



HENDERSONVILLE

First United Methodist Church

217 East Main Street Hendersonville, TN 37075

April 2015

FIRST NEWS

FROM OUR PASTOR:

On Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 in the sanctuary, we will have our Maundy Thursday Service. On this night we commemorate the supper Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion, when Jesus washed the disciples' feet (John 13:1-17) and instituted the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25, and Luke 22:13-20). Join us for this meaning service.

Then on Friday, April 3 at 7:00, we will have our Good Friday Service. It too shall meet in the sanctuary. Remember this service focuses on the passion of Christ. We hear the story leading up to and including Jesus' death through songs and readings. This service is also called the service of darkness as the sun refused to shine at the death of Jesus. Symbolically we are reminded of this as the lights in the sanctuary are turned down the closer we get to that part of Jesus' story.

On Sunday, April 5, we invite you to join us for a grand day of worship, Easter Sunday. Bring your friends and family to attend one of the three services that morning. We will follow our normal schedule with Traditional Services at 8:15 and 11:00 in the sanctuary and our Contemporary Service in the gym at 10:45. We will set up 500 chairs in the gym so we should have plenty of seats for you and your guests.

If you are interested in finding out more about a Mission trip to Uganda in October of 2015, please join us for an information meeting on Sunday, April 12 right after church. We will convene in room 150, which is the room across from the kitchen where the Pathfinders Sunday school class meets. We especially hope to attract people who would be willing to serve on a Vacation Bible School team, a Dental Team, and a Praise Team. Our work will take place on the three campuses that are part of Peter and Phoebe Sozi's ministry. In addition to serving, you will also have time to visit the equator, see the source of the Nile River, and do a little shopping. Come join us!

Serving Him Together,

Don Hutchinson



Don Hutchinson
Senior Pastor
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SPECIAL NOTES

April 12

Blood Drive

Parking Lot

Pancake Breakfast

Fellowship Hall

Bold Faith, Contemporary
Worship Musical Experience

Gym—10:45

Star News Article for Ben Alexander

Wed. March 11, 2015 Reporter Tina Lee

Wynn Batson could never be in a hurry. At least not while he accompanied the Rev. Ben Alexander. The two could be seen together often walking into a local hospital or nursing home, eager to minister to one of their Hendersonville First United Methodist Church members. But while one expects a pastor to tend to his flock, Batson says Rev. Alexander's ability to connect with and minister to those who needed it the most was unique and irreplaceable.

Rev. Alexander, who served as the church's senior pastor from 1980 to 1988, died Saturday at the age of 94.

According to Batson, who serves as the church's pastor of visitation, members thought so much of the senior pastor that they asked him to stay as pastor emeritus after his retirement. It was a position he held for 27 years, making him the oldest active Methodist minister in the Tennessee Conference of the United Methodist Church. Although he was born in 1920 in Shelbyville, Tenn., Rev. Alexander's family actually lived in Corinth, Miss. Batson says Rev. Alexander's mother made the drive over so that his grandmother, a midwife, could deliver him. A graduate of seminary at Emory University, Rev. Alexander was ordained a minister in 1944. He served as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy during both World War II and the Korean Conflict before pastoring several Tennessee churches -including Gallatin's First United Methodist Church from 1965-1969.

Longtime church member John Benson remembers asking Rev. Alexander to speak to his Sunday school class on occasion. "He was a warm, compassionate man who was really good at just listening," Benson said. "And my class members would love to hear him tell stories about his days in the U.S. Navy."

Rev. Alexander's compassion went well beyond the walls of First United Methodist Church, says Hendersonville Samaritan Association Executive Director Steve Brown. A 2006 recipient of the nonprofit organization's Samaritan Award, Rev. Alexander was honored for helping the organization during its early years. "He did so much as a person outside of his duties as a pastor," Brown said. "He just did so much helping, so much mentoring, and so much counseling."

Rev. Alexander was also a tireless advocate for the Room in the Inn program, a longtime treasurer and active member of the Community Pastors Association, and once served as honorary chairman for Hendersonville's Relay for Life. "It was obvious he just cared about everybody, and it was genuine and whole-hearted," recalled Batson, adding Rev. Alexander had a soft spot for strangers or people in need.

It wasn't uncommon for the older pastor to ask Batson to stop the car while he was driving and talk to someone walking along the road or give the person some money.

"Whether in Wal-Mart, Kroger or a nursing home, he would stop and tell people, 'Thank you so much for what you do here,'" said Batson. "He just valued every person. He wanted people to know that their lives had value."

