

FEEDING OF THE 5,000

The annual Wesley Foundation Feeding of the 5,000 will be on Tuesday, September 15th, at 6:00 pm. Each year area churches assist the Wesley Foundation in welcoming students to campus and providing a huge home cooked meal (to be more accurate think of a jumbo sized church potluck dinner). Members of the churches sign up to bring various dishes and bring the food the afternoon of Tuesday, September 15th. You may sign up in your Sunday School class or call the church office (893-1322) to sign up.

This 32 year tradition of outreach to MTSU by the partnership of the Wesley Foundation and area churches is long remembered by students. Your help and assistance will enable us to help students to feel at home on campus. Thank you for your support!

Bill Campbell, United Methodist Campus Minister, Wesley Foundation at MTSU

ADVENTURES IN LEARNING

The 19th annual Adventures in Learning program will be held at First UMC from 8:30 am until 1:15 pm on the following Monday mornings: September 14, 21, 28 and Oct. 5. It is designed for persons 50 and older who are interested in lifelong learning and personal growth. Seven classes will be offered in each of two class periods. Advance registration is requested. The classes are followed by an optional lunch and a short forum presentation. Brochures, which include costs and registration forms, are available at the church, Linebaugh Library and the Senior Citizens Center.

Classes include topics about history, geopolitical issues, advanced beginner bridge, demonstration of technological gadgets, genealogical know how, book reviews, literary presentations, changing neighborhoods, music, a look at recreational opportunities and self-discovery. If more information is needed, call Jerry Campbell at 896-1029 or Mary Belle Ginanni at 895-6072.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FOR AUGUST

	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>	<u>8:30 Open Table</u>	<u>11:00 Open Table</u>	<u>Total</u>
Aug 2	276	357	138	69	840
Aug 9	283	378	111	267	1,039
Aug 16	269	587	107	55	1,018
Aug 23	335	404	86	63	888
Aug 30	305	376	113	81	875

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PREACHING SCHEDULE

September 13

8:30 am in the Family Life Center	Michael O'Bannon
8:30 am in the Sanctuary	Bishop McCleskey
11:00 am in the Family Life Center	Bishop McCleskey
11:00 am in the Sanctuary	Michael O'Bannon

September 20

8:30 am in the Family Life Center	Tommy Perkins
8:30 am in the Sanctuary	Michael O'Bannon
11:00 am in the Family Life Center	Michael O'Bannon
11:00 am in the Sanctuary	Tommy Perkins

September 27

8:30 am in the Family Life Center	Virginia Yeargins
8:30 am in the Sanctuary	Michael O'Bannon
11:00 am in the Family Life Center	Michael O'Bannon
11:00 am in the Sanctuary	Virginia Yeargins

October 4

8:30 am in the Family Life Center	Victor Perez
8:30 am in the Sanctuary	Carlos Uroza
11:00 am in the Family Life Center	Carlos Uroza
11:00 am in the Sanctuary	Victor Perez

MORNING PRAYER

(NEW SCHEDULE)

Beginning Tuesday, October 6, Morning Prayer will resume at 7:00 am in the sanctuary. We will gather on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** each week. Come join us.

NEWSLETTER CHANGE

Beginning with this publication, the church newsletter will be published once a month instead of bi-weekly. Please make a note of this change. If you have any questions concerning deadline for articles for the newsletter, please contact the church office at office@fumcm.org or 893-1322. Church information can also be found on our website: www.fumcm.org.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The Nurture Ministry Group announces a special nine week grief support group for any one over the age of 18 who has experienced the loss of a loved one. The grief support group will meet every Wednesday night in room 210 starting at 6:00 pm and ending by 7:30 pm from October 14th through December 16th. This study/support group will be facilitated by the Reverend Jackie Clevenger. There is no fee for this support group, but pre-registration is necessary and must be completed no later than Monday, October 5th, by calling the church office at 893-1322.

WOMEN'S TEA PARTY

Saturday, Sept. 26th, at 10 am marks the first annual FUMC tea party sponsored by the GALS (Growing and Loving Servants) Women's Ministry team. Join your other sisters in Christ for fellowship, door prizes, a silent auction, scones and of course TEA! There will be newly designed GALS t-shirts and pullovers you may purchase as well. If you have a special tea cup you would like to use, please feel free to bring it. This is a FREE event designed to join the different generations of women together. Please RSVP by Sunday, Sept. 20th by calling the church office or using the form in the bulletin. If you have any questions, contact Marianne Thomas at 849-9609 or Gretchen Bailey at 785-4215.

