



Equipping People in Becoming Deeply Committed Christians

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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FROM PASTOR LEE

I was reminded this morning at a denominational meeting of our holy calling as followers of Jesus Christ. When we make the choice to align ourselves with God's saving grace through Jesus Christ, we become initially holy - set apart. Our set apartness or holiness causes us to live different from those who have yet to align themselves with God's saving grace through Jesus Christ. With our baptismal covenant, we public process our faith, and commit ourselves to a life of discipleship. This life of discipleship we share together, in daily life as a lifelong process. We enjoy moments and times of growth, worship services, Sunday school classes, retreats, summer camp, celebrating the sacraments, study of God's Word, systematic giving, enable us to grow in appreciation of Christ and an understanding of God at work in our lives.

I am thankful for you as an active member of this congregation for the way you embrace your set apartness of being a Christ follower. Our tree is fruitful and we are making a difference. In the coming months we will take possession of a large amount of square foot to enable our ministry tree to bear more fruit. Your role in our Gospel fruit production is vital. Thank you for your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness to Jesus Christ as we move forward together.

Pastor Lee

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & COLLEGE

In the past month, the youth group stayed busy with the Christmas/Advent Season. Several of our youth were involved with lighting the candles and reading on Sundays during Advent.

On December 10, a few of our youth members helped with the Candy Cane Christmas. On December 11, we had our progressive dinner; we had thirteen youth in attendance. December 18, we hosted the New Canaan Ranch guys in our Fellowship Hall. We purchased gifts for eighteen men and cooked them an at-home style Christmas Dinner. Each man received a pair of jeans, a winter shirt, a winter jacket, and some sort of personal gift. We were able to cover all of the gifts and half of the dinner that we provided to the men from donations from our church family. On top of them taking their gifts, we were able to send over thirty-two clam shell plates full of food and desserts back with them. Some of the men were moved to tears. It was a beautiful site. On December 22, our youth were able to extend a helpful hand at the Soup & Sandwich Christmas Dinner.

Upcoming on our radar is Warmth in Winter. We will be taking fourteen youth girls to Nashville, TN for this event. It is at Opryland Resort and is from January 27 to January 29. Also, there is going to be a confirmation class held on the weekend of February 10, followed by a Confirmation service on Feb-

ruary 26.

This summer we are planning to get the youth interested in attending the Summer Missions Camp at Martin Methodist College, as well as go on two leisure trips.

In Christ,

Rebecca Sewell

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Wednesday Nights Adult Class

January 11 – February 22 - Pastor Lee, *Becoming a Praying People* in Louise Henry Classroom (near Women's restroom on 2nd floor just past the elevator from the sanctuary).

This video & discussion class will focus on the topic and practice of prayer. Attendees will participate in viewing a video on prayer, discuss the video and share accountability points each week around the topic of prayer.

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

MINISTER OF MUSIC



We had a great start to the new year in our choir rehearsals this past week. Our handbell choirs for children and youth had a total of 14 ringers. The children's choirs had 30 singers. In addition, we had 10 adults helping with the various choirs.

Why do we have choirs for our children and youth? Here are just a few reasons:

1. Choirs give children and youth the opportunity to serve God by using their gifts in worship.
2. Choirs are small, mid-week groups that offer encouragement and support. Prayer time is much-loved in our choirs as the participants are encouraged to share prayer requests and to intercede for others.
3. Choirs teach cooperation, teamwork, reliability, and self-discipline.
4. Choirs are fun! Our leaders work hard to make the time spent enjoyable and interesting.
5. Choirs show our children and youth that there are many adults in the church who care about them and want to help them grow in their faith.
6. Choirs help children and youth develop life-long worship skills—singing, playing an instrument, praying.
7. Choirs help form the faith of children and youth through the texts that are learned, the scrip-

tures that are read and memorized, and the Bible stories that are heard.

We welcome any child or youth who would like to participate. Give me a call or email me if you need more information!

Blessings,

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.

Children's Ministry

Our first S.W.A.T. team meeting will be on Sunday, February 12 at 4:00 p.m. If you would like to sign up to be the recipient of this service, please contact Ashley.

It is flu season and the Growing Tree needs our help. They are in need of Kleenex, Germ-X, and Lysol spray. If you would like to donate items please bring to Fellowship Hall or have your children bring to their Sunday School teacher and we will collect from them.

Thanks so much for all of your continued support! If you have any questions, concerns, or want to volunteer please contact me at 931-309-2014 or

ashley@fumcpulaski.com.

Ashley Blair

Director of Children's Ministry



SOUL FOOD SUNDAY

February 19: Canned Chili and crackers

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!

Sympathy is expressed to the Family & Friends of Beth Holley in her recent death.

Sympathy is expressed to Barbara Owen & Family & Friends in the death of her mother, Mrs. Ruth Chapman.

Sympathy is expressed to the Family & Friends of Mr. Terry Minatra in his recent death. Terry is the son of the late Maxie Ann Minatra.