Obituary for Ben Alexander

Rev. Ben Alexander passed away March 7, 2015, four days short of his 95th birthday.

He is survived by his daughters, Mary Cay Koen and Margaret Feasley; their husbands, Tommy Koen and Bill Feasley; grandsons, Robert and Ben Feasley, Thomas and Michael Koen; nephews, Charles and Brent Alexander and their families, and niece, Beth Davis and her family.

Ben was preceded in death by his wives, Gerry Sorrells Alexander and Betty Masters Alexander.

Brother Ben was born in Shelbyville and grew up in Corinth, MS. He graduated with an accounting degree from Bowling Green Business College, now WKU.

Answering a call to the ministry, he graduated from Candler Theological Seminary of Emory University with a Masters of Divinity. After serving as a Naval Chaplain during WWII and the Korean Conflict, he pastored United Methodist churches in Murfreesboro, Columbia, Belle Meade, Gallatin, Cookeville, Calvary in Green Hills and Hendersonville during his long ministry. He retired in Hendersonville and served as Pastor Emeritus there until his death. As an ordained minister for 70 years, Ben was the oldest active United Methodist minister in Tennessee. Ben was also involved in the local pastor's association, MOA, Samaritan Center, Miriam's Promise and many other civic organizations.

Brother Ben was beloved by all. He was known to be a wonderful minister with a great sense of humor, and an unconditionally loving spirit.



UMW Circle

April 2015



Eve Circle will meet Tuesday Evening, April 28th at 7 at Casa Viejas. Some members plan to volunteer at Nurses for Newborns for several hours April 8th.

Hannah Circle will meet Thursday, April 9 at 1 p.m. in the Salome Classroom to assemble Sewing Kits for UMCOR. Each member is asked to bring 3 continuous yards of fabric that meets UMCOR guidelines: cotton or cotton blend; no heavy knits or corduroy; no patriotic, religious, holiday, military or camouflage patterns. Do not wash the fabric as it then will be considered used and not accepted. All other materials for the kits will be supplied. Feel free to bring a lunch to enjoy before we get to work

Lydia Circle will meet Thursday Evening, April 16th, at 6:30 pm in the Salome Classroom. Members are asked to come prepared to share the titles of two or three books recently read, not necessarily from the UMW Reading List. Sharing of some book synopses will be the program, and the list of "good reads" will be compiled for sharing with the entire Circle.

Mary-Ruth Circle will meet Tuesday morning, April 21st, at 10am in the Salome Classroom. Members will learn more about the Lunch Buddies Program, sponsored by the Literacy Council.

Naomi Circle will have a Field Trip Monday, April 20th, to Thistle Farms followed by lunch at Thistle Stop Café. There is room for a few additional people to join the group. If you are interested, call Circle Leader Martha Wallace at 615-824-0256.

Rebekah Circle will meet Tuesday morning, April 21st, at 10 am at the home of Diane Haynes to continue to work on their Mission Project of sewing Layettes for the Nursery at Fort Campbell.



UMW News for April 2015

The **UMW General Meeting** will be held Tuesday, April 7th, 10 am in Genesis Hall. A time of fellowship with coffee and breakfast snacks will be followed by the meeting at 10:30 am. The Executive Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Conference Room.

Slavery? Here in Tennessee? Proximity to Atlanta, convergence of three interstate highways, tourists, conventions, a thriving economy, a military base and a large immigrant population make the Nashville area an attractive environment for human trafficking. It is hard to believe, but 94 juveniles are trafficked every month in Tennessee. Annette Dorris, UMW Cumberland District Social Action Chairman, will speak at our general meeting about End Slavery Tennessee, the only organization that strategically confronts slavery in our state and promotes healing of its survivors. Anyone interested in this timely topic is invited to join us.

UMW Members will be attending **Faith Lift**, Saturday, April 18th at Lebanon First UMC. Once again, the UMW Mission emphasis of Human Trafficking will be the topic. Those attending will also assemble hygiene kits and make blankets for victims in the Tennessee Area.



