

THE MESSENGER
First United Methodist Church
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“For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies; lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.” ~”For the Beauty of the Earth” UMH #92

As I write this, it is a wonderful Monday afternoon with cooler than usual temperatures. Even though it’s cloudy and threatening rain, it is still a beautiful day! The cooling temperatures, and changing seasons are refreshing and invite me to give thanks to our Creator! Sometimes, I fear, we become so caught up and narrowly-focused on the minutia of life that we miss the beauty of “the big picture” of God’s wonderful world around us. What’s keeping you from rejoicing and giving thanks today? What beauty and blessings from our Creator can you “call to mind” which would change your perspectives on things and restore your joy? The hymn I cited at the beginning ends with this great stanza of hope: “for thyself, best gift Divine, to the world so freely given, for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven: Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.”

I’ll see you in church Sunday!
Ed

YOUTH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 16

5:00 P.M.-UMYF “Connected”, Activities Building

Monday, September 17

3:30 P.M.-Jr. High & Sr. High Man Cave Monday, Activities Building

Wednesday, September 19

5:30 P.M.-UMYF “Rooted”, Activities Building



YOUTH SUNDAY is Sunday, September 30 (FIFTH SUNDAY). Mike Howington, Conference Youth Director, will be our guest speaker.

We will also have a fundraiser lunch. The proceeds from the lunch will go to help re-surface the playground.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Robert Benjamin Cole, son of Brandon and Joanna Cole, received the sacrament of baptism at the 8:30 service on Sunday, September 9. Benjamin is the little brother of Calvin and Olivia. Grandparents are Marni McKenzie and the late Bill McKenzie of our congregation and Robert and Judy Cole of Pope.

Choir Party-

If you are interested in singing in the Christmas Cantata with the choir this year, please come to the party hosted by Jerry and Robbie Knotts, at their home on Sep. 12, starting at 6:45 pm. For the address or directions call Davis 662-202-7172 or Jerry 662-654-1994. Thank You.

EXCITING MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR INFANTS-12TH GRADE!

Children Chorale (K-5th Grade) begins on Sep. 16th at 6:00pm
WeeJoicing will start back on Sep. 23 at 4:00pm
infants- toddlers- 4:00pm
toddlers- preschool- 4:30pm

Davis is looking for a volunteer with piano skills to help with Children's Chorale rehearsals. If interested, please contact him at 662-563-4534 or 662-202-7172. Thank you.

LIBRARY NEWS

Read about God’s hand at work in everyday lives in a book donated by the Keatings titled Out of the Ordinary. (Reference A ROP)

PRAYER REQUEST

MEMBERS: Soren Bowie, Betty Flint, Neail Hockaday, Christy Hansen, Charlie Overton, Barbara Broome, Loree Tucker, Tommy Greenlee, Collins Bailey, Doris Shields, Ben Flint, Amy Franklin, Rosemary Woodall, Ann Trusty, James Carden, Jim Vinson, Trina Caffey, Kelly McDowell, Sally Reid, Margaret Haltom, Hazel Weed, Christopher Baker, Thurman Stone, Stephanie Mothershed, Willie Odom, Bonnie Land, Trey McGovern, Steve Still, Abbey & Alden Climer, Eloise Rollins, John M. Mothershed, Smylie Carothers, Ellis Byrd, Mary Moody

FRIENDS: Pat Shellman (friend of Linda Thomas), Paige Elmore, Marrette Mills, Carlee Griste, Jimmy Eubanks (friend of Sue Womble), Edna Rice (aunt of Tom & Rosemary Womble), Carolyn Goodnight (Christy Broome's mom), Barbara Meacham (Kate Meacham's mom), Asher Taylor, Dub Wilson (Hollie Roberson's dad), Amy Mullins, Jimmy Cobb, Jordan Bolen and family, Mitchell Billingsley, Sandra Harmon, Jackie Johnson (assistant principal at BES), Bill Bryson (Janet Flint's dad), Robbie Stewart (Phyllis Floyd's son-in-law), Larry Ruth (Eloise Rollins' son-in-law), Mike Kimbriel, Martha Polly Bailey (mother of Vann Branch), Elliott Henson (grandson of Rev. Rod Borders), Sandra Bright (Anne McDowell's sister), Erica Gordon, Robyn Dansy, Chris Aldridge, Durwood Gordon, Ella Maners (Jerry Knotts' granddaughter), Steve Durr (Linda Floyd's son-in-law), Amanda West (Sabrina Morris' sister), Jim & Shelda Murphree (brother & sister-in-law of Vivian Bridges), Bobby Burkhalter