DIVORCE CARE FALL 2009

Divorce Care support group will begin its 13 week session this Wednesday night, Sept. 9th, at 6:15 pm in room 211. If you have any questions regarding Divorce Care, please contact Jenny Crouch at 785-1305 or jennycrouch94@gmail.com.

JOURNEY HOME UPDATE

The Journey Home has been blessed by the donation of a storage building. We are now accepting furniture or any household-type items (from pots & pans, towels to mattresses, etc.) to help those that we are relocating to an apartment. If you are downsizing or just getting new, we would be happy to pick up or you may deliver to the storage building. We are then using our hands to serve our community. Call Geneva Poss at 542-1655, if you can help.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome into our church family Carroll and Judy Joachimi of 1623 Elliston Place, Murfreesboro, TN 37129. Their home phone number is 890-3736.

SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to:

- Tony and Martha Madewell and family in the loss of Martha’s mother, Edna Hasty, who passed away Friday, August 21, 2009.
- Nathan and Shannon Summar and family in the loss of Nathan’s grandmother, Mattie Louise Harris, who passed away Friday, August 21, 2009.
- Kelli Green and family in the loss of her mother, Barbara Clifford, who passed away Friday, August 21, 2009.
- Cheri Claybrooke and family in the loss of her uncle, Franklin Farris, who passed away Monday, August 31, 2009.
- Jack Hooper and family in the loss of his wife, Joan Hooper, who passed away Tuesday, September 1, 2009.

NOTE OF GRATITUDE

My family and I are grateful for your many expressions of sympathy and support in recent weeks. Your memorial gifts, cards, and many conversations about my father’s death are deeply appreciated. You are a generous, compassionate people, and I thank God for the opportunity to be in ministry with you. Rev. Miriam Seyler

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study began the new fall session on September 8th. The new study is entitled “How United Methodists Share Their Faith” written by Rodney E. Wilmoth. Sometimes we think all we have to do to be a Christian is come to church but Wilmoth tells us how we should share our faith with other people. Many of us would be willing if we only knew how to do so without feeling so uncomfortable. Come and join us and learn how to serve God better. We meet every second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 10:00 until 11:30 am. The study books are available at no cost. (They were in our curriculum closet, A Sunday School Class had previously used them.) The group has women of different ages who attend; we have lots of good discussion and share our beliefs freely. If you would like to get to know more women in our church, this is a wonderful opportunity. Helen Noffsinger is the facilitator.

SAVE \$\$ AND DONATE AT THE SAME TIME

Want to save money while shopping? Have money and items to give away! G.A.L.S (Growing and Loving Servants--FUMC Women’s Ministry) is offering a Coupon Workshop on Thursday, Sept. 17th at 6:30 pm in room 112. Learn how to pay little or nothing on your grocery list. Kristen Motz and Amy Edminson (from www.savingwithamy.com) are coming to show us how that's possible. With guidance, coupons, tips, and websites that will help us along the way. And once we are saving, we are able to give like never before. Nursery available. Please RSVP to elizabeth.chavis@gmail.com if you want to join us and if you need the nursery.

DOROTHY GALASSO BOOK TALK

The Dorothy Galasso Book Talk will meet at 9:30 am Tuesday, September 15th, in room 112. Dr. Ellen Donovan (MTSU English Dept.) will lead discussion on Krik! Krak! by Edwidge Danticat. Marnie Harris will be presiding.