Fair Trade Coffee and Goodies

Equal Exchange: Did the Easter bunny forget to bring your favorite treat? The UMW can help! We will be offering Equal Exchange coffee, tea, chocolate and nuts for sale on Sunday, April 12. We have an assortment of dark and very dark chocolate as well as milk chocolate treats; natural almonds and natural or roasted/salted cashews; whole bean, ground or K-cup coffees; and a variety of organic teas. Items will be available in the Sanctuary lobby (9-10 a.m.) and the Atrium (10:30-noon). Come support a fair, living wage for our family farmers.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

A Father's influence

Spring is arriving and, as my husband says, so are "the boys of summer". As we watch this annual ritual of fathers and sons on the ball field, we see played out over and over the impact a man has on his children - his sons and his daughters. The research statistics speak for themselves. The absence of a father is a stronger factor than poverty in contributing to juvenile delinquency and world crime rates are highest among adults who as children have been raised solely by women. I am not referring solely to biological fathers; I am also speaking of step-dads, foster parents and mentors as well. A study of 39 teenage girls suffering from anorexia nervosa showed that 36 of them had one common denominator; lack of closeness with their fathers. An emotionally or physically absent father contributes to a child's low motivation for achievement; inability to defer immediate gratification for later rewards; low self-esteem; susceptibility to group influence and juvenile delinquency. Fathers are just as essential to healthy child development as mothers. *Psychology Today* explained, "Fatherhood turns out to be a complex and unique phenomenon with huge consequences for the emotional and intellectual growth of children." Erik Erikson, a pioneer in the world of child psychology, asserts that a father's love and a mother's love are qualitatively different. Fathers "love more dangerously" because their love is more "expectant, more instrumental" than a mother's love. A father brings unique contributions to the job of parenting a child that no one else can replicate. Following are some of the most compelling ways that a father's involvement makes a positive difference in a child's life.

Fathers parent differently.

Fathering expert Dr. Kyle Pruett explains that fathers have a distinct style of communication and interaction with children. By eight weeks of age, infants can tell the difference between their mother's and father's interaction with them. This diversity, in itself, provides children with a broader, richer experience of contrasting relational interactions. Whether they realize it or not, children are learning, by sheer experience, that men and women are different and have different ways of dealing with life, other adults and children. This understanding is critical for their development.

Fathers play differently.

Fathers tickle more, they wrestle, and they throw their children in the air (while mother says . . . "Not so high!"). Fathers chase their children, sometimes as playful, scary "monsters." Fathering expert John Snarey explains, children who roughhouse with their fathers learn that biting, kicking and other forms of physical violence are not acceptable. They learn self-control by being told when "enough is enough" and when to settle down. They learn a healthy balance between timidity and aggression.

Fathers build confidence.

Go to any playground and listen to the parents. Who is encouraging kids to swing or climb just a little higher, ride their bike just a little faster, throw just a little harder? Who is encouraging kids to be careful? Mothers protect and dads encourage kids to push the limits. Either of these parenting styles by themselves can be unhealthy. One can tend toward encouraging risk without consideration of consequences. The other tends to avoid risk, which can fail to build independence and confidence. Together, they help children remain safe while expanding their experiences and increasing their confidence.

Fathers communicate differently.

A major study showed that when speaking to children, mothers and fathers are different. Mothers will simplify their words and speak on the child's level. Men are not as inclined to modify their language for the child. The mother's way facilitates immediate communication; the father's way challenges the child to expand her vocabulary and linguistic skills — an important building block of academic success.

Fathers discipline differently.

Educational psychologist Carol Gilligan tells us that fathers stress justice, fairness and duty (based on rules), while mothers stress sympathy, care and help (based on relationships). Fathers tend to observe and enforce rules systematically and sternly, teaching children the consequences of right and wrong. Mothers tend toward grace and sympathy, providing a sense of hopefulness. Again, either of these disciplinary approaches by themselves is not good, but together, they create a healthy, proper balance.

Fathers prepare children for the real world.

Involved dads help children see that attitudes and behaviors have consequences. For instance, fathers are more likely than mothers to tell their children that if they are not nice to others, kids will not want to play with them. Or, if they don't do well in school, they will not get into a good college or secure a desirable job. Fathers help children prepare for the reality and harshness of the world.

Fathers impact future spiritual response

A rather obscure but important study conducted by the Swiss government in 1994 and published in 2000 revealed some astonishing facts with regard to the generational transmission of faith and religious values. In short the study reveals that "It is the religious practice of the father of the family that, above all, determines the future attendance at or absence from church."

The study reported: "If both father and mother attend regularly, 33 percent of their children will end up as regular churchgoers, and 41 percent will end up attending irregularly. Only a quarter of their children will end up not practicing at all.

