



First United Methodist Church

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The Interpreter Newsletter
September 5, 2017

Just Thinkin'...About the Centrality of Scripture

For John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement in 18th century England, engaging Scripture, was central to both he and the spiritual communities he helped gather and lead. He felt so deeply about this that early on he proclaimed himself *homo unius libri* – a man of one book. Scripture became the one and only rule of judgment in regard to all his tempers, words, and actions. The Bible was the rule or guide for Christian practice—and a central means of grace. The often-quoted passage from Wesley’s preface to the first volume of his Sermons, makes clear what Wesley desired most. The passage begins: *“I want to know one thing, the way to heaven—how to land safe on that happy shore. God himself has condescended to teach the way: for this very end he came from heaven. He hath written it down in a book. O give me that book! ... Let me be homo unius libri. Here then I am, far from the busy ways of men. I sit down alone: only God is here. In his presence I open, I read his Book; for this end, to find the way to heaven.”*

I want to invite you to join me along with others, to search the scriptures together. Starting **Wednesday, September 20** we’ll begin a journey through the Old Testament that will take us from the very beginning of creation to the promised hope for Savior. The sessions will be from 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm. We’ll be using the Disciples “Fast-Track” material to guide us. Student books are \$18.00 which includes the cost of the book plus shipping. So that the correct number of books can be ordered, participants will need to register for the class by contacting Lorie in the church office. Participants can pay for their book when they register or at the first session on September 20. Taking into account the busyness of schedules our study will run in 2 six-week segments with a break after the first six weeks and another break at the end of the second six weeks. I look forward to our time together.

Doug

OUR KNIT-WITS knitting ministry is pleased to announce they will be providing port-pillows (to cover ports for cancer patients) to the Kirkland Cancer Center, and will providing prayer shawls to the Critical Care Unit and Office of Pastoral Care at Jackson General Hospital in Jackson, TN.



ADMINISTRATIVE & AREA TEAM LEADERS are asked to work with their ministry team leaders to develop a budget for 2018. Requests are to be turned in to Lorie Beecham no later than **October 1**.



Astronomers Without Borders



If you were one of the millions who bought special glasses and took part in viewing the eclipse last week, read on! The organization, *Astronomers Without Borders* is in the process of gathering as many pairs of the special eclipse glasses as possible, to be redistributed in South America when another eclipse will be visible there in 2019. Please bring your eclipse glasses to the church and deposit them in the “Eclipse Box” located at the Holmes Street entrance!



The Deborah Class is asking for donations of **shampoo** for the **Lois Luvs Closet**. Please place your items in the box by the Deborah class. Thank You!

OUR SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY is in need of 2 additional individuals to fill out the team. Sacramental Ministers are responsible for taking Holy Communion to our homebound members on the first Sunday of each month. To learn more about this ministry be in touch with Team Leader Pat Todd at 731-444-3397.



Be Still
AND KNOW
THAT I AM GOD

-PSALM 46:10

Fulfilling our Promises to God and One Another

Our Prayers – As of September 3

Ongoing prayer request will remain on the prayer list for three consecutive weeks.

If you have updated information regarding health status, or would like to have the individual continued or removed simply notify Patricia in the Church Office.

If you have a prayer request complete a prayer card on Sunday morning and place it in the offering plate, or notify Patricia in the Church Office.

THOSE WHO REQUEST THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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| Barbara Sue Scott | Charlotte Paulk | Johnny McPeake |
| Bob Dunham | Chris Boxell | Paul Blunt |
| Carl Evans | Danny Magnesales | Sharon McKinnon |
| Carol Johnson | Hillary Steiner | Teresa Gayer |

THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR RECOVERING AT HOME

Bob Gaines – Home
Jack Lewis – ICU - Med/Memphis
Paul Blount Hall

THOSE WHO GRIEVE - Family and Friends in the death of:
Jane Bailey

ROSEBUDS IN HONOR

Rosebuds will be placed on the altar in Honor of Hattie Lewis, Meredith James, and Mary Daniels from the UMW. A contribution has been made to Samaritan Purse.