NURSERY NEEDS

The nursery is looking for a few gently used gliders to replace ones that are broken. If you have one you would like to donate, please contact Krista Warren at kwarren@fumcm.org or 512-3064.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR AUGUST 23 & 30, 2009

Budget Goal for 2009	\$2,179,320.00
<u>Weekly Budget Goal</u>	\$41,910.00
Received	8/23/09 \$28,124.65
	8/30/09 <u>\$37,089.02</u>
Total	\$65,213.67
<u>Monthly Budget Goal</u>	\$209,550.00
Total Rec’d for month of August	\$ 192,115.80
REC’D YEAR TO DATE	\$1,223,322.10
35 (wk#) x \$41,910.00	\$1,466,850.00
<u>UNDER YTD GOAL BY:</u>	\$ 243,527.90

WELCOME CENTER HOSTS FOR OCTOBER

Charlene Arbuckle, Fay Church and Pat Gritton

SEPTEMBER ROAD RUNNERS TRIP

Join us on Thursday, Sept. 24th, for a guided tour of the State Capitol followed by lunch, on your own, at the Nashville Farmers Market. The only cost for the trip will be a donation for transportation, payable at departure. Sign up early to secure your spot on the 18 seat bus. We will leave the church at 8:30 am and return by 3:30 pm.

PERSONS BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION

- Barbara McIntosh (Dave McIntosh’s sister)-MTMC
- Carson Taylor-At Home
- Carol Bratton-NHC
- Nancy Ross-Sunnington
- Rebecca Bennett-Adams Place
- Ruth MacBeth-Adams Rehab
- Evelyn Benefield-At Home
- Betty Caruthers-Northside Health
- O.T. & Sue Ridley-At Home
- Ben & Betty Ferguson-At Home
- Mark Scarlett (Paul & Ethleen Scarlett’s son)-Providence Hospital
- Colton Sheets-At Home
- Gretchen Bailey-At Home
- Nancy Pierce-At Home
- Sonny Reynolds-At Home
- Mark Harrell-At Home
- Larsen Purvis-At Home
- Ava Eaton-At Home
- Mike Hyde-At Home
- Linda Mandrell-At Home
- Portland, OR

- Lois Davis (Ron Nall’s mother)-At Home
- Mildred Harrison (Jacque Henry’s mother)-Community Care
- Elizabeth Palko (Evan Scott’s grandmother)-At Home
- Harold Coke-At his brother’s residence in Nashville
- Christine Cantrell (Ann Graves’ mother)-At Home
- Clara Delbridge-Richland Place, Nashville
- Patsy Burton (Anne Nall’s sister)-At Home
- Nancy Butler (Craig Butler’s mother)-Tunica, MS
- Robert Ferguson (Gordon Ferguson’s father)-Little Creek, Knoxville

STORM VICTIMS AND FAMILIES

MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

- Chris Nall, Jeff Walker, Doug Brown, John Reynolds, Mason Harlow, Luke Naughton, William Rhome, Tim Ferguson, Nicholas Phillips, Ingram Cope, Josh Berry, Clint Ervin, Chase Moss, Josh Thurman, Ben Cahill, Lloyd Denny, Michael Maglio, Jr., Hugh Hanna, Mark Collins, David Walker, Blake Troutman, Richard D. Forth, Mark Thomas, Brandon Kyle Hall, Matt Crisafulli, Thomas Hosfelt, Jay Patton, Zachary Kragness

YOUTH NEWS

Prayers From FUMY

- I pray for...
- My parents.
- My future in school and the decisions I make regarding that.
- My friend and his depression/anxiety.
- My relationship with you to grow more serious.
- Help in discerning your voice.
- This youth group to continue to grow, not in numbers but in faith.
- You to be with me in the next coming days and help me not succumb to temptation.
- You to help me have pure thoughts and not be unclean.
- You to help me have more faith and never doubt you.
- My friends.
- My relationship with God.
- The stress to go away.
- The church.
- My friend to get really serious this summer and desire for you.
- You to help me with my friend.
- You to help me live the life God has planned for me.
- You to help me to continue in my walk with you Lord, and that you will continue to show me your will and your love.
- Guidance and truth, and for protection of my eyes and soul.
- You to help me understand what it is you want me to do.
- My friends who don’t really know you.
- Me to not have any distractions in my relationship with you.
- Fire, passion, rebirth, faith, strength, love, desire, courage and commitment for You.
- The next year in my life.
- The decisions I still have to make.
- You to help my father with his struggles.
- You to help me to not question your decisions for me.
- You to change my dad.
- You to change my family.
- You to change the world.
- You to lead me.
- In Jesus name, Amen.