If the father is irregular and mother regular, only 3 percent of the children will subsequently become regulars themselves, while a further 59 percent will become irregulars. Thirty-eight percent will be lost. If the father is non-practicing and mother regular, only 2 percent of children will become regular worshippers, and 37 percent will attend irregularly. Over 60 percent of their children will be lost completely to the church!" Let us look at the figures the other way round. What happens if the father is regular but the mother irregular or non-practicing? Extraordinarily, the percentage of children becoming regular goes up from 33 percent to 38 percent with the irregular mother and to 44 percent with the non-practicing, as if loyalty to father's commitment grows in proportion to mother's laxity or indifference to religion.

Who do you want influencing your child's future? Don't leave the most important of all tasks to anyone else. Get involved and impact your child's eternity!

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YOUNG AT HEART



The Young at Heart April meeting will be at 11:00 am in Genesis Hall on Thursday, April 16, 2015. Our program will be presented by **Greg Freudenthal** of the Hendersonville Police Department. Master Patrol Officer Greg Freudenthal has been a member of the Hendersonville Police Department for going on 14 years. He is currently assigned as the Community Services Director and is responsible for many duties within the Special Operations Division. MPO Freudenthal leads the direction of the police departments Explorer Program, Reserve Force, and Citizen Police Academy. MPO Freudenthal is the lead trainer at the department and is currently, or in the past, a member of the department's SWAT team, Boat team, and Horse patrol. MPO Freudenthal is a graduate of Davidson Academy High School and a proud veteran. MPO Freudenthal served in the United States Marine Corps in a variety of roles both domestically and abroad. MPO Freudenthal proudly serves his community and is a member of a variety of social and civil organizations.

Lunch will be catered by **Our Place**. Entrée choices will be Chicken & Dumplings or Chopped Steak & sautéed onions. The Sides will be Real Mashed Potatoes, Southern Green Beans, and Shoepeg Corn along with Rolls and Cornbread. Assorted desserts will be provided by the Young at Heart Board Members. Cost is \$8. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!** Please call the **church office** at **824-8725** thru **Thursday, April 9**, and please call **Becky Beeler** at **974-3653** after **April 9** thru **Monday, April 13th**. **DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS 10:00 am, April 13, 2015.**

REMEMBER THE BRING A FRIEND CHALLENGE!!!

Bring a friend to Young at Heart who has **NOT** been before,
and you will have a chance to win a free meal.

REMINDER: Our next trip will be a cruise on the General Jackson on **Tuesday, May 12**. We will meet at the church by **10:15am**. We will return by 3:00 p.m. For those of you who have **NOT** paid for your reservation, **PLEASE** make sure your check is turned in by our April meeting or turn it in to the church office.

Congratulations to Parker Smythe, awarded Eagle Scout on February 22nd at the Court of Honor. Pictured with his parents, Jeff and Pat Smythe and members of Troop #75



APRIL CALENDAR

Wednesday, 01 April 2015

- 9:30 AM Melody's Study Group CLC 255
- 10:00 AM Senior Fitness CLC 250
- 10:30 AM Stretching & Tai Chi Warmup
CLC 250- Poe Williams
- 11:00 AM Tai Chi CLC 250- Poe Williams
- 12:00 PM Holy Week Service Youth Lounge
- 12:30 PM Holy Week Meal Genesis Hall
- 4:30 PM SWAT Rehearsal M 201
- 6:00 PM CMT Monthly Meeting CW 226
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice M 201

Thursday, 02 April 2015

- All Day Holy Week
- 10:00 AM Newcomers Community Club
AW 231
- 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service Sanctuary

Friday, 03 April 2015

- All Day Holy Week
- 6:30 AM Batson Men's Group/Panera
- 12:00 PM Bridge Club Genesis Hall
- 7:00 PM Good Friday Service Sanctuary

Sunday, 05 April 2015

- 8:15 AM Traditional Worship Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship GYM
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Sanctuary

Monday, 06 April 2015

- 7:00 AM Easter Holiday

Tuesday, 07 April 2015

- 6:30 AM Hurdle Men's Group AW 236
- 9:00 AM UMW Unit Meeting Genesis Hall
- 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study AW 237
- 6:00 PM Carillons- Handbell Practice Room

Wednesday, 08 April 2015

- 9:30 AM Melody's Study Group CLC 255
- 10:00 AM Senior Fitness CLC 250
- 10:30 AM Stretching & Tai Chi Warmup
CLC 250- Poe Williams
- 11:00 AM Tai Chi CLC 250- Poe Williams
- 4:30 PM SWAT Rehearsal M 201
- 5:30 PM Youth Small Groups M 300
- 6:00 PM Contemporary Music Practice GYM
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice M 201

