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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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FROM PASTOR LEE

Colby Baddour read a letter from the Bishop and Cabinet yesterday – what is that all about?

In The United Methodist Church pastors are appointed by the Bishop to serve the local church yearly. For those with a military background I liken it to how military personnel move – there is someone or a group of someone's who tell you where you will serve, you serve where you are needed. You do get some say, but ultimately it is the someone's who decide where you will serve.

For our denomination the someone and someone's are the Presiding Bishop and the Cabinet, which is made up of all the District Superintendents. The Cabinet led by the Bishop receive collective input from the local church through the Staff Parish Relations Committee and each pastor. This input is then used to make missional appointments.

I do not know the process that is used during Cabinet meetings. In jest there have been comments about dart throwing, and dice rolling and I'm sure neither of those occur. We do trust that the Cabinet is prayerful and seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all of their decisions.

I am grateful that we get to spend another appointment year together. We will end our third year and being our fourth year together the first Sunday in July. I have truly fell in love with Giles County, Pulaski, and the people of FUMC. God has done, is doing, and will do great things through us.

There has been anxiety in the Stevenson household this year, this naturally happens after the second

year of being in one location. We don't anticipate the anxiety to go away in the coming years and we know that one day the letter from the Bishop and Cabinet will be read announcing our departure from Pulaski. You may feel this anxiety during appointment season as well. The not knowing, the waiting, and the anticipation is sometimes hard to handle, we will survive it together.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & COLLEGE

This month has been busy for the youth, as it has for most!

On March 23, the youth group (plus a few 5th graders) assisted with the Ham Supper! They worked hard and had a great time serving!

April 2, was Youth Sunday! We led you all in worship, sang for you, did a skit, ushered, and served communion! Thank you for your support of our youth when they get up in front of the congregation. It is a great way for them to get involved with our church for everyone to see!

This past weekend was the Easter Egg Hunt. During that time, our youth took the opportunity to go see our church members who are currently in nursing homes. We visited with all eight of them and gave them each an Easter basket put together by the youth group. It was such a blessing to see each one of them and we even got to tell one Happy Birthday!

Pyros will be continuing throughout this summer! We have a few events coming up this summer!

If you are interested in providing a meal or hosting the youth this sum-

mer, please contact Rebecca.

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Thank you for supporting our youth!

Rebecca Sewell

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.

The United Methodist Men will meet on the 4th Sunday (April 23) this month instead of on Easter Sunday.

MINISTER OF MUSIC

It is Holy Week, the week that we remember Jesus' last week on earth. On Friday, we will gather in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. to hold a memorial service for Jesus of Nazareth. This Good Friday service puts us in the shoes of Jesus' family and friends as they mourned his death. We will hear familiar scriptures from the Old Testament that we often hear at funerals. We will listen to biblical characters tell us about their encounters with Jesus. The Chancel Choir will sing music that is from the point of view of eyewitnesses to his death. In a very deep way, we want to recognize that Jesus really died. Easter is much more joyful if we have first experienced the sorrow of Good Friday. Join us on Friday at 7:00 p.m.!

Through the month of April, we are having the opportunity to hear from all of our choirs in the 10:30 service. I hope you will express your appreciation to all who participate and all who lead. They meet each week to rehearse so that their music will be well-prepared as they lead in worship. Our choirs for children and our handbell choirs end this month. We will resume after school starts.

It is my joy to return to Pulaski FUMC for another conference year. I was first appointed here in 2004. The time has passed quickly. As an ordained deacon in full connection, I am appointed by the bishop. Although deacons are non-itinerant (that means we are not moved around like the elders are), we do share in the accountability that all United Methodist clergy share. We file reports for Charge Conference that go to the District Superintendent, the Bishop, the Board of Ordained Ministry, and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. At our ordination exami-

nation we vowed to uphold the *Book of Discipline*. We promised to participate in the life of the Order of Deacon. That means attending meetings and retreats and supporting other deacons in their ministries. Here is a link for more information about United Methodist deacons: <http://www.gbhem.org/clergy/deacons-and-diaconal-ministers/serving>

Blessings, *Cheryl Wood*

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*

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.

CROSS ON THE LAWN



Please bring your fresh-cut flowers to place on the cross this Sunday (Easter).

SOUL FOOD SUNDAY

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

1. Who was with Jesus at the transfiguration?
2. What happened at Pentecost?
3. What was the major theme of the Gospel of John?

Children's Ministry

First of all, I want to thank everyone for the support that has been shown for our children as we prepare to send them to Summer Camp! The love that has been shown to our children has been unbelievable. The envelope fundraiser raised over \$3,000.00. We are well on track to send our largest number of children to camp this year.

Another **HUGE** thanks to everyone who helped to make our Easter Egg Hunt and Church family lunch such a wonderful event! It was a beautiful day for fellowship and a great reminder to each of us what Easter is all about.

We just finished with our second S.W.A.T. meeting and the children love it! This is a service project of our Children's Ministry where the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders come together to make crafts, play games, and then we deliver items to the home of members in our church. This is a great way for the children to make a connection with members they otherwise would just pass on Sunday mornings.

