



Equipping People in Becoming Deeply Committed Christians

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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FROM PASTOR LEE

This morning I spent the day with a clergy colleague who is working on his PHD in philanthropy at Indiana University. His doctoral thesis centers on Social Entrepreneurship among congregations. If you remember our Christian Social Innovation series last month, this is very similar. He came to Pulaski to learn about Matthew 25. We spent an hour and a half in my office talking about Matthew 25 and our newly acquired property – the Sharp Property.

It was great to be able to brag on our ministry here and what God has in store for us in the future, as we make disciples of Jesus Christ by engaging, connecting, equipping and sending people for Jesus and making our community a great place to live.

Most of the time when we think about the word pride it's in a negative connotation. There is a sense of pride that is good. It is good to have pride in what your children and grandchildren accomplish. It is good to have pride in what God is doing in and among us. It is good to have pride in your work and in your volunteering.

Today I was able to share the pride I have in you and our ministries of our congregation. I am convinced that God has done, is doing, and will do a great work in us and among us. Thank you for your dedication to our congregation and our mission and vision.

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & COLLEGE

The youth group has had a more relaxed month this time around!

On February 26, there were nine youth confirmed and one baptized. We had a total of four baptisms in February! What an exciting time!

Upcoming for our youth, we will be helping with the Ham Supper, and getting ready to take over the sanctuary for the late service on Sunday, April 2!

Pyros has had a great time with this season. We learned about making the ashes for Ash Wednesday, led the Ash Wednesday service, and were hosted by the Wiseman family! (A special thank you to them!). Pyros will be taking a break during Giles County's spring break, we won't meet again till March 26.

If you are interested in providing a meal or hosting the youth, please contact Rebecca!

Thank you for supporting our youth!

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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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Invites All This Fall

Since 2007, Pulaski FUMC's Prayer Shawl Ministry has created and delivered 150 prayer shawls and 100 baby blankets made by machine & hand sewing, cutting & tying, and knit or crochet. The group meets the second Monday of each month at 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. In order to include more people, Wednesday night sessions will be added this fall. Everyone will be welcome to join this loving, crafting ministry: youth, college students, working adults, choir parents, retirees. If you always wanted to learn one of these crafts, one-on-one lessons will be available for participants. Keep an eye out for more information in the newsletter & bulletin, or join us at a future meeting: April 10, May 8, or June 12. What to bring? If you have crafting items, great! If not, bring a friend! Questions? See Marjorie Wiseman or Angeta Andersen.

PASTORAL CARE

There are times in our lives when we need a pastoral visit before, during, and after surgery, sickness, hospitalization, or simply feeling overwhelmed. Our pastoral staff is ready and willing to visit and pray with you for these and any other reason. As members of the congregation, it is our responsibility to notify our pastoral staff via cell phone, e-mail, text, or calling the church office when we are in need of such visits. Our pastoral staff respects the sacredness of information shared and your need for privacy, and we do not share your condition or situation without your permission.

MINISTER OF MUSIC



Palm Sunday is April 9. We will celebrate the day that Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey as the people shouted "Hosanna!" All children are invited to participate in the Palm Sunday processional during the 10:30 service. The Cherub and Celebration Choirs will sing. Instructions for them will be announced later. All other children should come to the rotunda at 10:25 to line up. Parents, we encourage you to take your children to the restroom before they line up. Children who are younger than 4 will need an adult walking with them.

The Martin Methodist College Choirs will present their spring concert in our sanctuary on Sunday, April 9, at 6:00 p.m. It will be open to the public, featuring choral music in all genres sung by the MMC Concert and Chamber Choirs. It is always a privilege to host these outstanding college students.

Good Friday, April 14, we will gather in the sanctuary at 7 p.m. to participate in a memorial service for Jesus of Nazareth." In this service, modeled on our United Methodist service of death and resurrection that we use for funerals, we will put ourselves in the place of Jesus' relatives and friends as we recall his life and death. They would have been in a time of shock. They would not have understood why he died. Our intent is to make

Jesus' death real in a way that our culture understands. Please join us!

Blessings, *Cheryl Wood*

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CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AS GREETERS

Earlier this past fall our Church formed a Safety Committee to address safety concerns around our congregation. One of the more visible actions of this group has been to serve as greeters for our Sunday morning worship. Many of you have said "Hello" to us as you have passed by on the sidewalks on your way to Sunday School and Worship. We, in turn, have enjoyed meeting many of you who we did not yet know.

We would like to invite you to join us by volunteering to serve as a greeter. Ideally, the commitment will only be once every two or three months. The larger our pool of greeters, the less often individuals will need to serve. Of course, you are welcome to greet more often if you choose. It is actually a pretty fun job.