Thursday, 09 April 2015

- 1:00 PM Hannah Circle AW 235- Salome
- 5:00 PM Daisy Troop AW 233- Good News

Friday, 10 April 2015

- 6:30 AM Batson Men's Group/Panera

Saturday, 11 April 2015

- 6:00 AM Young Life Yard Sale
Front Parking Lot

Sunday, 12 April 2015

- 8:00 AM Youth Pancake Bfast Fundraiser
Fellowship Hall CLC Kitchen
- 8:15 AM Traditional Worship Sanctuary

- 9:00 AM Red Cross Blood Drive Front Parking Lot
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship GYM
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Sanctuary
- 4:00 PM Joyful Noise CW 222
- 4:00 PM SWAT Rehearsal M 201
- 5:00 PM Confirmation Class CW 226 CW 228
- 5:00 PM UMYF M 300- Youth Lounge

Monday, 13 April 2015

- 6:30 AM Carpenter's Apprentices AW 237
- 9:00 AM Young at Heart Executive Meeting
AW 235- Salome
- 10:00 AM Senior Fitness CLC 250- Poe Williams
- 10:30 AM Childrens First Playtime GYM
- 10:30 AM Stretching & Tai Chi Warmup CLC 250
- 11:00 AM Tai Chi CLC 250- Poe Williams
- 5:30 PM TOPS CLC 255- Companions
- 6:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop #75 Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM Stewardship Committee AW 132
- 6:30 PM Toastmasters CLC 250
- 6:45 PM Men's Basketball GYM
- 7:00 PM Faith-Based SOS grief support AW 236

Tuesday, 14 April 2015

- 6:30 AM Hurdle Men's Group AW 236- Library
- 10:30 AM Childrens First Playtime GYM
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting AW 231
- 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study AW 237-Wesley
- 6:00 PM Carillons M 208- Handbell Practice Room
- 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting Conference Room

Wednesday, 15 April 2015

- 9:30 AM Melody's Study Group CLC 255
- 10:00 AM Senior Fitness CLC 250- Poe Williams
- 10:30 AM Childrens First Playtime GYM
- 10:30 AM Stretching & Tai Chi Warmup CLC 250
- 11:00 AM Tai Chi CLC 250- Poe Williams
- 12:00 PM Young at Heart Decorating CLC 150
- 4:30 PM SWAT Rehearsal M 201
- 5:30 PM Youth Small Groups M 300- Youth Lounge
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice M 201

Thursday, 16 April 2015

- 11:00 AM Young at Heart CLC 150- Genesis Hall
- 6:00 PM UMW Lydia Circle AW 235- Salome

Friday, 17 April 2015

- 6:30 AM Batson Men's Group/Panera
- 12:00 PM Bridge Club CLC 150- Genesis Hall

Saturday, 18 April 2015

- 7:00 AM The 19th Annual Ben Alexander Golf
Scramble
- 8:00 AM ASP Pre-Trip Session #1 M 300
- 12:30 PM Contemporary Worship Set Up GYM

Sunday, 19 April 2015

- 8:15 AM Traditional Worship Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship GYM
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Sanctuary

APRIL CALENDAR

12:00 PM Life Group Luncheon CLC 150
3:00 PM Safe Sanctuary CLC 250- Poe Williams
4:00 PM Joyful Noise CW 222
4:00 PM SWAT Rehearsal M 201- Choir Room
5:00 PM Confirmation Class CW 226 CW 228
5:00 PM UMYF M 300- Youth Lounge
6:00 PM Missions Committee Meeting AW 132

Monday, 20 April 2015

6:30 AM Carpenter's Apprentices AW 237
10:00 AM Senior Fitness CLC 250- Poe Williams
10:30 AM Childrens First Playtime GYM
10:30 AM Stretching & Tai Chi Warmup CLC 250
11:00 AM Love and Concern AW 231 AW 232
11:00 AM Tai Chi CLC 250- Poe Williams
5:30 PM TOPS CLC 255- Companions
6:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop #75 Fellowship Hall
6:45 PM Men's Basketball GYM
7:00 PM Faith-Based SOS grief support AW 236
7:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting AW 231

Tuesday, 21 April 2015

6:30 AM Hurdle Men's Group AW 236- Library
10:00 AM Mary Ruth Circle AW 235- Salome
10:30 AM Childrens First Playtime GYM
10:30 AM Women's Bible Study AW 237-Wesley
6:00 PM Carillons M 208- Handbell Room
6:30 PM Adult Council CLC 250- Poe Williams

