



HENDERSONVILLE

First United Methodist Church

217 East Main Street Hendersonville, TN 37075

May 2015

FIRST NEWS



FROM OUR PASTOR:

As we live into May 2015, I want to share with you some big events on the calendar. On Sunday, May 3 during the 10:45 service, we will take a moment to appreciate the teachers for our Children's and Youth's Sunday school. Becki Manni and Joshua Strader will take a moment to recognize the teachers and give us an opportunity to express praise to God for their faithful service. In addition, we will hear a brief testimony from Rebecca Wells in all of our services concerning the impact that the mission trip to Haiti had on her life. Come prepared to be inspired.

Sunday, May 10, is Mother's Day. We will not only express thanks to God for the gift of moms, but we also have a small gift we would like for all moms to receive. Now understand that the definition of mom that we are using goes beyond a biological mom but also includes spiritual moms and those with mom like spirits. This Sunday will also be the day we will recognize those who are graduating from High School and College as well as those who are recipients of scholarship from the Legacy Committee. These recognitions will take place during the 10:45 service.

On Sunday, May 17 our confirmation students will be confirmed during the 8:15 service. After nine months of studying, attending classes, and a couple of field trips, fifteen preteens are ready to profess their faith in Christ for themselves. What a milestone in life. Join us as we rejoice and celebrate in their commitments to Jesus Christ.

Then on Sunday, May 24 we will celebrate The Day of Pentecost during our services. The actual events of Pentecost are recorded in Acts 2:1-3. Pentecost reminds us of the Last Supper; in both instances the disciples are together in a house for what proves to be an important event. At the Last Supper the disciples witness the end of the Messiah's earthly ministry as He asks them to remember Him after His death and to continue His work until He returns. At Pentecost, the disciples witness the birth of the New Testament church in the coming of the Holy Spirit to indwell and empower all believers. The scene of the disciples in a room at Pentecost links the beginning of the Holy Spirit's work in the church with the conclusion of Christ's earthly ministry in the upper room before the crucifixion.



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Worshiping God Together,

Don

MUSIC MINISTRY

What a joy the very busy previous month has been as we worshiped through our Traditional Cantata, Contemporary Musical Drama, Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter! Here are a few snapshots from these music ministry events!

“Mercy All The Way”



Our Cantata theme for 2015 was “Mercy All The Way”. We combined the gifts of our Adult Choir, along with our Carillon Handbell Choir and members of our Student Worship Arts Team. Highlights included an original processional arrangement of “Hosanna Loud Hosanna”, as well as a dramatic rendering of “The Passion Prophecy” featuring the handbells under the direction of Linda Edmister.



Our organist/ accompanist John G. Elliott contributed 3 original compositions including “It’s Been Mercy All The Way”, “Jesus Loves Me Like No Other” and “God Shall Be Praised”.

S.W.A.T. vocalists Susan Schickling and Gretchen Judkins were soloists for “How Deep The Fathers Love For Us”. Overall, it was a very moving presentation of the story of our Lord’s passion. We’re very grateful for the encouraging feedback we received from the community. Well done and thank you, all who participated!



Our Children’s Choirs (Kids Praise Team and Joyful Noise) shared the African song “Cast Your Burdens Unto Jesus”, and Glory To You (with a verse in Romanian!) and added handbells on the song “Our Father” as they ministered in the 8:15 and 10:45 services on April 19. Well done, Kids Praise Team and Joyful Noise! A very special thank you to our volunteer leaders Rebecca Wells, Ivalene Still, Meredith Melvin, Janice Gray, and Diana Waller.



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“Bold Faith”



Our Contemporary Praise Team, led by Travis Birch, also shared an outstanding musical drama “Bold Faith” at our 10:45 service on April 12.



The theme of the Cantata was based on Thomas’ doubt and how we can move past doubt to faith. The Cantata featured a number of up-lifting songs including the title song “Bold Faith” written and composed by Jenny Lee and Liz Shea.



“Well done,
Contemporary
Praise Team!



Handbell Ministry Outreach

On May 14 our Carillon Handbell choir under the direction of Linda Edmister will do an outreach at the Morningside Assisted Living center in Gallatin. They will also minister in the services on May 17. Thank you, Carillon Handbell Choir!

JOIN US!

Summer is a great time to get involved with our worship and music ministry. If you are interested in serving in any area of worship ministry with your gifts and talents, I’d love to hear from you! Write me rob.still@hfumc.org, or call the church, ext 1013.