The greeter's basic job is to extend a warm welcome to all who enter our Church, offer a helping hand to those who may need assistance, and be observant for any concerns that may arise. If you are interested in serving your congregation in this way we would love to have you. Please contact the Church office to let them know you are interested. An informational and training meeting will be organized soon.

MATTHEW THRIFT SHOPPE

Matthew 25 is an all volunteer staffed non-profit 501-c3 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.

At this time we are in need of donations of "gift items" — lamps, pictures, glassware, dishes, candles, wreaths, etc.

FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2017 flower calendar is on the wall outside the church office. Please write your name on the Sunday you would like to provide flowers in memory or honor of someone, or for a special occasion. You may also call the church office to inquire as to what dates are available.

SOUL FOOD SUNDAY

March 19: Peanut Butter and Jelly and sandwich bread

April 16: cereal and Mac-n-cheese

May 21: Canned fruit and rolls

June 18: hotdogs and hotdog buns, Bologna and sandwich bread

There will also be a box in each buggy for money donations for soul food Sunday for anyone who has forgotten or prefers to donate money instead!

ANNUAL COUNTRY HAM SUPPER

Please join us for a delicious ALL YOU CAN EAT Country Ham



Supper (ham, eggs, biscuits, grits) at First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 200 West Jefferson Street, Pulaski, Tennessee.

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Carry-outs start at 4:15 PM

Dine in from 5:00—7:00 PM

Adult tickets are \$12.00 each and can be purchased from any Church member or can be purchased at the door.

Proceeds are distributed among Matthew Thrift, New Canaan Ranch, sending youth to Mountain T.O.P., and many other Missions of the Church.

Attention All Retired Ladies & Gentlemen: Need a change in your dull routine? Volunteer at Matthew 25 three hours per week or month.

Training Provided. Call Sue Harper 363-6530 or Karen McDaniel 309-7306. Interested in mission/computer 2 hours twice month call Ica 363-3676

Guaranteed you will be BLESSED!

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

- 03/19: Mary Gordon Curry
Jackson Hagood
03/26: Cheyenne Hartwig
Owen Gardner
04/02: Aidan Jones
Klaira Hargrove
04/09: Gage Kirk
Carter Hibdon
04/16: Lilly Phillips
Delia Marchant

Sympathy is expressed to the Family & Friends of Mrs. Carole Ann May in her recent death.

Sympathy is expressed to the Family & Friends of Mrs. Mary Witherow in her recent death.

Sympathy is expressed to the Family & Friends of Mrs. Anne Stevenson in her recent death.

Sympathy is expressed to the Family & Friends of Mrs. Eleanor Mighton in her recent death.

Sympathy is expressed to Betsy Davis & Family & Friends in the recent death of her Grandfather Mr. Edward Mitchell.

IN MEMORY OF:

Carole Ann May by Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Childress, Bob & Linda Wamble, Chuck & Jane Paysinger, Charles & Jane Jenkins, Ica Coggin, Mr. & Mrs. Rand Hayes, Mr. & Mrs. Lyman Brown, Dr. Rand Hayes & Family, Johnny & Faye Bevell, Wiley & Joan Abernathy, Billie Hyatt, James & Janet Banks, Brindley Construction, Edith Anne Petty Friendship Class, Jim & Sandra Ferrell, Don Massey, Phil & Sara Reese, Jimmy Sims, James D. & Janice Taylor, Corky Wakefield, Gid & Sara Wakefield, Kevin & Sarah Garner

Anne Stevenson by Jim & Sandra Ferrell, Chattie Roe, Dr. & Mrs. Harwell Murrey, Gene & Jeannie Morris, Bill & Callie Murrey, Wiley & Joan Abernathy, Corky Wakefield, Billy & Wanda Hamlett, Chuck & Jane Paysinger, James D. & Janice Taylor, Greg & Phyllis Dugger, Jeff & Donna Bain, Betty Bennett Swalm, Terry & Bitsy; Sue Bennett Sims, Larry & Amy; Bob & Elizabeth Massey, George & Amy Lynch, Claudia Oakes, Angela Lunn