Our Presence – On September 3

Sunday School - 80 Worship – 189

Our Gifts – September 3

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| Operating Budget: | \$7,652.00 |
| Designated Funds: | <u>\$1,752.86</u> |
| Total Giving: | \$9,404.86 |

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Joel Grissom

By Bill and Frances Bobbitt for the Handbell Fund

In Memory of Todd Nalepinski

By Bill and Frances Bobbitt for the Handbell Fund

In Memory of Jim Robinson

By Ray and Linda Marcum for the Memorial Fund

In Memory of James Roy White

By Bill and Frances Bobbitt for the Handbell Fund

Our Service – On Sunday, September 10

Acolytes

Carson Cooper, Maggie Sanders

Children's Time

Audrey Scott

Cross bearer

Elijah Ujcich

Greeters

Grace Carter, Barbara Clement, Ellie Smith

Nursery

Larry and Lorie Beecham, Catelyn Beecham,
Pam and Jane Ann Ujcich

Sound & Lighting

Bill Burnette

Ushers

Robert Hawkes, Wes Odle, Zach Daniels, Jamie Allkins

Wee Worship

Trey and Grace Carter

Bus Driver

Larry Beecham #731-614-6751

If you need transportation to worship on Sunday contact the driver listed above.

September Bereavement Food Team: Edith Ramer (chair), Grace Carter, Angie Holmes, Pat Kyle, Judy Odle, Carole Small, Judy Moore

September Kitchen Team: Linda White, Barbara Clement

Our Witness

- IM or email that person you're afraid to talk to because you don't want to "bother them." They're probably thinking the same thing about others!
- Clean someone's windshield.
- Purchase some extra dog or cat food and drop it off at an animal shelter.

ALTAR FLOWERS NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER



There are several open dates to honor or memorialize a loved one or friend by providing flowers for Sunday worship. If you would like to do this, call the church office at 731-968-2116, and Lorie or Patricia will be glad to assist you.

OUR STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE is pleased to announce the addition of Lauren Crider Marchbanks as our new Nursery Attendant. She will begin her duties on Sunday, September 10. Responsibilities are each Sunday from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm, along with occasional special events.



BENEVOLENCE FUND RUNNING LOW!



Due to a higher than usual number of requests for assistance with utilities, our benevolence funds are running extremely low. Donate to this ministry simply by designating your check or envelope "Benevolence Fund" or you may use the *Givelify app to make your gift.



BEGINNING NEXT SUNDAY AFTERNOON thru Friday, September 15, Pastor Norfleet will be attending the Academy for Spiritual Formation at UMC Camp Sumatanga, in Gallant, Alabama.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, ARTS & CRAFT SHOW



will be in the Jones Plaza on East Church Street from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Anyone who would like to participate in the show will need to contact Liz Citro at 731-798-1134 to book a table for the event (\$25 per six-foot table). Deadline for registration/fee is September 15! Registration forms are also available with Patricia in the church office.

OUR FRIENDSHIP CLUB



will be meeting Friday, September 8, at 6:00 pm in Wrather Hall. If you would like more information please feel free to call Ellen Fields at 731-967-3914.

Connor's Corner

Good morning friends! I hope everyone had an enjoyable 3, even 4-day weekend. Anyhow, this past week in youth was a calm and relaxing week. We had UMYF on Sunday night where we had a time of community through sharing food, scripture and a fun game. Currently we are going through a series about Jesus' parables looking at how and why he chooses to use those stories and how to apply those to our current lives. For the next 3 weeks, we will be discussing and dissecting more parables! Coming up on the youth calendar this month we will be helping with the fair and meeting on Sunday Nights. Like always if you have any questions, ideas or just want to chat I'm readily available! I'll be out of the office this week, Thursday-Saturday to attend school in Memphis but will back Sunday and have a normal week after that. Have a wonderful week and look forward to writing to you next week! If you need to get in contact with me call the church office at 968-2116, my phone extension is 112; my cell phone number is 847-814-5327, and my email address is connor@fumclexington.org.

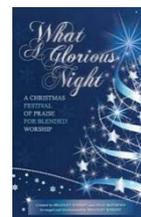
Connor Fowler, Director of Youth Ministries

UNBELIEVABLY IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

Rehearsals for our Christmas special
"What a Glorious Night"

Begin Wednesday, September 6
at 7:30 pm in the choir room.