TN CONF YOUTH HANDS & FEET MISSIONS EVENT

Saturday, September 12th

We are looking for a few opportunities to bless our community. The projects need to be appropriate for youth. Here are a few examples: cut yards and weed flower beds, cut back fence rows and weedeat ditches, paint houses, porches, driveways, utility buildings, trim small trees and bushes, also plant and mulch around trees and bushes. There needs to be enough work to keep 10-12 person teams busy at one place for about 5 hours on Saturday, Sept. 12th. We are looking for people who will receive this act of giving. They can be from our church, your neighbor, a friend or anyone in our community. Please call or email Dewey Smith at 893-1322 or dsmith@fumcm.org and he will contact these people to see if they fit into the program. Please help our students live out the teachings of Jesus.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Hey everybody!! FUMY’s wrapping paper sale is back!! All orders must be made by October 27. Your order will be here before Thanksgiving.

ESL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Want to teach English or just help in this ministry? Please contact Carlos Uroza at 893-1322 or curoza@fumcm.org.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

- 6th Grade CHAOS** - September 13, 4:30-6:30 pm. Bring your Bibles. Games in the Gym at 4:30 pm. Bring \$3.00 for dinner.
- 4th and 5th Grade Fellowship** - September 20, 5:00-6:30 pm. Bring \$3.00 cash for dinner. All 4th and 5th graders are invited to attend this fun evening of games, pizza, and Bible study.
- 4th and 5th Grade Parent Meeting** - September 20 at 4:00 pm in room 204.
- 6th Grade CHAOS** - September 27, 4:30-6:30 pm. Bring your Bibles and \$3.00 for dinner.
- 2nd and 3rd Grade Fellowship** - Oct. 4th, 5:00-6:30 pm. All 2nd & 3rd Graders are invited to this fun event.

 ★ **ACOLYTES FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2009** ★
 ★ 8:30 Trey Campbell & Foster Self ★
 ★ 11:00 Caroline Tuma & Anna Claire Tuma ★
 ★ **CRUCIFER** ★
 ★ 8:30 Matthew Leifheit 11:00 Courtney Bridges ★
 ★ **ACOLYTES FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2009** ★
 ★ 8:30 Olivia Zietz & Baylee Hayes ★
 ★ 11:00 Jennifer Curtis & Ashleigh King ★
 ★ **CRUCIFER** ★
 ★ 8:30 Michael Zietz 11:00 Will Wright ★
 ★ **ACOLYTES FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 2009** ★
 ★ 8:30 Caroline Miller & Kyle Dotson ★
 ★ 11:00 Rebecca Soetje & Jennifer Curtis ★
 ★ **CRUCIFER** ★
 ★ 8:30 Hunter Bullock 11:00 Rachel Soetje ★
 ★ **ACOLYTES FOR OCTOBER 4, 2009** ★
 ★ 8:30 Abby Gass & Adam LaPorte ★
 ★ **CRUCIFER** ★
 ★ 8:30 Jeffrey LaPorte ★
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ATTENTION: PARENTS OF 3rd GRADERS

Parents, be sure to mark Sunday, September 27, on your calendars. That is the day the 3rd grade Sunday School Class will be doing artwork for the annual Christmas quilt project sponsored by the Women of the Word (WOW) Circle. When completed, the quilt will be displayed in the narthex so that anyone can place bids in a silent auction. The highest bidder will receive the quilt close to Christmas.

ATTENTION LADIES

Do you have purses that are simply taking up space in your “already too small” closet? Please take a few moments to sort through them and donate to the Women of the Word (WOW) Circle for one of their Christmas Projects. We will begin collecting purses on Sunday, September 13th, in the designated bins inside the entrance doors. These purses will be distributed to the moms of the Angel Tree children at their Christmas party, just as we did last year. Thank You!

BEERSHEBA SPRINGS MARRIAGE RETREAT

September 18 – 20

“Marriage Covenant Weekend”

This fun weekend is filled with testimony, interaction, and teaching on the covenant of marriage. Space is limited to 12-14 couples in the Turner Lodge at Beersheba Springs Assembly. Meals are prepared in the lodge by the participants. The sessions begin on Friday night approximately 7:00 pm and end Sunday after lunch. For cost and information call or e-mail, Robert or Joan Collier, rhcollier@comcast.net, 615-898-1279.