



Equipping People in Becoming Deeply Committed Christians

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR

I just finished a meeting with other pastors; we were planning the season of Advent together. We are looking forward in our planning and looking back at the story of Jesus' birth in all four gospels. You've probably spent time looking back, thinking back about the past, events, loved ones who have gone, fond memories, painful memories. What about looking forward? How much time do you look forward to Christ's eventual return, to celebrating Christmas again with your church family, a new year beginning or your favorite sporting event?

I'm looking forward, as you are, as to what our future will look like as we get closer to taking possession of the Sharp Property. It will be under repair and improvement for sure. I'm looking forward to the lives that will be changed and transformed by the ministries we headquarter there. When Christ makes a difference in our lives we, in turn, make a difference in the lives of others.

Pastor Lee

PLEASE NOTE:

At the August Church Council meeting we began a process of becoming laser focused in our missional ministry focus for Sharp Property usage. This process parallels the building committee's discussions and leadership on the basics of bricks and mortar improvements.

On June 26, the sermon was about "making our community a better place to live" (Listen Here:

<http://www.fumcpulaski.com/sermons-1.html>). As a response to that sermon, you were invited to complete a three question survey, it was available online and as a bulletin insert. Results are attached.

Using the survey responses, Council members have been asked to begin intentional conversations to narrow our focus to establish missional ministry usage priorities. These intentional conversations can take place in the work place, in your home, before and after church, and in Sunday school classes.

Over the next few Council meetings, we will begin collecting data from your conversations - we are depending on you to make this happen.

Thank you for your dedication to Jesus and His mission,

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & COLLEGE

Dear Church Family,

I am very honored and excited about the opportunity awarded to me by the Staff Parish Relations Committee. For those of you who do not know me, I am a native of Giles County. I attended both Richland and Giles County High Schools. In the fall of 2005, my

family started attending Pulaski First United Methodist Church. Early in 2006, I became an active member of the youth program and music ministries, such as hand bells, choir, and playing flute during worship. After college, my husband, Patrick Sewell, and I moved back to Pulaski and started a family. We have one daughter, Cadence Sewell, who is almost 2 months old. Upon moving back, we joined the church and started volunteering in the music and youth ministries until I was hired on in the beginning of September. We look forward to the many years to come spent at Pulaski First United Methodist Church.

The Youth Group spent an afternoon with a few of our church members in Decatur on September 10. We worked at the United Methodist Committee on Relief warehouse where we prepared 130 cleaning buckets, 24 school bags, several parts to arm and leg splints, and earned \$1,272.24 towards a donation fund. The cleaning buckets and \$1,272.24 will be going to Louisiana to assist the recent flood victims.

Upcoming for our Youth Group is a trip to Cornersville First United Methodist Church for a youth worship on September 28, Warmth in Winter during the last weekend of January 2017, and our regular Sunday night worships. If you are willing and/or interested in providing a meal for one Sunday, please feel free to contact me any time.

Thank you for all you do for the youth of our church.

Rebecca Sewell

MINISTER OF MUSIC



We have some exciting opportunities ahead in the music and worship life of our church. Here are some dates you will want to mark on your calendar:

October 2nd Martin Methodist College Sunday in both services
The MMC Chamber Choir will sing in the 8:15 service and the Concert Choir in the 10:30.

October 23rd Children's Service Our Celebration Choir (2nd-5th grades) and our Cherub Choir (4 years old-1st grade) will sing in this "child-friendly" 10:30 service.

All youth and adults are invited to sing Christmas music. Beginning **Wed., Sept. 28th**, rehearsals are 7:00-7:40 pm every Wednesday in the choir room. This year we are presenting selections from Lloyd Larson's cantata "Were You There on That Christmas Night" on Dec. 4th and Dec. 18th in the 10:30 service. The cantata includes favorite carols as well as newer songs such as "All Is Well" and "Welcome to Our World." Come sing with us for Christmas!

For more information about how you can be involved in the music and worship life of FUMC, please contact me.

Blessings, *Cheryl Wood*
cheryl@fumcpulaski.com

Who is a Care Receiver?

In Stephen Ministry, a care receiver is someone who needs a Christian friend.

