



Equipping People in Becoming Deeply Committed Christians

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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FROM PASTOR LEE

I'm not a journaling person, I've tried, it's just not in my personality to do so. I've started and lost more journals than I can remember. I started a journal when our oldest was born and found it years later. It had one entry, the first entry.

I've read some of the Methodist Saints journals, Francis Asbury and John Wesley, some days were just regular, but other days – OH

In John Wesley's journal, May 24, 1738, he attended a small group meeting in Aldersgate Street in London. They were reading a riveting book, maybe a book study like many of our small groups do – Martin Luther's Preface to the Epistle to the Romans. He recorded his experience in his journal "About 8:45 p.m. while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

John received assurance of his salvation, he knew God loved him, that Jesus died for him, and that he had his sins forgiven. This was a powerful moment in his life.

It was around the year 1994, in Southside Baptist church in Martin, TN that I had a similar experience. Judy said I shot out of the pew as I headed to the rail

for prayer. I didn't know at the time, but in reflection years later that was my Aldersgate moment, the moment I had assurance of salvation. I wish I had written something in a journal that night or next day about that experience.

God loves us, wants to save us and wants us to know that we are saved. Paul in *Romans 8* writes this, "For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God..."

We don't have to go through this life guessing if we have been saved, we can know that we are children of God.

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & COLLEGE

The youth this past month have been great!

Our youth have been very involved in worship this month. They played handbells twice, led one service, and ushered every weekend in April.

We had our Senior Recognition Sunday on May 7. We presented five seniors with roses and a personalized Bible as they get ready to start this new chapter of their lives.

This summer we have several of our youth going to summer camps. We are sending four to Camp Cedar Crest and three to Camp Lookout.

Pyros has been especially fun! We have had great meals that are being provided for us! We are so thankful for everyone who has provided or is signed up to provide for us! This is a HUGE blessing! One of our great blessings was to go to Sadie and Dan Marchant's house for Pyros! The youth got to make marshmallow guns and have a battle with them! What a great time!

Also, we have been making use of the Sharp property for indoor games!

This upcoming month, we will have Pyros on the following weekends:

May 21 June 4

June 25

Upcoming events for Pyros:

May 20: SoulStock @ Point Mallard Park (High School ONLY)

June 10: Holiday World

Rebecca Sewell

Ham Supper funds Distribution 2017

Youth.....	\$1,000.00
VBS.....	500.00
Mission Trips.....	1,000.00
Camping.....	1,000.00
Radio Broadcast.....	500.00
Van/Bus Maint.....	1,000.00
Sharp Property.....	1,000.00
MMC Choir Lunch.....	500.00
Nursery Pagers.....	325.00
Total.....	\$6,825.00

MINISTER OF MUSIC

Volunteers make it possible for us to have choirs for all ages. I want to recognize those volunteers who worked with our choirs this past year: Jennifer Jones, Shannon Shirey, and Susan Neal—Cherub Choir; Raetta Miller, Wendy Hibdon, Azza Salah—Celebration Choir; Doris Wossum-Fisher—Wesley Ringers; Rebecca Sewell—Chancel Choir. Sadie Marchant assisted me with the Jubilee Ringers. We will resume our choirs on August 16.

Annual Conference meets June 11-13 this year at Brentwood United Methodist Church. After many years of playing for worship services and congregational singing, I am attending conference this year without any music responsibilities. You are welcome to attend any part of Annual Conference. It will also be livestreamed at TNAClive.com. Tune in on Sunday, June 11, to see a special webcast of the opening service with Bishop McAlilly preaching. The theme this year is "Sent to Serve God and Neighbor." Registration for the webcast begins at 5:30 p.m. The webcast goes live at 6:25 p.m.

Blessings, *Cheryl Wood*

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Have you noticed all the beautiful crosses outside the Louise Henry Sunday School Room? Inspired by a visit to the Athens FUMC in 2013, members of our church have selected and hung crosses in memory and in honor of many people. The variety is amazing: wood, stained glass, tatting, metal, decoupage, and china. As well as memorials, there are crosses to honor church service, special birthdays, and grandchildren. See if you can find the crosses for the follow-

ing: Frances Wiseman, Julia Abernathy Smith, Ica Coggin, Carter Lee & Ella Kate Wiseman, Maxie Anne Minatra, Robert Andersen, Louise Henry, Marguerite Abernathy Massey, Wayne Hobbs, Fred Daniels, and Bertrand Hannah. Also, think about adding a cross of your own—it would be wonderful to see the upstairs walls covered in crosses. Just pick your artwork, create your label, and find a spot!

