



Equipping People in Becoming Deeply Committed Christians

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR

I had a conversation with a family a few weeks ago that caused me to see some things in my life differently. There are conveniences my family and I enjoy that others simply don't have access to. As I reflected on this simple conversation it prompted me to see some possible ministry opportunities.

Did you know that many international students at Martin don't have transportation to Wal-Mart? Did you know that some families living on the North end of town don't have transportation to Wal-Mart? Yes, there are stores in walking distance to Martin and the North end and yet they don't carry some of the items available at a larger big box retailer.

Walking that distance is not that big of a deal. Many of us in good physical condition, walk 2 or more miles just for exercise. Yet, the route from Martin and the North end is hilly, hot and unsafe. If I could cover that 2 miles at a 3 mile pace, that's 40 minutes and my ice cream would be melted and the milk would become buttermilk.

Wait, what about the city taxi? I asked about the city taxi and the cost involved is more than those needing the transportation can reasonably afford. Already strapped for the basic necessities, a taxi ride is out of the question. It has been 2 years since one family I spoke with had been to Wal-Mart in their

own town.

What if, we using our van provided transportation for Martin Students and North end families. From the church it's 2.6 miles, using the less crowded Madison Street / Bennett Drive backway. Would you be willing to be the champion for such a transportation ministry?

Imagine how you might connect with an individual or family while providing transportation. Imagine how if Jesus was living your life, he might respond.

Pray about this and how we might respond to a community need using resources we already have.

Pastor Lee

SPRC Update

Over the past few months, SPRC has diligently worked on interviewing individuals for two staff positions; *Director of Youth and College Ministries*, and *Director of Children's Ministries*. After receiving resumes and conducting interviews, we have selected a Director of Children's Ministries—Ashley Blair. The committee is continuing to take resumes and conduct interviews for the Director of Youth and College Ministries position.

Thank you for your prayers during our work,

Colby Baddour, Chair
Lee Stevenson, Pastor

PLEASE NOTE:

Last week at the Church Council meeting we began a process of becoming laser focused in our missional ministry focus for Sharp Property usage. This process parallels the building committee's discussions and leadership on the basics of bricks and mortar improvements.

On June 26th the sermon was

about "making our community a better place to live" (Listen Here:

<http://www.fumcpulaski.com/sermons-1.html>). As a response to that sermon, you were invited to complete a three question survey, it was available online and as a bulletin insert. Results are attached.

Using the survey responses, Council members have been asked to begin intentional conversations to narrow our focus to establish missional ministry usage priorities. These intentional conversations can take place in the work place, in your home, before and after church, and in Sunday school classes.

Over the next few Council meetings, we will begin collecting data from your conversations - we are depending on you to make this happen.

Thank you for your dedication to Jesus and His mission,

Pastor Lee

MINISTER OF MUSIC



A new choir year is beginning, and we have some new faces in our volunteer leadership team. Jennifer Jones, Susan Neal, and Shannon Shirey are working with our Cherub Choir for 4-year-olds through 1st grade. We are so excited to have them sharing God's love with our youngest choir. We appreciate so much the service of Sue Whittemore, Wendy Hibdon, and Judy Shay. Sue and Judy have retired; Wendy will be assisting with the Celebration Choir. Raetta Miller returns to direct the Celebration Choir with assistance from Wendy and from Azza Salah. I'll play for the Celebration Choir and direct the Jubilee Ringers handbell choir for 6th-12th grades.

Beginning Sept. 7th, we have a new handbell choir for our 3rd-5th graders. Because this group has advanced so beautifully, they are graduating from handchimes to handbells. Doris Wossum-Fisher will direct them.

Of course, we are blessed by the leadership of our Chancel Choir in the 10:30 service and the Early Service Singers at the 8:15 service.

We welcome new members in our choirs. Please contact me for more information.

Blessings, *Cheryl Wood*
cheryl@fumcpulaski.com

Ceramic Replicas of FUMC

Several years ago, the Pulaski-Giles County Chamber of Commerce sold ceramic replicas of our church. The replicas were faithful reproductions of our building, as it would have appeared before Fellowship Hall was added on the west side.

We have two of these replicas available for sale. These would be great additions to the homes of any member, and they would make great gifts for persons who have been a part of our church in the past and who are no longer in the Pulaski area.

These replicas may be purchased in the church office at the price of \$40. Checks should be made payable to United Methodist Men and given to Brenda.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

First, I want to thank you for your support and belief that I will successfully lead the children of First United Methodist Church of Pulaski to follow God's Word.