Stephen Ministry helps to meet the needs of individuals who are:

- Homebound/lonely
- Hospitalized or recently discharged
- Facing serious or terminal illness
- Experiencing major adjustments to jobs/careers/ residences/life changes
- Residents of long-term care facilities
- People facing decisions on future care of aging parents/spouses
- People experiencing absence of family members due to death, school, military assignment, marriage, divorce
- Persons adjusting to becoming single parents
- Just to name a few of the needs that care receivers assist individuals with in life

Is life more than you can handle along right now? Are your health, your attitude, or your relationships suffering? Are you adjusting to a new job, changed marital status, serious illness, the death of a loved one, a recent move? Would you like to have someone in your life who really cares?

Maybe a Stephen Minister can HELP

Consider having a Stephen Minister walk with you or a friend on a journey to wholeness. Use the form below to make a referral. Referral forms are also in pews in the sanctuary. You can also contact Pastor Lee directly or Sherry Hill at 931-638-2524. If you are referring a friend, you must have that person's permission.

Please have a Stephen Minister contact:

Name: _____
 Need Identified: _____
 Phone: _____
 Best time to contact: _____

Home Repair | Fall Festival
T.O.P.
 October 20th-23rd
 Shane Woodard
 309.0730 | swoodard@wildblue.net

OUR NEWEST

Congratulations to Jay & Marisa Adams on the birth of their daughter, Kaylee Jared Adams, born on August 18. Grandparents are James & Terri Adams.



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. 2016 dates are still available.

Children's Ministry

The children's ministry was given two generous donations toward our remodeling projects for the upstairs rotunda area and the Sunday School classrooms. We still need additional donations but with the money we have already received, we will begin painting the weekend of October 1. If anyone is interested in painting rooms or re-painting furniture, please contact me at

ashley@fumcpulaski.com or call me 931-309-2014. All helping hands will be greatly appreciated.

Mark your calendars for our 1st annual Fall-O-Ween Jesus festival on October 23 at 3:00 PM. Bring your family for an evening of fun. We will have pumpkin painting, a bouncy house, and many more games. You can also come and make a scarecrow to take home! With a donation of \$20 to the Children's Ministry, we will provide the frame, the straw, and the head. Use your imagination to personalize your scarecrow any way you want and bring all the other accessories (clothes, shoes, hat, birds, etc.) Let's make this a great 1st annual event!

Ashley Blair

Director of Children's Ministry



Soul Food Sunday will be September 18. Items needed: Peanut Butter, Jelly, & 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!

Christian sympathy is expressed to Johnny Neal & Family & Friends in the death of his uncle, Mr. James Edward Neal.

Christian sympathy is expressed to Sue Harper & Family & Friends in the death of her mother, Mrs. Helen (Oates) Abernathy.

Christian sympathy is expressed to Diane Rackley & Family & Friends in the death of Joe Rackley.

IN MEMORY OF:

Mrs. Hazel Hibdon by John & Beverly Murrey, Corky Wakefield

Mr. Butler Harrison by John & Beverly Murrey, Betty Murray

Mrs. Martha Fisher by Gerald & Sue Harper, Jerry & Wendy Hibdon

Mrs. Helen Abernathy by Chattie Roe, Ica Coggin, Visions Class, Chuck & Jane Paysinger, Jim & Sandra Ferrell, Claudia Oakes, James Dennis & Janice Taylor, Bill & Callie Murrey, Gene & Jeannie Morris, Bob & Linda Wamble, Dr. & Mrs. Malcolm Cox, Charles & Jane Jenkins, Ted & Cheryl Brown, Harold & Sara Bass, Billy & Wanda Hamlett, Justine Roe, Harry & Jean Bryan, Bill & Lisa Blair, Corky Wakefield, Jean Francis, Greg Francis, Jerry & Wendy Hibdon, Bob & Patsy Bryant

Mr. Joe Rackley by Bill & Callie Murrey, Harold & Sara Bass, Chuck & Jane Paysinger, Justine Roe, Harry & Jean Bryan, Bill & Lisa Blair, Corky Wakefield, Garland & Betty Moore, Gerald & Sue Young, Jimmy Sims, Jerry & Wendy Hibdon, Laura Jane Reynolds

