



THE UNITED CHURCH,
THE CHAPEL ON THE HILL

Newsletter Date: 5/1/2016

Volume 71 Issue 5

CHAPEL CHIMES

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN — Community Involvement

It could be argued that every minister should be involved in the local community in some way, in addition to his or her pastoral responsibilities and service at the congregation where he or she serves. I certainly agree with that premise.

Consequently, I have chosen (or did they choose me?) Aid to Distressed Families of Appalachian Counties (ADFAC) as the primary way I serve the greater Oak Ridge Community. ADFAC is the largest social service agency that I am aware of in Anderson County that provides a wide range of services to neighbors in need. I can't name every service that ADFAC offers, but some of the more visible ones are assistance with rent, mortgage and utilities; providing low-income new housing and sub-standard housing renovations; offering budget counseling; supplying backpacks filled with school supplies for over 2500 children; medical prescriptions; and more. Ever since I arrived in Oak Ridge, ADFAC has been an invaluable service to me as I confer with them about clients seeking assistance from our United Church, as they have a data base of over 13,000 clients.

I am in my third year of my first term on the ADFAC Board of Directors, which entails a board meeting each month. Additionally, I serve on both the Social Services and Affordable Housing Committees, which entails additional meetings each month. I also support ADFAC's Dine & Donate program (where area restaurants donate a percentage of their sales the second Monday of each month) by being a greeter and thanking restaurant owners and customers for supporting ADFAC's Dine & Donate program. Finally, I often help man the ADFAC table or booth at various Chamber events, such as the "Give It Up for a Cause" non-profit event held recently at ORAU's Pollard Auditorium and the Chamber's Prime Time event and fall Tailgate Party held in the Chamber parking lot.

As I shared with Annie Cacheiro, Executive Director, I don't know of a better group of people anywhere than the ADFAC staff, volunteers, and Board of Directors. So it is a joy for me to serve the greater Oak Ridge Community in this way.

Randy Hammer, Minister

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for our annual VBS, June 20-23. But this year, we're calling it Vacation Hero School! We'll have fun with superheroes, while learning how Jesus' teachings help us to be true heroes and about people who have been inspired by those teachings to help make the world a better place.

Hero School starts at 5:30 pm, with a kid-friendly supper, followed by the program, from 6:00-8:00 pm. All of our children are welcome to participate. The program will be geared toward ages 3 years through 4th grade. Older children can participate as well, or they can be hero trainers.

It's never too early to sign up, so if you know you'll be able to join us, please e-mail Suzanne at sblokland@aol.com or let her or Randy know.

Suzanne Blokland

Children's Day

Join us for food, fun, and games after the family service on May 1st! It's a party for children of all ages to celebrate Children's Day.

Children's Day is a holiday in many countries, observed on different days throughout the world.

We will celebrate in the Japanese tradition, where it is held at the beginning of May, by hosting games and flying "koinobori" representing the wish for children to grow up happy, healthy and strong.

Koinobori are beautifully colored streamers in the shape of carp, a fish admired for the spirit to swim up swift streams and cascades, seemingly overcoming any obstacle.

This is a new event that comes to us through the Murakami's who always made a point to host Oak Ridge children and fly their koinobori proudly for Children's Day. But it is also one that honors the history of the UC. Did you know the magisterial cherry tree in our traffic circle was a gift from a Japanese schoolmaster? It was given in thanks for an out reach effort - women of the church who were reaching out to help children without a school grow up happy, healthy and strong.

Kevin Vogt

In Reach Work Session

In Reach meets 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 17. Please join us!

Volunteers Needed

The United Church has responsibility for manning the Ecumenical Storehouse in May. The ES accepts, stores, and distributes almost every type of household good a person would need during a difficult time in their life. More than a dozen churches support the ES. Household items are needed from donors. Again this year we will be manning the storehouse in May with volunteers from the Unitarian Church. Volunteers man the ES on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 AM until noon for client distributions and by volunteers Saturday at 9 AM for pickups from donors. Our church has management responsibilities the third and fourth week in May that is mainly manning the "front desks," but both churches are seeking volunteers for all operating days in May. Please try to block out some time to serve this worthy cause. A signup sheet is available in Fellowship Hall.

Donations Needed

Vacation Bible School (called Vacation Hero School, or VHS, this year) is a fun-filled week for our children, their parents, and anyone else who wants to join us. Each night, we have dinner, followed by a two-hour program with stories, games, and crafts.

If you would like to make a donation to help cover our costs, we would greatly appreciate it. Checks can be made to the United Church, with VHS on the memo line in the bottom left corner. Cash and checks can be put in offering plates on Sunday morning or left in the wooden box near the exit in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks!

In the Mail

Thank you for all the beautiful notes and cards—and to those who helped my daughter with the Coffee Hour that made my birthday so special!

Deannie Zachry

To Everyone,
On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to say thank you for all the cards, kind words and sympathy following the loss of my grandmother, Lelia Berrier. She is deeply missed but it has given me comfort to know we have so many friends at the United Church.

Thank You All,
Tara Mead

New Horizons Meets May 25

The New Horizons Book Club meets 7:00 pm, May 25, in the memorial room, to discuss the Sharon McCrumb book, The Ballad of Frankie Silver. We will also continue with chapter 16 from The Way to Love by Anthony De Mello entitled, "One Teacher".

No Splinters from the Board

(Splinters were not available at press time.)

Senior Recognition

Recognition of this year's graduating seniors is set for Sunday, May 29.

Teacher Appreciation and SS Picnic

Appreciation of our Sunday School teachers and our end-of-year Sunday School Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, May 29, at 11:00 am.