UMW Circle

May 2015



During the month of May, Circles will be preparing Health, Sewing and School Kits to be sent to UMCOR. UMCOR is the United Methodist Committee on Relief who responds to disaster areas, often with Relief-Supply Kits.

May Circle Meetings:

Eve Circle will meet Tuesday, May 26th at the home of Jesse Prestage. Their goal is to assemble 100 UMCOR Health Kits.

Hannah Circle's May gathering will be a dinner outing to Barefoot Charlie's on Thursday, May 28th, at 7 p.m. (Note change of date due to schedule conflicts.) Hope to see everyone there! In April, members of the Hannah Circle assembled 15 sewing kits for UMCOR. These kits allow women to make clothing in their own size and in the style of their culture while practicing valuable income-generating skills. Well done, Hannah Circle!

Lydia Circle will meet Thursday, May 21, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the Salome Classroom. They will be assembling UMCOR school kits and discussing UMCOR Sager Brown missions. Lydia Circle meets evenings, to enable working women to participate, but all are welcome!!

Mary-Ruth Circle will meet Tuesday morning, May 19th at 10am in the Salome Room to assemble UMCOR Health Kits.

Naomi Circle will meet Tuesday morning, May 19th at the home of Linda Gaines to assemble UMCOR Health Kits.

Rebekah Circle will continue to sew Layettes for their Fort Campbell Mission Project.

Fair Trade Coffee



Do you like the coffee served at the Contemporary Service? You may not realize that it's the Equal Exchange Breakfast Blend, which is available from the UMW in whole bean, drip ground, or K-cups. We also sell Columbian, French Roast, decaf and several other varieties. Our fairly traded coffee, tea, nuts and chocolate (including dark chocolate with raspberry bars) will be for sale Sunday, May 3, in the Sanctuary lobby (8:30-10) and Atrium (10:30-Noon). Come pick up a special treat for Mother's Day, or treat yourself – you know that you deserve it! If you miss the sale but would like to make a purchase, please email mjpmoore@yahoo.com, and we will make every effort to help you get what you need!



United
Methodist
Women
FAITH•HOPE•LOVE IN ACTION

UMW News for April 2015

The General Meeting of UMW will be held Tuesday morning, May 5th, at 10 am in Genesis Hall. Refreshments will be served, with the meeting starting at 10:30am. Karen Nelson, wife of HFUMC's staff member Larry Nelson, will speak about how God has worked in her life after her son Dillon was paralyzed in a car accident thirteen years ago. Her inspiring story includes many God-moments that she and her family have experienced. Karen is lively, with a great sense of humor; her talk should be very interesting.

The Executive Committee will meet in the Conference Room at 9:00 am prior to the General Meeting.

At the April General Meeting, our ladies were dismayed and overwhelmed by the presentation on human trafficking in Middle Tennessee. It is a truth that we find difficult to understand. In Nashville, Thistle Farms (Magdalene House) is a community of women who have survived prostitution, trafficking and addiction. On Monday April 20th, thirteen ladies from Naomi, Mary-Ruth and Eve circles (and a baby) visited the center. These were comments from some of the attendees:

"Absolutely loved the trip...A must for lunch and shopping...The Thistle Stop Tea Room was yummy".

"Wonderful opportunity to share a meal with women from Magdalene House, all survivors".

"Heartwarming to hear stories of women's lives that have been turned around because of this program".

"Hope many others will take time to visit in the future. Very inspirational and informative".

Traditionally, the June General Meeting is an indoor picnic with a "lighter" program. The same will be true this year. Plans are underway for an energetic and interactive program, meant to help women be self-reliant. More details will be forthcoming.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Save the Date! 2014 Vacation Bible School to be held June 21-25

I love VBS and I know a lot of kids who feel the same way - but is it really important? Is it really important to the life of our already very busy church? Is it really worth all the time, talent, treasure, and just plain effort? I decided to put together a list of why VBS is SO important to the life and vitality of HFUMC.

#1 Child Evangelism is Exponential Evangelism

Vacation Bible School is not primarily for the regular attendees of our church. Yes, our children might attend and they might enjoy the summer program but the goal of VBS is to minister to children and their families who may not attend church on a regular basis. Most VBS programs are designed to teach the message of salvation and keep the message simple to bring children to Christ. This gives the families of HFUMC the opportunity to bring visitors. Each child comes with families and the fun summer program of VBS is a much more non-threatening environment than perhaps they might feel attending a traditional Sunday morning service.