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

09/16: Bill Marks
 09/17: Barbara Owen, W.C. Tomerlin
 09/18: Elizabeth Sneed
 Jet Vanderpool
 09/19: Will Hibdon, Betty Strickland
 Sophia McMasters
 09/20: Mason Wells
 09/21: Daniel Tomerlin
 Anna Grace Wamble
 09/23: Aidan Jones, Josh Nkulu
 09/24: Addie Shelton, Amy Woodard
 09/25: Janice Taylor
 09/26: Paden Brewer, Laura Cox
 Sophie Stafford
 09/28: Bill Blair, Bill Dugger
 Jane Jenkins
 09/29: Walden Rolin, David Wamble
 09/30: Lisa Blair
 10/01: Don Eastep, Steve Luna
 Roby Petty
 10/02: Bob Henry, Sloan Lake
 Dick Sailors, Doug Wong
 10/03: Gio DeVenturi, Jennifer Pigg
 10/04: Kylie Adams
 10/05: Emilee Grisham
 Amanda Tomerlin
 10/06: Stephanie Collins
 Brian Paysinger
 Brock Reynolds
 10/07: Peggy Holly, Logan Rost
 10/08: Stoney Curry, Christy Kemp
 Jeannie Morris
 Mary Carter Rose
 Larry Walden
 10/10: Kevin Garner, Johnny Neal
 Frances Wiseman
 10/11: Chuck Paysinger
 Belinda Sulcer
 10/12: Connie Bass, William Harwell
 10/14: Robert Murray
 10/15: Betty Daniel,
 10/16: Cheryl Brown, Jane Murrey
 Mac Edmondson
 Dennis Rogers
 10/17: Lisa Coltrane, Matt Rackley
 10/18: Steve Clark, Patsy Harrison
 Judy Riggan
 10/19: Justine Roe
 10/20: Shirley Butler, Johnny Long
 Shane Woodard
 10/21: Meleah Wamble

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

09/21: Todd & Shana Hibdon
 09/23: Bill & Callie Murrey
 09/26: Harry & Jean Bryan
 09/26: Steve & Mary White
 09/28: Buddy & Diane Butler
 09/28: John & Kimberly Miller
 09/30: Bill & Katherine Roper
 10/02: Rob & Leslie Curtis
 10/05: Jeff & Diane Coggin
 10/06: Samuel & Sonja Blanton
 10/08: Jeff & Jennifer Hibdon
 10/10: Bill & Barbara Owen
 10/10: Bob & Cindy Stevenson
 10/11: Paul & Jennifer Jones
 10/12: Gio & Della DeVenturi
 10/17: Pat & Deann Schultz
 10/27: Rex & Jenny Hobbs

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.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Sunday, September 18: 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)
- 3:00 PM – Worship Team Meets in F/S Hall
- 5:00 PM – 7:00 UMYF

Monday, September 19:

- 6:00 PM – United Methodist Women

Tuesday, September 20:

- 6:30 PM – Stephen Ministry

Wednesday, September 21:

- 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 (Joe Henry)
- 6:00 PM – Youth
- 6:00 PM – Celebration Choir
- 6:00 PM – Cherub Choir
- 7:00 PM – Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 22:

- 8:30 AM – Circle of Care
- 1:00 PM – 8:00 GCHS Football Dinner (F/S)

Sunday, September 25:

- 8:15 AM – Worship
- 9:30 AM – Sunday school
- 10:30 AM – Worship (WKSJ 100.9)
- 5:00 PM – 7:00 UMYF (Wamble's Home)

Tuesday, September 27:

- 6:00 PM – 7:30 Boy Scout Pack 107

Wednesday, September 28:

- 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 (Joe Henry)
- 6:00 PM – Youth
- 6:00 PM – Celebration Choir
- 6:00 PM – Cherub Choir
- 7:00 PM – Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 29:

- 8:30 – Circle of Care

Monday, October 24:

5:30 PM CHARGE CONFERENCE

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 August 31, 2016
 2016 Spending Guide: \$546,281.00
 Total Income to date: 317,622.14
 Total Expenses to Date: 310,811.69
 Operating surplus/deficit to date: +6,810.45

 Apportionments: \$83,831.00
 Paid toward Apportionments: \$55,887.36

 Average SS attendance: 127
 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
- Custodians.....Randy Shay & Joe Appleton
- Sherry Hill..... Stephen Ministry Coordinator