big "Thank You" to Pastor Joe!

We also have one day each month when the librarian from Cherryville Public Library comes to read to us and to share with music and fun.

What a joy to hear singing and laughter; to see the smiles; and to receive so many hugs from these precious little ones!

Thanks for all your support and prayers for our preschool program!

Ms. Millie

There will be safe sanctuary training session for everyone who works with children and youth in the church on Sunday, October 7, at 5:15pm in the Fellowship Hall. The adopted Safe Sanctuary policy of FUMC requires that all individuals working with children/youth attend this class.



We gratefully acknowledge gifts presented to the church in loving memory of:

HAROLD BEAM

Larry & Juanita Gunnell
Ronnie & Jill Puett

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Allen & Susan Fraley (Backpack Ministry)

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Rev. Terrell & Myra Long
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(Martha, Caroline, Anna, & Harriet)
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Rob & Chelsi Thomas (Endowment Fund)

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Steve & Lynn Bowen
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Chad, Crystal & Leslie Thornburg (Backpack Ministry)

BOB WOODRUFF

Gail Jenkins (Endowment Fund)
Jeff Jenkins (Endowment Fund)
Rob & Chelsi Thomas (Endowment Fund)

IN HONOR

We gratefully acknowledge gifts presented to the church in honor of:

HARRIS HETRICK

4th Birthday

Larry & Barbara McGinnis (Playground fund)



PRAYER LIST (Members)

Cone Carpenter, Joanne Carpenter, Sandra Carpenter, Janet Carter, Steve Falls, Peggy Gardo, The Gardo Family, Ned Heavner & family, Aura Ann McGinnis, Barbara McGinnis, Pat McGinnis, Carol Metzger, Sue Nolen, The Payseur Family, Karleen Price, Joe & Frances Putnam, C.V. Thornburg, Rhonda Wehunt, Earlene Williams, and all our homebound and nursing home members.

PRAYER LIST (Family & Friends)

Rick Benfield, Ray Branton, Patsy Dellinger, The Fite Family, Sloan Fortenbery, James Griffith, Diane Hilderbrand, Ray Homesley, Cornelia Moss, Gail Packard, Jeff Schrum, Mary Wheatley, Bill Wilson, Greg Yount, and our loved ones in the military.

LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY:

#Ethan Beck, Aron Dickerson, Kenny Greene, Jessica Lovell, *Travis Kiser, Cody Spiker.

Church Member; *Stationed in the Middle East

A NOTE OF



Thank you so much for all the cards, calls and prayers during my recent surgery. I am so blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

Steve Falls

STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF SEPT. 23, 2018

Year to Date Offering	\$230,710.54
Needs To Date.	\$269,614.94
Under.	\$38,904.40

ATTENDANCE – SEPT. 23, 2018

Sunday School.	91
Worship.	190

OCTOBER USHERS:

Steve Beam, Jody Fowler, Vee Thornburg, Ben Blackburn, Clay Thornburg

OCTOBER NURSERY WORKERS

	<u>8:45</u>	<u>11:00</u>
Oct. 7	Jessica Thornburg	Emilie Pope
Oct. 14	Sarah Fowler	M'Shel Bowen
Oct. 21	Linda Brittain	Bess Thornburg
Oct. 28	Holly Thornburg	Sandra Beam



Our Christian Sympathy is extended to Ned Heavner and family following the death of his wife, Willie Heavner, on Sept. 22.

October Birthdays

1	Eddie Eaker
1	Tim Pruitt
2	Stan Allen
2	Sara Gardo
4	Patience Foster
4	Kevin Moths
4	Lory Paputseanos
5	Bo Baity
5	Brent Gardo
6	Betty Smith
6	Suzanne Thornburg
7	Sarah Fowler
7	Ben Huffstetler
8	Cone Carpenter
9	Emily Kirby
10	Marley Hudson
10	Shawn McQuaige
11	Will Skibo
12	Holly Bell
12	George Conner
12	Ron Hovis
13	Tracy Gardo
14	Chesley Walls
15	Donnie Bell
15	Garrett Collins
15	Ryan Davis
15	Curtis Harrelson
16	Mike Burgess
16	Bob Kirby
17	Bobbi Ballard
17	Taylor Costner
18	Tom Dellinger
19	Nora Heavner
19	Ava Thornburg
20	Gene Hubbard
20	Melinda Yount
21	Joe Collins
21	Ray McSwain
23	Archie Mitchell
23	Kirk Thornburg
24	Bob Faires
24	Dave Owens
25	Erika King
27	Amy Dellinger
29	David Carpenter
30	Pat Eaker
30	Juanita Gunnell
30	Brody Thornburg
31	Jill Puett



If your birthday is in October and not listed, please contact the church office.



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Sunday, September 30

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship
6:00pm - Youth

Monday, October 1

2:00pm - Lola Allran Circle
6:00pm - Callie Beam Circle
6:00pm - Aunt Pearl Circle
6:00pm - Vera Eaker Circle

Wednesday, October 3

5:30pm - UMK's
6:00pm - Fellowship Meal
6:30pm - Adult Bible Study
6:30pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 4

7:00am - Youth Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's
8:00am - Prayer in the Parlor

Sunday, October 7

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
9:45am - Acolyte Training
11:00am - Worship
5:15pm - Safe Sanctuary Training meeting
6:00pm - Youth

Wednesday, October 10

5:30pm - UMK's
6:00pm - Fellowship Meal
6:30pm - Adult Bible Study
6:30pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 11

7:00am - Youth Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's
8:00am - Prayer in the Parlor
6:30pm - Finance Committee meeting

Sunday, October 14

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship
6:00pm - Youth

Wednesday, October 17

5:30pm - UMK's
6:00pm - Fellowship Meal
6:30pm - Adult Bible Study
6:30pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 18

7:00am - Youth Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's
8:00am - Prayer in the Parlor

Sunday, October 21

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship
6:00pm - Youth

Monday, October 22

7:00pm - Church Council meeting

Wednesday, October 24

5:30pm - UMK's
6:00pm - Fellowship Meal
6:30pm - Adult Bible Study
6:30pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 25

7:00am - Youth Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's
8:00am - Prayer in the Parlor

Sunday, October 28

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship
5:00pm - Trunk or Treat

Wednesday, October 31

6:30pm - Chancel Choir

NOW A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR:

35 Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. 36 For you have need of endurance, so that you may do the will of God and receive what is promised.

Hebrews 10:35-36