Sue Cardin

Mrs. Eleanor Mighton by Louie Weed

Mrs. Edna Pridemore by Bob & Elizabeth Massey

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

- 03/17: Olivia May, Joe McDaniel
03/18: Marie Care
Sarahevelyn Corlew
Judy Ingram, Rilda Robinson
03/19: Lindsey Lochridge
James Dennis Taylor
03/20: Joseph Rackley IV
03/21: Lilly Phillips, Patrick Powell
Shirely Tidwell
03/22: Diane Corlew, Rhonda Sailors
03/23: Della DeVenturi
Hunter Griggs, Terry Payne
Earl "Corky" Wakefield
03/25: Mary Gordon Curry
Bill Murrey
03/26: Claire Aymett
03/27: Greg Francis, Rena McDaniel
Pastor Lee Stevenson
03/28: Fagan Sneed
03/30: Anna Ingram
03/31: Sandra Ferrell, Edwin Moore
04/01: Mary Carwell, Stephen Eubank
04/02: Dakota Dunavant, Darren May
Callie Murrey
04/03: Betty Ingram, Connie Rackley
Jennifer Riggan
04/04: Shana Hibdon, Jennifer Lyman
Billy Myers, Emma Riggan
04/05: Lawson Tatum
04/07: William Hardison
04/09: Adelaide Daniel
Kerrigan Kirk,
Knox Vanderpool
04/10: Karen McDaniel
Brittany Whittemore
Brandon Whittemore
04/11: B. J. Butler
04/12: Tiara Ruiz
02/14: Sue Cardin
02/17: Joseph C Abernathy
Heath Herd, Bill Yancey
04/18: Bill Wiseman, Pat Woodard
04/19: Morgan Curry
04/20: Nicole Clark, Tyler Horan
04/21: Jane Malone
04/22: Kate Cardin, Lisa Luna
Elizabeth Massey
04/23: Allyson Dickson
Carter Hibdon
04/24: Sonja Blanton, Martha Lee
Clyde Miller
04/25: Sofia Chanes

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

- 03/17: Sam & Angela Sneed
03/24: Robert & Laine Murray
03/28: Frank & Barbara Koski
04/01: Keith & Theresa Rost
04/01: Ryan & Amanda Smith
04/04: Clyde & Pam Miller
04/04: Keith & Jennifer Riggan
04/06: Jesse & Katherine Adams
04/06: Billy & Ann Harwell
04/08: Donald & Margie Haney
04/09: DeWitt & Elaine Booth
04/10: Eugene & Phyllis Childress
04/14: William & Brenda Sulcer
04/15: Eric & Jennifer Lyman
04/26: Bob & Linda Wamble

OPPORTUNITIES:

Sunday, March 19: Soul Food Sunday

- 7:00 AM – UMM’s Breakfast
- 8:15 AM – Worship
- 9:30 AM – Sunday school
- 10:30 AM – Worship (WKSJ 100.9)
- 5:00 PM – NO PYROS

Monday, March 20:

- 5:00 PM—Building Committee (Sharp Bldg.)
- 6:00 PM – United Methodist Women
- 6:30 PM – Ukulele Band

Tuesday, March 21:

- 6:30 PM – Stephen Ministry

Wednesday, March 22:

- NO SUPPER** (set-up for Ham Supper)
- 4:40 PM – 5:15 Wesley Ringers
- 5:30 PM – Jubilee Ringers
- 5:30 PM – Nursery
- 6:00 PM – NO Adult Studies
- 6:00 PM – Youth
- 6:00 PM – Celebration Choir
- 6:00 PM – Cherub Choir
- 7:00 PM – Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 23:

- 8:30 AM – Circle of Care
- 5:00 PM – 7:00 HAM SUPPER (carry-outs 4:15)

Sunday, March 26:

- 8:15 AM – Worship
- 9:30 AM – Sunday school
- 10:30 AM – Worship (WKSJ 100.9)
- 5:00 PM – PYROS

Wednesday, March 29:

- 4:40 PM – 5:15 Wesley Ringers
- 5:00 PM – Family Supper
- 5:30 PM – Jubilee Ringers
- 5:30 PM – Nursery
- 5:30 PM – Parent’s Information Meeting re:
Children’s Summer Camp (L/H Classroom)
- 6:00 PM – Adult Studies
- 6:00 PM – Youth
- 6:00 PM – Celebration Choir
- 6:00 PM – Cherub Choir
- 7:00 PM – Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 30:

- 8:30 AM – Circle of Care

**Men’s Club Yard Sale –
May 11, 12, 13**

SUNDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

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As of February 28, 2017
2016 Spending Guide: \$532,884.00
Total Income to date: \$98,861.44
Total Expenses to Date: \$77,989.55
Operating surplus/deficit to date: \$20,871.89

Apportionments: \$78,464.00
Paid toward Apportionments: \$13,077.32

Average SS attendance: 121
Average Worship attendance: 248

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
- Rebecca Sewell Youth & College
- 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
- Randy Shay & Joe Appleton.....Custodians
- Carol Abernathy.....Matthew 25 Ministry
- Sherry Hill.....Stephen Ministry Coordinator