

### THANK YOU

The 19th year of Adventures in Learning has come to a close. On behalf of the more than 300 participants, sixty-three of whom are members of FUMC, we want to thank the staff and members of FUMC for the generous spirit which allowed the use of this facility. Thanks go also to the many volunteers in this church who helped with table decoration and food service. This ecumenical undertaking on the part of a coalition of Murfreesboro churches is offered on the four Mondays following Labor Day each year for the benefit of anyone 50 and over who is interested in lifelong learning. Several participants said that they came because they wanted to see the church. Many commented on the accessibility, cleanliness, and hospitality found here. Thank you FUMC. Jerry Campbell & Mary Belle Ginanni

Please accept my thanks for your church's generously hosting the Finance and Risk Management Seminar on Tuesday night, Sept. 22. It could not have happened without the support and leadership that your church provided. We appreciated Josh Markham's presence and assistance with "housekeeping" matters.

The evaluations were positive about the facility. The projection was easy and effective, and I even got to practice "theater in the round"! And despite the possibility of bad weather, there was a good turnout.

I praise God for you and the ministry that is taking place at First Church in Murfreesboro.

James R. Allen, Treasurer/Director, The United Methodist Church Tennessee Conference

### ATTENTION LADIES

The W.O.W. Circle is thrilled at the response to our call for gently used purses for Christmas giving to the Angle Tree moms and other mission outreaches. Along with the purses, we are also collecting jewelry in connection with our Christmas giving projects. These gifts have been well received in past years so we are continuing this tradition. The deadline is December 1st. Thank you!

### NOTEPAPER & KROGER CARES CARDS FUNDRAISER

The United Methodist Women will be selling notepaper featuring pictures of our church and Kroger Cares cards for six Sundays beginning Nov. 15th. They will be sold in the Narthex after early church and before late church each Sunday. The notepaper is \$10 for a box of 25. The Kroger cards are \$25 or \$5, and are worth that much in groceries. They make nice Christmas gifts for those you wish to remember. You can re-charge the Kroger cards for up to \$500 with a check or credit card either at the Customer Service desk or at the cashier before they start ringing up your order. The UMW receives 4% of everything you spend, including gasoline and the pharmacy. Your receipt will tell you how much credit you have left. The first ten months of this year we received over \$2,000 in checks from Kroger.

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### PREACHING SCHEDULE

#### November 8

8:30 am in the Family Life Center  
8:30 am in the Sanctuary  
11:00 am in the Family Life Center  
11:00 am in the Sanctuary

Miriam Seyler  
Michael O'Bannon  
Michael O'Bannon  
Thad Austin

#### November 15

8:30 am in the Family Life Center  
8:30 am in the Sanctuary  
11:00 am in the Family Life Center  
11:00 am in the Sanctuary

Michael O'Bannon  
Miriam Seyler  
Miriam Seyler  
Michael O'Bannon

#### November 22

8:30 am in the Family Life Center  
8:30 am in the Sanctuary  
11:00 am in the Family Life Center  
11:00 am in the Sanctuary

Carlos Uroza  
Michael O'Bannon  
Carlos Uroza  
Michael O'Bannon

#### November 29

8:30 am in the Family Life Center  
8:30 am in the Sanctuary  
11:00 am in the Family Life Center  
11:00 am in the Sanctuary

Michael O'Bannon  
Virginia Yeargins  
Miriam Seyler  
Michael O'Bannon

#### December 6

8:30 am in the Family Life Center  
8:30 am in the Sanctuary  
11:00 am in the Family Life Center  
11:00 am in the Sanctuary

Miriam Seyler  
Michael O'Bannon  
Tommy Perkins  
Michael O'Bannon

### ANNUAL CASSEROLE & BAKE SALE BENEFITING THE UMW

Don't forget Wed., Nov. 18th, from 4:00 p.m. till ? in the Fellowship Hall, the UMW ladies will have their annual sale. We would like to invite all of you to join us. If you like to bake and would like to donate some baked goods for the sale or if you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Carole Reynolds at 893-9225. Mark your calendar and get ready to shop for delicious cakes, pies, tea breads, yeast breads, cinnamon rolls, cookies, candies and frozen casseroles. Arrive early for the best selection.

### HUNGER OFFERING TO BE TAKEN NOVEMBER 22ND

Each year each United Methodist Church in our District receives a special offering for World Hunger. One-half of the funds received by our conference treasurer will go overseas to help fund a special project in parts of Africa entitled, "Teach a Person to Fish". The other one-half comes back to the Murfreesboro District to help with various hunger agencies in our counties. Please use the offering envelopes in the bulletin on November 22nd to contribute to those in need of food.

### MANY GIFTS ONE SPIRIT

Commitment Sunday, November 15th at all four worship services.

### GOD WILL PROVIDE

--by Michael O'Bannon

Right now, many churches all across America are experiencing a financial slowdown. We are one of them. Often, when crisis looms over us, people like to say, "God will provide." My take on that is that God has already provided. God has provided a congregation that has the means to make the difference. Not everyone is as gifted as another. And yet, there seems to be enough to do whatever most of us want to do. I sincerely make it my prayer that this congregation will be moved to see that they are the resource that God has provided for this part of his Kingdom.

### ANNUAL FALL CHARGE CONFERENCE

The Annual Fall Charge Conference will be Sunday, November 15th, at 1:00 pm in room 112. Our district superintendent, The Reverend Cathie Leimenstoll, will preside. We will elect officials for 2010, set goals, and receive ministry group reports. Members of the church Council of Stewards are the members of the Charge Conference and should be present for this meeting.

### BRASS AND CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Monday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

The MTSU Faculty Brass Quintet, MTSU Symphonic Brass Ensemble, FUMC Combined Adult Choirs, and Organist, Sandy Arndt will join together on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> to present music from the Christmas/Festival Season. The first half of the program features festival and Christmas pieces for brass, including selections from Bach's Christmas Oratorio. The second half of the program will have traditional Christmas favorites for brass and will end with one of the most exiting pieces ever written for choir, organ, brass and percussion, Rutter's "Gloria." Please join us for this wonderful concert.

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 26 & 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