IN MEMORY OF:

Mr. Fred Hibdon by Linda Mooney, Harold & Sara Bass, Sue Cardin

Mr. Bob Andersen by Harold & Sara Bass, Sue Cardin, Steve & Karen Spivey, James D. & Janice Taylor

Mr. Leslie Vanderbilt by Harold & Sara Bass, Steve & Karen Spivey, Sue Cardin, Joe & Ann Henry

Mrs. Dot Hill by the New Creation Class

Mrs. Beth Holley by Ica Coggin, Steve & Karen Spivey

Mr. Allen Richardson by Ica Coggin

Mr. Robert Roe by Sue Cardin

Mr. Chaddy Baker by Steve & Karen Spivey

Mrs. Royce Hughes by Steve & Karen Spivey

Mr. Terry Minatra by Ronald & Pam Wheeler Johnson, Bruce & Connie Harris, Linda Mooney, Joe Fowlkes

WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST

Ella Kate Wiseman born on December 16, 2016 to Robert & Melissa Wiseman; grandparents are Bill & Marjorie Wiseman; great grandmother is Frances Wiseman.



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.

Acolyte Schedule

- Jan. 15: Jackson Hagood
Klaira Hargrove
Jan. 22: Cheyenne Hartwig
Carter Hibdon
Jan. 29: Aidan Jones
Gage Kirk
Feb. 5: Delia Marchant
Rena McDaniel
Feb. 12: Lilly Phillips
Emma Singleton

SOUP TO GO

It is time again for the annual Soup To Go sponsored by UMW. Homemade soups for \$10 each will be sold in fellowship hall on Sunday, January 29. Desserts will be available for \$1. Please plan to support the local mission projects of United Methodist Women.

Church Directory

Update

Starting in February, the youth group will be collecting data and pictures for the online Church Directory. We will be stationed outside the adult Sunday-school classrooms every Sunday in February. Please stop by and update your information and get your picture taken so we can launch Instant Church Directory for everyone's use.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

- 01/18: Olivia Schultz
Jordan Stevenson
01/19: Coy Blair, Conner Blair
01/20: Taunia Green
01/21: Kevin Coggin
Kathryne Jensen
Carter Wiseman
01/22: Rachel Bain
01/23: Maggie Lamon, Karl Mace
Judy Stevenson
01/24: Haley Phillips, Ann White
Cheryl Wood
01/25: Corey Beecham
01/26: Carol Abernathy, Clara Mace
01/27: Lauren Rogers
01/28: Karen Spivey
01/29: Cheyenne Blankenship
Willa Dugger
01/30: Jack Coltrane, Kaden Killer
01/31: Rex Hobbs, Jane Paysinger
02/01: Danny Powell, Ellie Reynolds
02/02: Ben Owens
02/03: Judith Eubank
02/05: Mackenzie Liggett
02/08: Joyce Moore
02/10: Ica Coggin, Paul Jones
02/11: Louie Weed
02/14: James Blankenship
McKenzie Hannah
02/15: Lainey Phillips
02/16: Douglas Wong
02/17: Jeff Bain, Jackson Polly
Gerry Wayne Davis III
02/18: Grayson Rackley
Shannon Shirey
02/20: John Freeman, Lauren Holley
Hunter Rackley
Mary Ruth Wossum-Fisher
02/21: Joanie Abernathy, Tim Burns
West Chiles, Erin Freeman
Tiffany Hagood, John Liggett
02/22: John Parker Herd
02/23: Robert Capley Curry
02/24: Bob Bass, Harriet Bryan
Wanda Hamlett
John Paysinger
Coleman Siniard
02/25: Eugene Childress
02/26: Myranda Hannah
Patrick Schultz
02/28: John Miller, Susan Neal
02/29: Kate Cardin
03/03: Forrest Garner, Sara Reese
Bill Young
03/04: Jeri Brown, Ayla Haulenbeek
Ginna Waggoner

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

- 01/18: Malcolm & Rita Cox
01/18: Steve & Karen Spivey
01/28: Chris & Sherry Philpot
02/08: Michael & Connie Bass
02/10: Bill & Connie Marks
02/14: Harold & Sara Bass
03/14: Larry & Veronica Bardroff
03/16: Jimmy & Stacie Potts
03/17: Sam & Angela Sneed
03/24: Robert & Laine Murray
03/28: Frank & Barbara Koski

OPPORTUNITIES:

Sunday, January 22:

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

Tuesday, January 24:

6:00 PM – 7:30 Boy Scout Pack 107 (F/S Hall)

Wednesday, January 25:

4:40 PM – 5:15 Wesley Ringers
 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, January 26:

8:00 AM – Circle of Care

Friday, January 27 – Sunday, January 29:

Youth “Warmth In Winter”

Saturday, January 28:

11:00 AM – 9:00 PM MMC Basketball Teams Dinners
 (F/S Hall)

Sunday, January 29:

8:15 AM – Worship
 9:00 AM – noon “Soup to Go” (F/S Hall)
 9:30 AM – Sunday school
 10:30 AM – Worship (WKSJ 100.9)

Wednesday, February 1:

4:40 PM – 5:15 Wesley Ringers
 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, February 2:

8:00 AM – Circle of Care
 10:00 AM – Hewitt House
 6:00 PM – 8:00 David Crockett Round Table

Sunday, February 5:

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

Monday, February 6:

5:15 PM – Trustees
 6:30 PM—Ukulele Band (will meet upstairs)
 3:00 PM—7:00 GCHS Soccer Team Fundraiser
 (F/S Hall)

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 December 31, 2016

2016 Spending Guide: \$546,281.00
 Total Income to date: 494,906.01
 Total Expenses to Date: 470,362.50
 Operating surplus/deficit to date: +24,543.51

Apportionments: \$83,831.00
 Paid toward Apportionments: Paid in Full

Average SS attendance: 119
 Average Worship attendance: 227.5

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
 Stephen Ministry CoordinatorSherry Hill