Memorial Day Service

The annual Memorial Day Service is also Sunday, May 29, 11:00 am. We will honor those members who have passed in the past 12 months. We also honor our church members' family members who have passed. A list is compiled in the church office. If you have had a family member pass away in the past 12 months, please contact the church office (482-1016) to make sure we have your family member's name.

Can You Bring Something?

The Women's Circles are sponsoring a 2-month (May and June) collection for the two Agape Houses here in Oak Ridge. The mission of an Agape House is to provide short term refuge for transitional homeless families (1 at a time) that are referred by a cooperating agency for stays of 30—45 days.

The Houses can use any household supplies or personal hygiene items. A designated table is in Fellowship Hall with an accompanying poster of possible donation items.

Afternoon Circle Meeting

The Afternoon Circle will meet for a potluck lunch at the home of Dot Keller, 106 Norwood Lane, 11 am, Tuesday, May 3.

Evening Circle Meeting

The Evening Circle will go out for dinner at Burchfield's Restaurant, 5:30 pm, Tuesday, May 3. Husbands and guests are invited.

CWU Celebrates God's Table May 6

Church Women United invites the public to celebrate May Friendship Day through a worship program on Friday, May 6, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 212 N. Tulane. Fellowship begins at 11:30 am, followed by a brief meeting and program at noon. A potluck lunch will be held afterward.

May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Table Fellowship 8 am Worship 9 am Adult Class 10 am Chapel Worship 11 am Coffee Hour Children's Day	2 6 pm YOGA	3 Circle Day (See articles for meeting information in this edition)	4 5:30 pm Wed. on the Hill—Cinco de Mayo Donation Dinner 6:15 Program 7 pm Chapel Choir	5	6 10 am Yoga 1 pm Yoga	7
8 8 am Worship 9 am Adult Class 10 am Chapel Worship 11 am Coffee Hour Mother's Day	9 9:30 am Sew for Hope 6 pm YOGA	10 6 pm UC Women's Banquet	11 5:30 pm Wed. on the Hill 6:15 pm Program 7 pm Chapel Choir	12	13 10 am Yoga 1 pm Yoga	14
15 8 am Worship 9 am Adult Class 10 am Chapel Worship 11 am Coffee Hour CHIMES DEADLINE	16 6 pm YOGA	17 2:00 pm In-Reach	18 5:30 pm Wed. on the Hill 6:15 pm Program 6:30 pm Chapel Choir 7 pm U.C. Board	19 10 am Prayer Shawl Group 5:30 pm N.S. Open House	20 No Yoga	21
22 8 am Worship 9 am Adult Class 10 am Chapel Worship 11 am Coffee Hour	23 1 pm Chrismons 6 pm YOGA	24 10:30 am P.E.O. (B. Hook)	25 5:30 pm Wed. on the Hill 6:15 pm Program 7 pm Chapel Choir 7 pm New Horizons Book Club	26	27 10 am Yoga 1 pm Yoga	28
29 SENIOR SUNDAY SS Teacher Appreciation Day SS Picnic 8 am Worship 9 am Adult Class 10 am Chapel Worship 11 am Coffee Hour MEMORIAL SUNDAY	30 NO YOGA MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY <u>OFFICE and NS CLOSED</u>	31				

**THE UNITED CHURCH,
THE CHAPEL ON THE HILL**

Where people from all denominations meet
in their differences, but are one in their
search for God.

Phone: 865-482-1016

Fax: 865-482-1017

E-mail: uccoth@aol.com Church office

E-mail: pastorucor@aol.com Pastor Hammer

85 Kentucky Avenue

Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Return Service Requested

U.S. POSTAGE PAID

Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Permit #44

Non-profit Organization

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

www.thechapelonthehill.org

Facebook: United Church, Chapel on the Hill



The United Church



May Birthdays

John James	5/01	Lenore Davis	5/20
Dave Hobson	5/02	Leslie Cook	5/21
Gordon Lindner	5/05	Ariana Rector	5/21
Tom Normand	5/05	Eric Roush	5/21
Seth Blair	5/06	Sienna Blokland	5/26
Ethel Wagenblast	5/08	James Crawford	5/26
Brenda Berven	5/09	Laura Hayden	5/26
Joe Smyrl	5/13	Micah Whittle	5/29
Joseph Hamilton	5/16	Pete Cohan	5/29
Martha McCurdy	5/17		

Visit, Eat, & Grin

The Women's Banquet, for women, spouses, & guests, will be Tuesday, May 10, at 6:00 pm. In keeping with our theme for the year of East TN History, our dinner will be Chicken & Dumplings and Fruit Cobbler plus the extras.

The program is guaranteed to be entertaining with the presenter Cindy Leihkauff who is described as a multitasking performer, singer, storyteller, writer & teacher. Her husband will accompany her.

The sign up sheet is on the table in Fellowship Hall.

May Anniversaries

Gordon and Mary Jane Lindner	5/02
Doug and Connie Martin	5/06
Bob and Tomoko Krieger	5/12
Murray and Fay Martin	5/18
Lee and Janet Robertson	5/25
Dick and Mona Raridon	5/28
Katy Orrick and Richard Cook	5/29
Charles and Laura Roberts	5/29

Food Pantry Donations

We recently found out that glass jars are not the best for Grace Lutheran Food Pantry since many clients walk home with groceries. Also be sure to check that the "sell-by" date is not passed. Money is welcome too since they buy food at the Second Harvest Food Bank at great discounts.

Mary Alice Wood

Nursery School News

Spring has sprung in the nursery school. Registration is ongoing, please let anyone who is looking for a nursery school know about us. Registration forms are online at ucnschool.org.

Trish Dunn