Church Members,

The 2017 Country Ham Supper was a great success again this year. This, of course, is in part to all FUMC members who participated, the Martin Methodist College Golf Team, other Martin Methodist students, and staff, along with many other persons behind the scenes.

I personally want to give out a huge thank you to all team leaders, team members, and church staff who made this fund raiser possible. You guys make it fun and easier for me to organize. It would not be possible without all of you. I am proud of each of you, especially this year in my absence...and that's another story! But thank you!!!

It is truly amazing how so many of us come together and do such a fantastic job in serving our community with good food and good fellowship each and every year.

FUMC wants to extend a special thanks to Sharp Motor Company, Cardin Distributors, Holley's Printing, Fowler Auction, Davis and Eslick, and The Growing Tree for all the resources you donate each year and help this fund raiser succeed and profit financially even more.

Our Country Ham Supper Financial Committee has not met to see what our proceeds were raised and how it will be distributed. That information will follow soon.

Thanks again and see you next year.

Peace, *Elizabeth Massey*
CHS Chairman

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.

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. 2017 dates are still available.

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.

SOUL FOOD SUNDAY

May 21: canned fruit and sandwich bread

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!

Children's Ministry

Mark your calendars for VBS! Come travel back in time with the Apostles Paul and experience what life was like in First Century Rome, June 11 – 15. We need group/family leaders, market place people, and anyone else who wishes to be a part of this Roman celebration. Please contact Sherry Hill or Ashley Blair if you are interested in helping. We will have a work day on Sunday, June 4 beginning after the 10:30 service. Be watching for inserts in the bulletin for items needed during VBS.

S.W.A.T. will meet this Sunday, May 21 at 4:00 PM. If you have a 3rd, 4th, or 5th grader, we would love for them to join us. Contact Ashley for more information.

On behalf of the children going to camp this summer, we want to say THANK YOU for your support. We are sending our largest number of children to camp this year and the love and support that has been shown to them is unbelievable!

Blessings, *Ashley Blair*

Sympathy is extended to:

The Family and Friends of Jimmy Sims in his recent death.

Gene Morris & Family & Friends in the death of his brother Mr. Alvin Morris.

The Family & Friends of Dan Speer in his recent death.

Wayne Davis & Family & Friends in the death of his Grandmother.

Bob & Cindy Petersen & Family & Friends in the death of Jeanne P. Abernathy.

Bill Hardison & Family & Friends in the death of his father, William W. Hardison.

IN MEMORY OF:

Jimmy Sims by Chuck & Jane Paysinger, Sue Cardin, Gene & Jeannie Morris, Charles & Jane Jenkins, Barbara Holley, Linda Mooney, Betty Ingram, Jim & Sandra Ferrell, Mr. & Mrs. Gid Wakefield, Stephen & Connie Moates, Marilyn Smith & all McKay Employees, Jimmy & Scarlett Hosay & Family, Dr. Fred H. Abernathy, Earl Wakefield, Harold & Sara Bass, W. P. Murrey, Jr., Dr. & Mrs. Doug Haney, Anna Ingram, Drew Ingram, Lillie Green, Tyrone Ingram, Jean Francis, Carolyn Abernathy Wade, Billy & Wanda Hamlett, Tommy Burns, Phil & Sara Reese, Harry & Jean Bryan, Margaret Price, Wiley & Joan Abernathy

Carole Ann May by Jeri Brown, John & Beverly Murrey, Ed Murrey, Dr. & Mrs. Doug Haney, Betty Murray

Mrs. Edna Pridemore by Chuck & Jane Paysinger, John & Beverly Murrey, Ed Murrey

Mr. Howell Lynch by Chuck & Jane Paysinger, Tommy Burns, Billy & Wanda Hamlett, Phil & Sara Reese, Harry & Jean Bryan, Betty Murray

Mr. Mike Morris by Chuck & Jane Paysinger, Jim & Sandra Ferrell, Linda Mooney, John & Beverly Murrey, Ed Murrey, Earl Wakefield, Harry & Jean Bryan, Betty Murray

Mr. Edward Mitchell by Linda Mooney, John & Beverly Murrey, Ed Murrey

Mr. Alvin Morris by John & Beverly Murrey, Ed Murrey, Earl Wakefield, Charles & Jane Jenkins, Harry & Jean Bryan

Mrs. Ann Stevenson by John & Beverly Murrey, Ed Murrey, Tommy Burns, Phil & Sara Reese