Wednesday, 22 April 2015

9:30 AM Melody's Study Group CLC 255
10:00 AM Senior Fitness CLC 250- Poe Williams
10:30 AM Childrens First Playtime GYM
10:30 AM Stretching & Tai Chi Warmup CLC 250
11:00 AM Tai Chi CLC 250- Poe Williams
4:30 PM SWAT Rehearsal M 201- Choir Room
5:30 PM Youth Small Groups M 300
7:00 PM Choir Practice M 201- Choir Room

Thursday, 23 April 2015

10:30 AM Childrens First Playtime GYM
5:00 PM Daisy Troop AW 233- Good News
7:00 PM Pack Meeting Fellowship Hall

Friday, 24 April 2015

6:30 AM Batson Men's Group/Panera
5:00 PM Confirmation Off Site

Sunday, 26 April 2015

8:15 AM Traditional Worship Sanctuary
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Contemporary Worship GYM
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Sanctuary
4:00 PM Joyful Noise CW 222
4:00 PM SWAT Rehearsal M 201- Choir Room
5:00 PM Confirmation Class CW 226 CW 228
5:00 PM UMYF M 300- Youth Lounge

Monday, 27 April 2015

6:30 AM Carpenter's Apprentices AW 237
10:00 AM Senior Fitness CLC 250- Poe Williams
10:30 AM Childrens First Playtime GYM

10:30 AM Stretching & Tai Chi Warmup CLC 250
11:00 AM Tai Chi CLC 250- Poe Williams
5:30 PM TOPS CLC 255- Companions
6:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop #75 Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM SDMT Monthly Meeting M 312
6:30 PM Toastmasters CLC 250- Poe Williams
6:45 PM Men's Basketball GYM
7:00 PM Faith-Based SOS grief support AW 236

Tuesday, 28 April 2015

6:30 AM Hurdle Men's Group AW 236- Library
9:00 AM St. Jude Trike-A-Thon Back Parking Lot
10:30 AM Childrens First Playtime GYM
10:30 AM Staff Meeting AW 231
10:30 AM Women's Bible Study AW 237-Wesley
6:00 PM Carillons - Handbell Practice Room

Wednesday, 29 April 2015

9:00 AM St. Jude Trike-A-Thon Back Parking Lot
9:30 AM Melody's Study Group CLC 255
10:00 AM Senior Fitness CLC 250- Poe Williams
10:30 AM Childrens First Playtime GYM
10:30 AM Stretching & Tai Chi Warmup CLC 250
11:00 AM Tai Chi CLC 250- Poe Williams
4:30 PM SWAT Rehearsal M 201- Choir Room
5:30 PM Youth Small Groups Youth Lounge-

Thursday, 30 April 2015

9:00 AM St. Jude Trike-A-Thon Back Parking Lot
10:30 AM Childrens First Playtime GYM
6:00 PM Evangelism AW 132- Conference Room



Parents' Night Out

Registration is open for our next Parents' Night Out on Friday, May 8th, from 6:30-11:00 p.m. The link to register is on the hfumc.org homepage – deadline to register is Monday, May 4th, at 3:00 p.m. (or before if all spots are filled).

Rates for PNO are \$25 for one child per family; \$35 for two children per family; \$40 for three children per family; and \$45 for four or more children per family.

If you have questions regarding PNO, please contact Damaris Allen at 824-8725
damaris.allen@hfumc.org.

How do I join a Life Group?

The Life Group Luncheon will be held April 19 immediately after the 11:00 service in Genesis Hall. Child-care and Pizza will be provided. Hear testimonies from our Lenten Life Group Experiment participants, learn how easy it is to lead a Life Group, and take advantage of a great opportunity to sign up for new Life Groups! Invite your friends. Walk-ins are welcome, but RSVPs are appreciated, especially for childcare.

Contact Liz Shea to RSVP or for more information:

615-397-5968, lizzybshea@mac.com

Survivors Of Suicide

is an international organization of support groups for those left behind after a friend or family member takes his/her own life. The new Hendersonville chapter meets every Monday night at 7:00 PM in room AW-236, the church library. For questions about this support group, or others, contact Rev. Wynn Batson at 974-9288.