#2 A short-term commitment with eternal benefits

VBS is an opportunity for busy volunteers to serve. We have so many gifted people who lead frenetic schedules but for a few hours each evening, for one week they find the joy of serving far outweighs the inconvenience or exhaustion. They connect with kids who soak up the messages and their love like sponges. They find that they are energized by the children's enthusiasm and innocent excitement over the Gospel message. And afterwards, VBS volunteers will be physically tired but spiritually refreshed.

#3 We all agree on the basics

Okay, this might be a bit controversial but believe it or not Christians can even debate about a program like VBS. We all have our beliefs on raising children and even how we raise children according to scripture. VBS is not the time to bring our theological debates into the mix. Vacation Bible School is about reaching children and families with the message of the Cross. When we bring our theological debates into the mix we turn people away and we make church uninviting. But when we stick to the basics, lives are impacted and the kingdom grows.

#4 It's a wise investment

As costly as it can be to put on a VBS program cheaper is not always better. According to Barna research, *"nearly half of all Americans who accept Jesus Christ as their savior do so before reaching the age 13 (43%), and that two out of three born again Christians (64%) made that commitment to Christ before their 18th birthday."* Funding the program isn't about the money but about teaching the gospel to the youngest members of your community. A far greater investment!

#5 Church is fun

Perhaps one of the biggest reasons why I have always loved VBS is because it is fun. I can laugh and be silly with children of all ages and because we can transform the walls of our church into a child's adventure. I think it is important to show others, especially children, that loving God is fun and the message of Christ is not all about an adult's world but it is about being a community where loving God and faith includes children.

New this year, VBS will be held from **6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**, the week of **June 21-25**. We hope to have some of Nashville's popular Food Trucks set up shop in HFUMC's parking lot so that family, friends, and community members can grab dinner and visit while our kids head indoors to learn about Jesus' unwavering love. Thursday night, we will close the week with a special celebration for families that will include good food, music and fellowship.

Everyone - parents, grandparents, those who just like fun - is invited to participate in VBS, as volunteers. We are currently recruiting station leaders, crew leaders, individuals to help with registration, photographers, etc. We hope the later time frame allows more parents, including our working moms and dads, to experience this fun-filled week with your little ones! If you would like to volunteer, or to find out what volunteer positions are open, please email Jennifer Foran at jenniferforan@gmail.com.

You can stay informed through our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/ark.hfumc.

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May Sunday School Themes:



Pre-School Sunday School:

Bible Basic: God Wants Me to Do What is Right

Bible Memory Verse: "Learn to do what is right."
Isaiah 1:17

Bible Point: I can do the right thing



Elementary Sunday School (K-4th grade): The Big 10

We will be learning about the Ten Commandments

Week 1: We Know God is the Only God

Week 2: We Set Aside a Day for God

Week 3: We Honor God by Obeying Our Parents

Week 4: We Tell the Truth No Matter What

Week 5: We're Content With What God Gives Us



Grapple (5-6th grade)

We will be grappling with questions pertaining to the Bible – What Really Matters? Our scripture memory verse this month is Colossians 3:11 "Here there is no Gentile or Jew... There is no slave or free person. But Christ is everything. And he is in everything."

Week 1: Is Being Perfect What Matters?

Week 2: Is Being Liked What Matters?

Week 3: Is Being Right What Matters?

Week 4: Is Being the Best What Matters?

Week 5: Is Being Happy What Matters?



Vacation Bible School

June 21st—25th

Register on-line at www.HFUMC.org

DOES HFUMC RECYCLE?

Yes, we do! Have you noticed the blue recycle bins around the church? We recycle the plastic, paper, cans and cardboard that you put in these bins. Of course our program only collects recyclables from the church, not from your home.



Who are HFUMC's best recyclers? The church staff and the Children's First staff are the best by far. There's a lot you can do to increase the congregation's recycle habit. Next time you're at church, notice where the blue bins are and make it a habit to use them for your bulletins, empty water bottles and aluminum cans.

And if, once a month or so, you'd like get a little exercise with an easy walk around the church, contact Marie Bainbridge (mbainbridge1@bellsouth.net) to see about becoming one of the faithful volunteers who collect HFUMC's recyclables.