Mr. Howell Lynch, Jr. by Earl Wakefield

Mr. Leslie Vanderbilt by John & Beverly Murrey, Ed Murrey

Mr. Dan Speer by Gio & Della DeVenturi

Mrs. Frances Awbrey by John & Beverly Murrey, Ed Murrey

Mr. William W. Hardison by Chuck & Jane Paysinger

Mrs. Jeanne Pollock Abernathy by Lyman & Christie Brown, Taylor & Channing Gardner, Greg & Phyllis Dugger, Rand & Carolyn Hayes, W. P. Murrey, Jr., Claudia Oakes, Chuck & Jane Paysinger, Chattie Roe, Frances Wiseman, Betty Murray

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

05/18: Michael Ballard
Kristin Coggin, Macey Davis
Kate Lamon, Bobby Phillips

05/19: Gray Eaker

05/21: Stevi Vanderpool

05/22: Oakerlene Corpier, Dee Curry
Sophia Hibdon
John Thompson

05/23: Gray Curry, John Curry

05/24: Hanna Brewer, Sharon Fuller
Bob Wamble, Alex Wells

05/25: Pat Sailors, Carolyn Sandlin

05/26: Margaret Birdsong
Peggy Corlew, Steve White
Campbell Philpot, Reba Walls

05/27: Caden Downs
Beverly Murrey

05/29: Mary Nell Bryan, Allie Dyer

05/30: James Abernathy, Gage Kirk

06/01: Sue Graves, Chattie Roe

06/02: Ann Harwell

06/03: Sims Henry, John Murrey

06/04: Nancy Bass, Grayson Holley
Zach Holt, Kevin Moore
Katherine Roper
Doris Wossum-Fisher

06/05: Marjorie Ball

06/07: Mary Lynch, Rebecca Stokes

06/09: Sara Mitchell, Cate Pride

06/10: Grace Gerlach

06/11: Jim Kemp, Sarah Matthews
Freddie Rose Long
W. P. Murrey, Hailey Rosacia

06/12: Christopher Hatfield
Frank Koski

06/13: Donald Haney

06/14: Danny Collins, Rhett Dooley

06/17: Charles Beecham
Todd Hibdon

06/18: Ashley Blair, Bill Tucker

06/19: Jennifer Hibdon
Michelle Johnson
Jennie Trimble

06/22: Jennifer Cothorn

06/23: John Wong

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

05/18: Will & Cindy Pride

05/19: Bob & Sandy Henry

05/19: John & Barbara Thompson

05/20: Shane & Amy Woodard

05/21: Hector & Brenda Fernandez

05/26: Shan & Mattea Rolin

05/27: Jonathan & Lisa Coltrane

05/27: Dick & Pat Sailors

05/30: Jim & Gail Edmondson

05/30: Kevin & Sarah Garner

05/31: Bobby & Penny Phillips

06/02: Danny & Beverly Collins

06/04: Bob & Elizabeth Massey

06/05: Wayne & Betsy Davis

06/05: Adam & Bethany Kirk

06/06: Stanley & Alice Trimble

06/09: Rusty & Sandra Horne

06/09: Dennis & Marsha Rogers

06/13: Chuck & Jane Paysinger

06/14: Colby & Catherine Baddour

06/15: Fagan & Elizabeth Sneed

06/16: Tim & Cheryl Wood

06/17: Michael & Alison Garibaldi

OPPORTUNITIES:

Thursday, May 18:

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

Sunday, May 21: Soul Food Sunday

7:00 AM – United Methodist Men’s Breakfast
 8:15 AM – Worship
 9:30 AM – Sunday school
 10:30 AM – Worship (WKSr 100.9)
 5:00 PM – PYROS

Thursday, May 25:

8:00 AM – Circle of Care
 1:00 PM – 7:00 Growing Tree Graduation
 (Sanct. & F/S Hall)

Sunday, May 28:

8:15 AM – Worship
 9:30 AM – Sunday school
 10:30 AM – Worship (WKSr 100.9)
 5:00 PM – NO PYROS

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.

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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

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As of April 30, 2017

2017 Spending Guide: \$532,884.00
 Total Income to date: 173,412.86
 Total Expenses to Date: \$153,488.66
 Operating surplus/deficit to date: +19,924.20

 Apportionments: \$78,464.00
 Paid toward Apportionments: \$26,154.64

 Average SS attendance: 122
 Average Worship attendance: 273

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
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