MEAL A MONTH

HFUMC Meal A Month – April

Canned evaporated Milk

Chicken/tuna "helpers"

Canned tuna

Large Boxes of raisins – not single serve

Applesauce – cans or jars,

not single serve

Creamed Chicken soups



**The 19th Annual
Ben Alexander Golf
Scramble**

**Saturday,
April 18th**

**Long Hollow
Golf Course**

Ben Alexander Christian Life Center (CLC) is named for Rev. Ben Alexander, Pastor Emeritus, at Hendersonville First United Methodist Church for his years of Christian service to the community. The golf event is the only fundraiser for the Christian Life Center and will fund programs for the 2015-2016 year.

Tournament Format

The tournament will be played as a four-person scramble with a shot-gun start

Scramble at a glance

7:00am – 8:00am.....Registration & Range Practice

8:00am.....Shot-gun start

(Lunch provided and catered by Witt's Barbecue)

On course individual competitions:
Longest Drive & Closest to the pin

Prizes: awards & gift certificates for individual and team winners

Cost: Per Player: \$85

Per Team: \$340

Mulligans (2): \$10

Package includes: 18 holes of golf, cart rental, lunch, competitions with prizes, range and range balls. *please make checks payable to Hendersonville First United Methodist Church* mail to: Attn Golf Event, 217 East Main Street, Hendersonville, TN 37075

Deadline for entry: **Friday, April 10th, 2015**

Contact & Registration Info: Michael Sands at 615-815-8730 or email; michael.sands@hfumc.org

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In Memory Of

Rev. Ben Alexander to General Fund by:

- Vincent and Georgia Holley
- Miriam and Leo Bragg
- Evelyn, Gene and Glynn Young
- Judy Young Rich
- Clay Gascoigne
- Jon and Bobbie Welty
- Mildred Vickery
- Leslie and Craig Heinrich
- Lynn and Joe Eddins
- Elizabeth and David McPipkin
- Wayne and Janie Nooner
- Bob Yates
- Patsy and Ted Kelley
- Bob and Carol Pitts
- Judy and Steve MacKorell
- L. A. Green III
- Susan and Bill Hayward
- Kathy and John Watson
- Terri and Kelly Murphy
- Peggy and Jim Patterson
- Johnnie Hogin
- Holly Tillou
- Earl and Molly Bass
- Hallie Ramey
- Henry Hite
- Arlene B. Hille
- Cathy and Ken Drumwright
- Bill White
- Good News Class
- Betty Murray
- Jan Meinert
- Vivian Williams
- Annette and Danny Cox
- Carol Petty Payne
- Jim and Sara Nichols
- Marcia and Larry Stinson

Rev. Ben Alexander to Christian Legacy Fund by:

- Pat and Charles Conner

Rev. Ben Alexander to The Tree Church in Uganda Fund by:

- Kathy and John Watson
- Bob and Doris Lewter
- Dr. J. Michael Law
- Edwina and James Stepp
- Dr. Flavious and June Smith
- Dave and Rene Richardson
- Ann and Charles Nabors
- Nancy Thompson
- Sue Groves
- Shannon Hughes
- Frank and Linda Coulter
- Bob and Marilyn Bristol
- Nancy and Jackie Neely
- Boo and Clay Tidwell
- Barry Brown
- Companions Sunday School Class
- Kathleen Anderson
- Susan, Michael, John and Jennifer Padgett
- John Martin
- Glenna Gumm
- Ann Lannom
- Judith and Dennis Hughes
- Dr. and Mrs. John Shea
- Nancy Dean Stoltz
- Rev. Dr. Don and Peg Scott
- Mr. Paul Scott
- Becky Scott McGonigle and Family
- Mary Frances Chappell
- Cathy and John Walker and Family
- Davis and Sherre Chappell and Family
- Richard and Patty Chapell
- Joe and Dollena McHenry
- Wednesday AM Bible Study Group

Rev. Ben Alexander to Love and Concern Fund by:

- Helen Ruth and Bob Sims

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Upcoming Events:

- (Sun) April 5: Easter (services at 8:15, 10:45, 11:00)—No Youth Programming
- Youth Small Groups: Wednesday Nights (5:30-7:30p) starting in the Youth Lounge
- (Sun) April 12, 19, 26: UMYF "God's Not Dead," (5-7p, Youth Lounge)



You are Invited...

Annual Youth Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, April 12

8:00a—12:00p

Fellowship Hall

Come and enjoy yummy food with your family and friends! All donations will go directly to the missions fund, which helps our youth finance their upcoming summer mission trips!

Spring Happenings in Student Ministries...