My husband, Matt, and I have been married for six years, and we have three small children, Ali Campbell; and twins, Conner and Coy.

I have a great desire to see the Children's Ministry thrive. We have some events coming up: Promotion Sunday will be September 3, and we are in the process of planning a fall festival. I have a lot to learn and ask for your prayers and support as we build our Children's Ministry into a shining light of Christ in our community.

If you have any questions or would like to become part of our children's ministry team, please contact me, 931-309-2014.

Ashley Blair

Director of Children's Ministry

THANK YOU

American Legion Post 60, Pulaski, very much appreciates First United Methodist Church for allowing us to host our Boys State—Girls State Dinner on August 11 in your Fellowship Hall. Everyone enjoyed it very much! We appreciate your generosity.

Sincerely, Linda Holt
 Carol Wade
 Bob Walls
 Carl Glossup



Soul Food Sunday
will be August 21.
Items needed :
Canned Tuna,
Canned Chicken

Christian sympathy is extended to Eli Fisher & Family & Friends in the death of his mother, Mrs. Martha Fisher.

IN MEMORY OF:

Mrs. Hazel Hibdon by Bob & Linda Wamble, Charles & Jane Jenkins, Harold & Sara Bass, Mr. & Mrs. William Hamlett, Michael & Connie Bass, Jean Francis, Harry & Jean Bryan, James Dennis & Janice Taylor

Phyllis Rice by Louie Weed

Mr. Butler Harrison by Mr. & Mrs. James Armstrong, Harry & Jean Bryan, Betty Murray

Mrs. Martha Fisher by Sue Cardin, Claudia Oakes, Harry & Jean Bryan

Mrs. Jane Stapp; Mr. Mack Evans; Mrs. Helen Brown; Mr. Jim Adock; Mrs. Irene Harrison by Harry & Jean Bryan

OUR NEWEST

Congratulations to Wesley & Christine Hobbs on the birth of their son Bryson Wayne on June 21. Grandparents are Sally Hobbs & the late Wayne Hobbs; John & Karen Sneed.

Congratulations to Patrick & Rebecca Sewell on the birth of their daughter Cadence Sewell born on July 20. Grandparents are Rufus and Pat Woodard; Helen Dougherty; and Chris Sewell.



ELECTRONIC FUNDS

TRANSFER

Did you know the Church offers Electronic Funds Transfer? If you are interested in having your pledge/donations to the church automatically transferred from your account into the church account, please call Brenda in the Church office at 363-2595. It's very simple and quick.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the Second Monday of each month @ 10:00 in Fellowship Hall.

We are exploring a Cub Scout Pack at our church. If you are interested in being a leader, please contact Pastor Lee.



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Sunday Radio Broadcast

Sponsor a Sunday Radio Broadcast in honor or memory of someone for \$125.00. Please call the church office for more information. Many dates in 2016 are available.

MATTHEW THRIFT SHOPPE

Matthew 25 is an all volunteer staffed non-profit 501c3 church mission that gladly accepts and survives on donations. These donations are used to provide assistance to people in need [food, utility, rent, & medication]. Please call 424-5599 for more information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

08/17: Lucy Cothorn, Nicholas Kemp
Patrick Phillips, Ashton Potts
Tyler Brown
08/19: Louis Liggett, Betty Slaten
08/21: Lizabeth Burns
08/22: Mallory Johnson, Stacie Potts
08/25: Katie Dickey, Kynlee Dickey
08/27: Anslee Lake, Anita Long
08/28: Fred Appleton, Jami Myers
Billy Hamlett, Brooks Sneed
08/29: Rita Cox, Steve Spivey
08/30: James Massey, Lily Powell
08/31: Natalie Aymett, Sybilla Jones
Veronica Bardroff
Nichole Taylor
09/01: Don Collins, Ann Henry
Payton Wall
09/02: David Long
09/03: Leigh Ann Holt
Charlotte Mitchell
09/05: Cody Lyman
09/06: Stephanie Hamrick
Mary White
09/07: Erik Chanes, Bailey Garner
Megan Lochridge
Patrick Sewell
09/08: Lane Evans
09/09: Joe Henry, Tristan Horan
09/10: Traci Rackley, Alice Trimble
09/11: Don Edmundson
Dorothy McCord
09/12: J. Booth, Morgan Stevenson
09/13: Beverly Collins, Matt Sailors
James Hagood, Tim Lochridge
Emma Singleton
09/14: Joan Abernathy, Mike Curry
Joseph McDaniel
09/15: Sally Hobbs, Suzanne Lamon
09/16: Bill Marks
09/17: Barbara Owen, W.C. Tomerlin
09/18: Elizabeth Sneed
Jet Vanderpool
09/19: Will Hibdon, Betty Strickland
Sophia McMasters
09/20: Mason Wells
09/21: Daniel Tomerlin
Anna Grace Wamble