Regular choir rehearsal time will continue to be at 7:00 pm



JAMAICA MEDICAL/DENTAL MISSION



February 10-19, 2018 Doctors, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, Dentist, Pharmacist, Optometrist, and seamstresses needed in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. Cost per participant

is \$1,125.00 (\$200.00 deposit due now with the remaining \$925.00 due by 10-01-2017) plus airfare. For more information contact Team Leader, Claire Perky at 731-845-3221.

THE HENDERSON COUNTY FAIR



is scheduled for September 11-16 at the Henderson County Fairgrounds. FUMC will once again provide a Food Fair Booth for the week. If you would like to schedule a time to work, or would like to know

more about this opportunity to serve, be in touch with Kim Odle at 731-426-5795. Sign-up sheets are in the hallway at the top of the landing behind the sanctuary. Proceeds support various mission causes through FUMC.

KICK-OFF HOME MISSIONS 2018



will be meeting on September 10 immediately after church services. The meeting will be a maximum of 30 minutes, if you signed up to be a part of this mission please plan to attend this meeting. If you would like more information regarding this mission please feel

free to contact Howard White at 731-602-0819.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS



- There are two important items of information to share regarding our Food Pantry. **First.** August 2017 was a record-setting month! Here are a few stats: # of families served-260, # of people served-693, # of meals provided-6,237.

Second. There is a critical need for additional folks to serve in this ministry. If you can give just three hours, one day a week, to serve in this vital ministry, please sign up on the Food Pantry Calendar outside the church office, speak with Danny Ratliff, or give him a call at 450-4348. Thank you goes out to all those that have contributed to this ministry.

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 6

| | | |
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| 8:30 am | ESL-English Classes | Orio-RM 114 |
| 10:00 am | Knitwits | Wrather Hall-RM 100 |
| 6:00 pm | Adult Handbell Practice | Handbell-RM B-6 |
| 7:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal | Choir- RM 108 |
| 7:30 pm | Christmas Cantata Rehearsal | |

Thursday, September 7

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| 9:00 am | Food Pantry | Wrather Hall-RM 100 |
| 5:00 pm | Cub Scout Sign-Up | Wrather Hall-RM 100 |
| 6:00 pm | 4th & 5th Grade Girls Scouts | Wanderers |
| 6:00 pm | Exercise Class | Off Campus |
| 6:30 pm | Grief Support | Deborah-RM 206 |

Friday, September 8

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| 6:00 pm | Friendship Club | Wrather Hall-RM 100 |
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Sunday, September 10

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| 9:00 am | Sunday School | Various |
| 10:15 am | Worship | Sanctuary-RM 204 |
| 11:30 am | UMW Luncheon | Gym/LEC-RM 115 |
| 2:00 pm | Girls Scouts Service Unit | Choir-RM 108 |

Monday, September 11

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| | Fair Week | |
| 9:00 am | Food Pantry | Wrather Hall-RM 100 |
| 6:00 pm | Girls Scouts | Wrather Hall-RM 100 |
| 6:00 pm | Exercise Class | Wrather Hall-RM 100 |

Tuesday, September 12

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| | Fair Week | |
| 9:00 am | Food Pantry | Wrather Hall-RM 100 |
| 6:30 pm | Boy & Cub Scouts | Wrather Hall-RM-100 |

Wednesday, September 13

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| | Fair Week | |
| 8:30 am | ESL-English Classes | Orio-RM 114 |
| 10:00 am | Knitwits | Wrather Hall-RM 100 |
| 6:00 pm | Adult Handbell Practice | Handbell-RM B-6 |
| 6:00 pm | Pastor's Study | Orio-RM 114 |
| 7:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal | Choir- RM 108 |
| 7:30 pm | Christmas Cantata Rehearsal | |

Thursday, September 14

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| | Fair Week | |
| 9:00 am | Food Pantry | Wrather Hall-RM 100 |
| 6:00 pm | Exercise Class | Gym/LEC-RM 115 |
| 6:00 pm | 4th & 5th Grade Girls Scouts | Wrather Hall-RM 100 |
| 6:30 pm | Grief Support | Deborah-RM 206 |