"Hendersonville's Got Talent" Outreach

Student Ministries debuted its newest event on Sunday, March 22. From 5-8pm youth (grades 7-12) gathered in the Youth Lounge for our first-ever Spring talent show, **"Hendersonville's Got Talent."**

Youth from our church, as well as from the community, showed off their talents in a coffee-house atmosphere. Awards

were given to first, second and third places, as voted on by the youth attendees. Several attendees also went home with special door prizes.



Acts varied from magicians, instrumental musicians to vocal soloists and groups. Special thanks to our emcees, Robert Schickling and Jalen All, and our volunteer baristas and servers!



"30-Hour Famine" a Success!

Eighteen students and seven adults convened on Feb. 27-28 to fast for 30 hours while participating in special activities and raising more than \$800 for World Vision and its ministry to the hungry. Highlights from the event include a meaningful service project at the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge, learning more about global poverty through "Tribe Ethiopia" activities, and intimate times of worship. Participants ended the fast with communion and a celebratory meal. Praise be to God for a great, life-changing event!



MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

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Martha White to Love and Concern Fund by:

- Ralph and Reba Dixon

Martha White to Christian Legacy Fund by:

- Janet Michaelson

Bill Thomson to Love and Concern Fund by:

- Ralph and Reba Dixon

Eloise Goodman to Christian Legacy Fund by:

- Hallie Ramey

Janet Gascolgne to Christian Legacy Fund by:

- Ann Lannom
- Peggy and Larry Hewgley

Margery Cude to Christian Legacy Fund by:

- Ann and Harvey Hertenstein

Margery Cude to General Fund by:

- Betty Murray
- Susan Patey

Penny Fisher, Marianne Cook's mother to Christian

Legacy Fund by:

- Pat and Charles Conner

In Honor Of

Rev. Wynn Batson to Love and Concern Fund by:

- Helen Ruth and Bob Sims

Love and Concern

We are very thankful and appreciative of this wonderful group, which meets monthly at the First United Methodist Church on the second floor, on the 3rd Mon. at 11 a.m. If you are interested in joining this friendly, warm-hearted group, please call 824-8725.

The April meeting will be April 20 at the church in the Salome Room

The May meeting will be May 18 offsite, at a location to be announced later.

MILITARY FRIENDS AND FAMILY

- LT Joshua F. Duvall, USN, grandson of Barbara and Floyd Duvall, USS Eisenhower, Norfolk, VA
- Col. R. J. Lillibridge, husband of Randy Goodman's niece, Pentagon Liaison to Congress
- LT Commander Paul Alea, Anesthesia's Residency, Portsmouth, VA.
- PFC Duran Bunch, grandson of Tim & Loreta Watrous, PSYOPS Battalion, home from Afghanistan.
- Captain Steven B. Shephard, son-in-law of Beverly Ball, US Navy, Washington, D.C.
- LT Commander Ken Alea, Navy Flight Surgeon stationed at Ft. Walton Beach, FL.
- Quinton Herr, nephew of Julianne Lee, US Navy.
- Casey Lee, nephew of Julianne Lee, Marines.
- Col. Sherry Hemby, niece of Darlene and Jack Crabtree, US Air Force, Alexandria, VA.
- Jeff Thomas, son of Andie Smith, home after deployment to Qatar.
- Matt Mundy, son of Nancy & Mike Mundy, Air Force, Little Rock.
- Gunnery Sgt. Sandra Stewart, daughter-in-law of Paul & Connie Stewart, Colorado.
- Ch. Maj. Robert C. Lyons, son of Robert & Ann Lyons, currently in Germany and will be transferred to Fort Drum, NY.
- Tom Lyons, son of Robert & Ann Lyons, Navy Reservist and Foreign Area Officer, Kabul, Afghanistan
- Captain Tyler Rice, grandson of Neal Rice, home.
- Marine Sgt. Taylor Hartman, husband of Jessica Hewgley Hartman, deployed aboard ship.
- Sgt. William Todd Livengood, son of Bill & Mary Livengood, serving in Afghanistan.
- 2nd Lt. Keith Charles Stewart, Jr. son of Carol and Keith Stewart, deployed overseas with the Tennessee National Guard, A BTRY 1-181 FAR out of Lawrenceburg, TN.
- Jeffrey Bahr, Helicopter Pilot- Alabama National Guard, nephew of Bob and Helen Ruth Sims, serving in Afghanistan.



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how do we move past doubt to faith?

A Musical Worship Experience

April 12th ~ 10:45am

Hendersonville First United Methodist Church

217 E. Main Street 37075

May Newsletter Deadline: April 24th