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

08/17: Patrick & Rebecca Sewell
08/18: Bobby & Carroll Eubank
08/18: Eli & Doris Wossum-Fisher
08/18: Dan & Heather White
08/21: Davis & Sloan Lake
08/25: Lee & Jessie Parker
09/01: Edwin & Joyce Moore
09/01: James D. & Janice Taylor
09/06: Larry & Judy Riggan
09/08: Cam & Katie Winterburn
09/10: Lee & Erin Burns Freeman
09/12: David & Meleah Wamble
09/14: James & Tiffany Hagood
09/14: Joe & Karen McDaniel
09/21: Todd & Shana Hibdon
09/23: Bill & Callie Murrey
09/26: Harry & Jean Bryan
09/26: Steve & Mary White
09/28: Buddy & Diane Butler
09/28: John & Kimberly Miller

OPPORTUNITIES:

Thursday, August 18:

8:30 AM – Circle of Care
 11:00 AM – 12:30 Soup & Sandwich

Friday, August 19:

3:30 PM – 6:30 Fish Fry, Elkton UMC

Saturday, August 20:

10:00 AM – 2:00 Martin Methodist College
 Lunch (f/s hall)

Sunday, August 21:

8:15 AM – Worship
 9:30 AM – Sunday school
 10:30 AM – Worship (WKSR 100.9)
 5:00 PM – 7:00 UMYF

Monday, August 22:

5:30 PM – 7:30
 Nominations & Lay Leadership

Tuesday, August 23:

6:00 PM—7:30 Boy Scout Pack 107 (f/s hall)

Wednesday, August 24:

5:00 PM – Family Supper
 5:30 PM – Jubilee Ringers
 5:30 PM – Nursery
 6:00 PM – Adult Studies (Eli Fisher)
 6:00 PM – Youth
 6:00 PM – Celebration Choir
 6:00 PM – Cherub Choir
 7:00 PM – Chancel Choir

Thursday, August 25:

8:30 AM – Circle of Care
 5:30 PM – 7:30
 Nominations & Lay Leadership

Sunday, August 28:

8:15 AM – Worship
 9:30 AM – Sunday school
 10:30 AM – Worship (WKSR 100.9)
 5:00 PM – 7:00 UMYF

Wednesday, August 31:

5:00 PM – Family Supper
 5:30 PM – Jubilee Ringers
 5:30 PM – Nursery
 6:00 PM – Adult Studies (Eli Fisher)
 6:00 PM – Youth
 6:00 PM – Celebration Choir
 6:00 PM – Cherub Choir
 7:00 PM – Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 1:

8:30 AM – Circle of Care
 10:00 AM – Hewitt House Devotional

Sunday, September 4:

8:15 AM – Worship
 9:30 AM – Sunday school
 10:30 AM – Worship (WKSR 100.9)
 5:00 PM – 7:00 UMYF

Monday, September 5:

Labor Day – Church Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 6:

6:00 PM – 8:00 David Crockett District Round
 Table (f/s Hall)

SUNDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday School 9:30
 Worship 8:15 & 10:30
 (10:30 Service Broadcast on 100.9 WKSR)

As of July 31, 2016

2016 Spending Guide: \$546,281.00
 Total Income to date: 265,156.71
 Total Expenses to Date: 260,055.54
 Operating surplus/deficit to date: +5,101.17

*Includes \$41,915.52 paid toward Apportionments.

Average SS attendance: 121
 Average Worship attendance: 225

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MEMORIAL INFORMATION

Memorials may be designated to the following funds: New Building Fund, Music, Children’s Music, Youth, Special Worship, Funeral Fund, Circle of Care, etc. Please mark your check accordingly.

NEWSLETTER

**The newsletter is
 now available on
 the Church**

**Website—
 www.fumcpulaski.
 com**

THE STAFF:

Rev. Lee Stevenson..... Pastor
 Rev. Cheryl Wood.....Minister of Music
 Brenda Barrett.....Church Administrator
 Ashley Blair..... Children’s Ministries
 Adelaide Daniel..... Office Volunteer
 Fred Lindsey..... Maint. Supervisor
 Carolyn Holbert, Courtney Morris Nursery
 Terri Adams..... Managing Director of
 “Growing Tree” Nursery School
 Custodians.....Randy Shay & Joe Appleton
 Sherry Hill..... Stephen Ministry Coordinator