Vacation Bible school preparation is well underway! Sherry Hill is our director this year and things are progressing very smoothly. This year's theme is Rome – *Paul and the Underground Church*. We will be having a planning meeting on Tuesday, April 25 at 5:30. We will need townspeople to walk the streets in our marketplace. We will also need someone to be Paul each night and a roman guard by his side. We will need craft and activity leaders. VBS will be June 11 – 15 from 5p to 8:30p. If you wish to make a connection with our children, please plan to attend this meeting and see what role you can play.

As always, thanks for your continued support!

Ashley Blair

Director of Children's Ministry

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Mary Lynch & Family and Friends in the death of her son, Howell Lynch.

Sympathy is extended to the Family & Friends of Zane Hughes in her recent death.

Sympathy is extended to Gene Morris & Family & Friends in the death of his nephew Mike Morris.

IN MEMORY OF:

Carole Ann May by Betty Murray, Bob & Reba Walls, Harry & Jean Bryan, Janis Endsley, Jean Francis

Anne Stevenson by Betty Murray, Linda Mooney, Jeanne Baddour, Jeri Brown, Don Massey, Mary Beth Minatra, Harry & Jean Bryan, Jean Francis, Bill & Julia Gibbons

Edward Mitchell by Betty Murray, Louis Weed, Chuck & Jane Paysinger, Harry & Jean Bryan

Mrs. Edna Pridemore by Charles & Jane Jenkins, Harry & Jean Bryan

Mr. Howell Lynch by Harwell & Jane Murrey, Chattie Roe, W. P. Murrey, Jr., Gene & Jeannie Morris, Bill & Callie Murrey, Wiseman Family, Harry & Jean Bryan, Ica Coggin, Justine Roe, Don Massey

Mr. Robert Roe by Bill & Courtney Mott

Ms. Zane Hughes by Ica Coggin

Mrs. Harriett Foley by Justine Roe

Mr. Mike Morris by Charles & Jane Jenkins

THANK YOU.....

Our sincere thanks to our church family for all the cards, continued love, prayers, gifts, and encouragement you gave us during the death of our sister, Edna Pridemore.

Love and Blessings,
Jean and Harry Bryan

Volunteers needed for the County-wide Food Drive on Saturday morning May 13. This food is used to help Matthew 25 serve Giles County families in need of food through the summer months. Please check your calendar to see if there is any way you can help on this very important ministry. Contact Donnie Moore at 931-580-6798 for additional questions or to volunteer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

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
04/26: Jackson Hagood
Garth Marchant, Keith Rost
Madalyn McNeese
04/27: Jane Culpepper, Sarai Nkulu
04/28: Maxine Garner, Lila Jensen
Chris Philpot
04/29: Elizabeth Abernathy
04/30: Thomas Wells
05/01: Charles Jenkins
Brad Phillips
05/02: Alex Abernathy
05/03: Betsy Davis, Sean Sailors
05/04: Amaya Rosacia
Sarah Wamble
05/05: Bobby Eubank
05/06: Gail Edmondson
Bob Massey
05/07: Marilyn Christopher
Mark Mitchell
05/08: Elaine Booth, Roger Fuller
Patrick Lancaster
05/10: Jim Cardin
05/11: Martene Hatfield
Jennifer Jones
05/12: Gwen Moore
05/14: Sherry Philpot
05/15: Ben Smith
05/16: Brandt Tucker
05/17: Bailey Blair, Gerald Harper
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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

04/14: William & Brenda Sulcer
04/15: Eric & Jennifer Lyman
04/26: Bob & Linda Wamble
05/06: Ryan & Courtney Dunavant
05/09: Knox & Brooke Vanderpool
05/10: William & Paulette Hardison
05/10: Paul & Lacey Stafford
05/14: Corey & Lyndsey Beecham
05/14: Michael & Karla Gardner
05/15: Michael & Janet Ballard
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

OPPORTUNITIES:

Sunday, April 16: EASTER

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

Monday, April 17:

- 6:00 PM – United Methodist Women
- 6:30 PM – Ukulele Bank

Tuesday, April 18:

- 6:30 PM – Stephen Ministry

Wednesday, April 19:

- 5:00 PM – Family Supper
- 5:30 PM – Jubilee Ringers
- 5:30 PM – Nursery
- 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, April 20:

- 11:00 AM – 12:30 Soup & Sandwich

Sunday, April 23:

- 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

Tuesday, April 25:

- 6:00 PM – 7:00 Pack 107 (F/S Hall)

Wednesday, April 26:

- 5:00 PM – Family Supper
- 5:30 PM – Jubilee Ringers
- 5:30 PM – Nursery
- 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, April 27:

- 8:00 AM – Circle of Care

Sunday, April 30:

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

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 WKSr)

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As of March 31, 2017

2016 Spending Guide: \$532,884.00
Total Income to date: \$132,496.39
Total Expenses to Date: \$121,532.09
Operating surplus/deficit to date:

Apportionments: \$78,464.00
Paid toward Apportionments: \$19,615.98

Average SS attendance: 120
Average Worship attendance: 223

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
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- Terri Adams..... Managing Director of
“Growing Tree” Nursery School
- Randy Shay & Joe Appleton.....Custodians
- Carol Abernathy.....Matthew 25 Ministry
- Sherry Hill.....Stephen Ministry Coordinator