Friday, September 15

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| | Fair Week | |
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Saturday, September 16

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| | Fair Week | |
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**ALL ITEMS MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE COLLECTION SITE IN WRATHER HALL
NO LATER THAN 9:00 AM MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

Hygiene Kit

Value: \$12.00 per kit

Hygiene Kit Materials

1 Hand towel

15 x25 inches to 17 x 27 inches

Kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels not acceptable

1 Washcloth

1 Toothbrush

Adult size only

Do not remove from original packaging

6 Adhesive bandages

¾ inch to 1 inch-size

Common household Band-Aids

1 Bath-size soap

3 oz. and larger sizes only

No Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content

Do not remove from original packaging

1 Comb

Comb needs to be sturdy and longer than 6 inches long. No pocket combs or picks, please. Rattail combs and combs without handle are acceptable with a minimum of 6 inches of teeth

1 Metal nail file or nail clippers

No emery boards, please

1 plastic bag

One-gallon size sealable bag only

\$1.00 to purchase toothpaste

Assembly Directions

Set the \$1.00 for toothpaste aside to be included in a separate envelope. Lay out the hand towel flat on a table. Lay the washcloth flat in the center of the hand towel. Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth. Fold over the sides of the hand towel to cover all of the items. Fold over one end of the hand towel so that it covers all of the items. Grasp the bundle of items tightly and roll over the remainder of the hand towel tightly. Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag. Remove as much air as possible and seal the bag.

Important Notice

- All items must be new.
- Do not wash any of the items as they will be considered used.
- Please remove all packaging, unless otherwise specified above.
- All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Due to the fact that strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the request items-**NOTHING MORE.**
- **DO NOT** include any personal notes, money, or additional material in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.

UMCOR is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent. Do not put single dollar bills in each kit. Collect all monies for toothpaste and shipping place it in a separate envelope and send along with the kit donations.

Packing and Shipping Kits Instructions

- **Box weight:** Each packed box cannot exceed 66 pounds.
- **Complete 2 packing lists:** One for your records and one to put on the shipping box.
- Paste the shipping label / packing list on the outside of each box you send. The shipping list helps the depot to quickly process kits.

Processing & Shipping Costs: Please enclose an envelope containing at least \$1 for each kit you send. This donation enables kits to be sent to areas in need.

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Cleaning Kit

Value: \$65.00 per kit

Cleaning Kit Materials

1 5-Gallon bucket with resealable lid

Buckets from fast-food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned. Do not use buckets that have stored chemicals such as paint or pool cleaner. Advertisements on the outside are acceptable.

Liquid laundry detergent

One 50-oz. or two 25-oz. bottle(s) only

Liquid household cleaner

12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water
No spray cleaners

Dish soap

16-28 oz. bottle, any brand

50 Clothespins

Clothesline

One 100-ft. or two 50-ft. lines
Cotton or plastic

7 Sponges

No cellulose sponges due to mold issues. Remove from packaging

24-Roll heavy-duty trash bags

33-45 gallon sizes
Remove from the box

18 Cleaning wipes

Handi-wipes or reusable wipes
No terry cleaning towels
Remove from packaging

1 Can air freshener

(Aerosol or pump)

1 Insect-repellant spray

6-14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cover

2 Pairs kitchen dishwashing gloves

Should be durable enough for multiple uses. Remove from packaging

1 Pair work gloves

All Cotton or All Leather
Cotton with Leather Palm

5 Scouring pads

Remove from wrapper
No stainless steel, Brillo pads or SOS pads (nothing with soap built in)

1 Scrub brush

(Plastic or wood handle)

5 Dust masks

Assembly Directions

Place all liquid items in the bucket first. Place remaining items in the bucket fitting them around and between the liquid items. Sponges, scouring pads, clothespins and trash bags can be separated in order to fit all of the items in the bucket. Ensure the lid is closed securely.

Important Notes

- All items must be new except for the actual bucket and lid.
- All cleaning agents must be liquid and in plastic containers. No powders, please.
- If you cannot find the requested size of a liquid item, use a smaller size. Including larger sizes of any item will prevent the lid from sealing.

If all of the items on the list are not included, please put a label on the bucket indicating what has been omitted.

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