



*Equipping People in Becoming Deeply Committed Christians*

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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### FROM PASTOR LEE

I spent two days in meetings in Nashville recently. I have a new appreciation, compassion and empathy for those who drive from Giles County north to Nashville on a regular basis. It made me miss or appreciate the Pulaski rush hour that last fifteen minutes and if you take Jefferson around to the industrial park it can be avoided.

The first day I left the meeting site at 5:00 PM and arrived home at 8:00 PM. An accident occurred just south of 840 and had us at a standstill, creeping a few what seemed like millimeters every few seconds. My right foot got tired so a few times I put the car in park. This did, however, give me a chance to call my parents, a future guest preacher, two friends, and my 20 year old.

There was what I assume to be a new Ford Explorer, since I saw the temporary tag, whose lights were not on. I thought, well maybe they will turn them on at some point. A Maury County Sherriff deputy pulled alongside the Explorer, turned on a side spot light and had a conversation with the driver. Then the deputy turned on the blue lights and got out and approached the driver. I saw the rear wipers turn on, the front wipers turn on, the hazard lights turn on and the rear washer fluid squirt. The deputy and the driver were trying to figure out how to turn the lights on. It's little things like this that amuse me.

It's also the little things that annoy me. People cutting me off, exhaust fumes seeping in, and stuck in standstill traffic. All those others who sometimes annoy us, especially in traffic.

Yet, without others we are alone, without others we miss out on life experiences and seeing God's grace in the lives of others. When you get frustrated with others, remember that we are created for community, created to serve one another, created to care for one another, created to love one another. There is a red letter verse, Jesus' words in *Mark 12:31*, "The second is this, 'Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.'"

*Pastor Lee*

### DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & COLLEGE

January into the beginning of February has been an exciting and busy time for our youth group!

We attended Warmth in Winter in Nashville, TN. It is a youth worship conference and was held at the Opryland Resort this year! The youth heard some great speakers and bands, connected with other Methodist youth from all over the state, and a handful of them experienced a great thing, the presence of God.

We did a BBQ fundraiser with Jay Aymett on Super Bowl Sunday. The BBQ was AMAZING and we sold 72 Boston Butts! Thank you all for your support through this event.

This past weekend, Rev. Lee Stevenson, Rev. Ryan Heatherly, and I led a weekend retreat style Confirma-

tion class. We went on a church tour field trip of local churches, learned about God and Methodism, and ended our time together with a Sponsor Dinner, where youth got to talk one on one with an adult from our church to guide them through this process. We had eleven student attend this class, and I have heard from several parents that their youth are really excited about God!

It has been a great month full of glory sightings!

If you are interested in hosting Pyros or providing a snack supper, please contact me!

Thank you all for your support of our youth!

*Rebecca Sewell*

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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. 2017 dates are still available.

### 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.

## MINISTER OF MUSIC



You are invited to sing with the Chancel Choir for Easter. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room located in the rotunda behind the sanctuary. We are learning two selections for Easter Sunday. We will also be practicing new music for Palm/Passion Sunday and Good Friday. Easter is April 16. We welcome your participation as a seasonal singer or as a weekly member of the choir. No auditions are required. Please contact Rev. Cheryl Wood or any choir member for more details.

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is March 1 this year. We will start our journey toward Easter together in the sanctuary at 6:15. The Celebration Choir (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades) will sing for this service. The entire family is invited to come to the service; therefore, Cherub Choir (4 years-1<sup>st</sup> grade) will not meet.

Each week in Celebration Choir, I lead a study of a hymn that we sing as a congregation. The children learn how to use the index to find the hymn in the hymnal or songbook. We discover information about the hymn like who wrote it and when and why. Sometimes we watch a YouTube video of the hymn being sung. For example, when we studied "How Great Thou Art" in January, we learned that it was introduced to America through the Billy Graham Crusades with George Beverly Shea as soloist. We watched a 1957 video of him singing with the crusade choir. I teach the hymn we are learning one phrase at a time, and then we sing it together. I tell the children when we will sing the "mystery hymn"

we are studying in the worship service. It has been a rewarding experience to look around the congregation and see our children singing on the hymn we have learned in choir. The hymn for February is "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" from *The Faith We Sing*. We will sing it as a congregation on February 26.