Military Call-Up: Justin Tharpe (nephew of Ryna Smith), Colby Shankle, Adam Major (nephew of Betty Billingsley & Joanne Autrey), Benjamin Chambers (nephew of LaFonda Poland), Jeffrey Brown, Casey Clark, Jordan Kemp, Jessie Stanley, Dennis Adams, Sam Riddell

PRAYER FOCUS: CALLED GENERAL CONFERENCE

Let's agree together to be intentional in fulfilling our membership vows by upholding The United Methodist Church with our prayers. As the February 2019 called session of General Conference approaches, let's covenant together to pray for our bishops and delegates every day between 2:23 PM and 2:26 PM. We love and appreciate our great United Methodist Church! Let's support and uphold her with our prayers during this challenging time of important decisions!

UNITED METHODIST MEN-BREAKFAST & SPEAKER SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 7:30 AM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

Happy Birthday

September 13-Lily Avery, Joanne Autrey, Christy Burnett, Ezra Carpenter

September 14-Will Cook, Paul Savage, Jr., Carlyle Graves Thomas, Jemma Wright, Andy Young

September 15-Holden Daleke, Tyler Hamby, Sarah McCulloch

September 16-Whit Byrd Bright, Olivia Cole, Brantley Poland, Rita Willingham

September 17-Gil Bridges

September 18-Cheryl Beene, Blake Herring, Mitchell Houston, Ashley S. O'Neil, Kelley Robison, Bradley Turner, Brooke Lummus Wright

September 19-Robert Dunlap, Dottie Overton

Happy Anniversary

September 14-M/M John Howell
M/M Drew Wilson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, September 12

3:30 P.M.-Wonderful Wednesday, Activities Building

5:30 P.M.-UMYF "Rooted", Activities Building

5:45 P.M.-Handbells

6:45 P.M.-Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 13

12:00 P.M.-Explorer's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 16

7:30 P.M.-United Methodist Men, Fellowship Hall

8:30 A.M.-Early Morning Worship

9:30 A.M.-Fellowship with coffee and donuts in the Activities Building

9:45 A.M.-Sunday School

10:55 A.M.-Morning Worship

5:00 P.M.-UMYF "Connected", Activities Building

6:00 P.M.-Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.-Children's Chorale, Choir Room

Monday, September 17

10:00 A.M.-MAC

1:30 P.M.-Prayer Shawl Ministry, Parlor

3:30 P.M.-Jr. High & Sr. High Man Cave, Activities Building

5:30 P.M.-Youth Choir, Choir Room

Tuesday, September 18

8:30 A.M.-Friendship Quilters, Activities Building

9:00 A.M.-Staff Meeting

7:00 P.M.-Explorer's Bible Study

Wednesday, September 19

3:30 P.M.-Wonderful Wednesday, Activities Building

5:30 P.M.-UMYF "Rooted", Activities Building

5:45 P.M.-Handbells

6:45 P.M.-Chancel Choir

Financial Report for September 9, 2018

2018 Budget	\$1,015,512.00
Budget Amt. Needed Weekly	19,529.08
Budget Amt. Needed to Date	735,046.96
Budget Amt. Offering	14,873.50
Budget Amt. Rec'd to Date	654,149.39
Good Samaritan	0.00

"Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others." ~ 1 Timothy 6:18, NLT

Attendance for September 9, 2018

Sunday School	183
Morning Worship	306
8:30 A.M.	188
10:55 A.M.	108
Nursery	6
Security	4
Evening Worship	65
(21 Youth)	



OWLS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
12:00 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

MORNING WORSHIP

"Requirements for Discipleship"
Mark 8:27-38

EVENING WORSHIP

Ed Temple