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

As we are gearing up for the Lent/Easter season, please mark your calendars for our annual Easter Egg hunt on April 2.

We had a wonderful first S.W.A.T. meeting on February 12. The children had fun and enjoyed a devotional about God's love, making coffee filter flowers, peppermint candy jars and valentine cards for different members of our church. If you would like to receive more information on becoming a recipient, please contact Ashley or Ginna. Signing up does not require you to do anything. The children make various crafts and goodies, we then deliver to your home and leave on your doorstep. This is a very exciting way for the children to show God's love to members of our church.

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](mailto:ashley@fumcpulaski.com).

Blessings,

*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!

## 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

- 02/19: Sarah Wamble  
Amaya Rosacia  
02/26: Hailey Rosacia  
Sarah Woodard  
03/05: Macey Davis & Brice Dyer  
03/12: Sofia Chanes & Laura Cox  
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

## 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.

## 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 class rooms 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.

Dear Pastor Lee & FUMC Church Family,

Thank you for helping with our 8th Annual Free Dental Day! You and your church did SO MUCH!!! It truly is a blessing to have support from our area churches. Without the support of caring people like you, our event could not continue. Hundreds of people from our community received care that may not have been obtained without this event. Thank you for being a part of our outreach!

Dr. Tesa Reeves & Team

Congratulations to Larry & Veronica Schultz

Bardroff on the birth of their daughter Meredith Lee Bardroff. Proud Grandparents are Pat & Dee Schultz; Great Grandmother is Rosemary Schultz.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

- 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  
03/06: Sara Cardin, Sarah Reeves  
03/07: Sam Hatfield, Sandra Horne  
03/08: Michael Bass, Jeff Hatfield,  
Bella Ruiz, Pat Whittemore  
Sue Elizabeth Simmons  
03/10: Colbrook Baddour  
Hayden Dooley, Jenny Hobbs  
03/11: Addie Lake, Cindy Pride  
03/13: Karla Gardner  
Hannah McGill  
03/14: Janice Arnette, Mike Burns  
Wayne Davis  
03/15: Jensen Harper, Sherry Hill  
Betty Murray, William Sulcer  
Ed Murrey  
03/16: Olivia May, Joe McDaniel  
03/17: Marie Care  
03/18: 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

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

- 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, February 19: Soul Food Sunday**

- 7:00 AM – UMM’s Breakfast
- 8:15 AM – Worship
- 9:30 AM – Sunday school
- 10:30 AM – Worship (WKSR 100.9)
- 5:00 PM – PYROS

**Monday, February 20:**

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

**Tuesday, February 21:**

- 6:00 PM – Stephen Ministry

**Wednesday, February 22:**

- 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 23:**

- 8:00 AM – Circle of Care

**Sunday, February 26:**

- 8:15 AM – Worship
- 9:30 AM – Sunday school
- 10:30 AM – Worship (WKSR 100.9)
- 3:00 PM – Worship Committee
- 5:00 PM – PYROS

**Tuesday, February 28:**

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

**Wednesday, March 1:**

- 4:40 PM – 5:15 Wesley Ringers
- 5:00 PM – Family Supper
- 5:30 PM – NO Jubilee Ringers
- 5:30 PM – Nursery
- 6:00 PM – NO Adult Studies
- 6:00 PM – NO Youth
- 6:00 PM – Celebration Choir
- 6:00 PM – NO Cherub Choir
- 6:15 PM—Ash Wednesday Service
- 7:00 PM – Chancel Choir

**Thursday, March 2:**

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

**Sunday, March 5:** 8:15 AM – Worship

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

**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 January 31, 2017**

2016 Spending Guide: \$532,884.00  
 Total Income to date: \$63,734.52  
 Total Expenses to Date: \$44,108.99  
 Operating surplus/deficit to date: \$19,625.53

Apportionments: \$78,464.00  
 Paid toward Apportionments: \$6,538.66

Average SS attendance: 121  
 Average Worship attendance: 215

**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