MAY CALENDAR

Friday May 1, 2015

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

Saturday May 2, 2015

- 8:00 AM ASP Pre-Trip Session #2/GYM

Sunday May 3, 2015

- 7:00 AM S.S. Teacher Thanx/CW 222
- 8:15 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship/GYM
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 5:00 PM Confirmation Class/CW 226
- 5:00 PM UMYF Senior Night & Silent Auction/
M 300- Youth Lounge

Monday May 4, 2015

- 6:30 AM Carpenter's Apprentices/AW 237
- 8:30 AM Group Walking and Fitness/Off Site
- 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
- 5:30 PM TOPS/CLC 255- Companions
- 5:30 PM Worship Committee Meeting
AW 132- Conference Room
- 6:30 PM Boy Scouts #75/Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting
AW 132- Conference Room
- 6:45 PM Men's Basketball /GYM
- 7:00 PM Faith-Based SOS grief support
AW 236- Library
- 7:00 PM Tennessee Trails/Youth Lounge

Tuesday May 5, 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 Safe Sanctuary/CW 224
- 7:00 PM Children First Board Meeting
AW 132- Conference Room

Wednesday May 6, 2015

- 8:30 AM Group Walking and Fitness/Off Site
- 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
- 5:30 PM Youth Small Groups/Youth Lounge
- 6:00 PM CMT Monthly Meeting/CW 226
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice/M 201

Friday May 8, 2015

- 6:30 AM Batson Men's Group/Panera
- 6:30 PM Parent's Night Out/Fellowship Hall

Saturday May 9, 2015

- 12:00 PM Monthly Service Project: Samaritan
Center/Off Site

Sunday May 10, 2015

- 8:15 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Senior Breakfast & Recognitions
Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship/GYM
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary

Monday May 11, 2015

- 6:30 AM Carpenter's Apprentices/AW 237-Wesley
- 8:30 AM Group Walking and Fitness/Off Site 2
- 9:00 AM Spring Music Program Practice/GYM
- 10:00 AM Senior Fitness /CLC 250- Poe Williams
- 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 Toastmasters/CLC 250- Poe Williams
- 6:45 PM Men's Basketball /GYM
- 7:00 PM Faith-Based SOS grief support/AW 236

Tuesday May 12, 2015

- 6:30 AM Hurdle Men's Group/AW 236- Library
- 9:00 AM Spring Music Program Practice/GYM
- 10:15 AM Youg at Heart General Jackson Trip
- 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting /Conference Room

Wednesday May 13, 2015

- 8:30 AM Group Walking and Fitness/Off Site
- 9:00 AM Spring Music Program/GYM
- 10:00 AM Senior Fitness /CLC 250- Poe Williams
- 10:30 AM Stretching & Tai Chi Warmup/CLC 250
- 11:00 AM Tai Chi/CLC 250- Poe Williams
- 5:30 PM Youth Small Group Year-End Celebration
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice/M 201- Choir Practice Room

Thursday May 14, 2015

- 9:00 AM Spring Music Program/GYM
- 3:00 PM Handbell Outreach/Off-Site

Friday May 15, 2015

- 6:30 AM Batson Men's Group/Panera
- 9:00 AM Spring Music Program /GYM
- 12:00 PM Bridge Club/CLC 150- Genesis Hall

Sunday May 17, 2015

- 8:15 AM Bells Play for Sunday Services/Sanctuary
- 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 SWAT Rehearsal /M 201- Choir Room
- 5:00 PM UMYF /M 300- Youth Lounge

Monday May 18, 2015

- 6:30 AM Carpenter's Apprentices /AW 237
- 8:30 AM Group Walking and Fitness/Off Site
- 9:00 AM Young at Heart Executive Meeting
AW 235- Salome
- 10:00 AM Senior Fitness/CLC 250- Poe Williams
- 10:30 AM Stretching & Tai Chi Warmup/CLC 250
- 11:00 AM Love and Concern/AW 231
- 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 May 19, 2015

- 6:30 AM Hurdle Men's Group/AW 236- Library
- 10:00 AM Mary Ruth Circle/AW 235- Salome

Wednesday May 20, 2015

- 8:30 AM Group Walking and Fitness/Off Site
- 10:00 AM Senior Fitness/CLC 250- Poe Williams
- 10:30 AM Stretching & Tai Chi Warmup/CLC 250
- 11:00 AM Tai Chi/CLC 250- Poe Williams
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice/Choir Practice Room

Thursday May 21, 2015

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

Friday May 22, 2015

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

Sunday May 24, 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 May 25, 2015

- Business Office Closed
- 8:30 AM Group Walking and Fitness /Off Site

Tuesday May 26, 2015

- 6:30 AM Hurdle Men's Group/AW 236- Library

Wednesday May 27, 2015

- 8:30 AM Group Walking and Fitness/Off Site
- 10:00 AM Senior Fitness/CLC 250- Poe Williams
- 10:30 AM Stretching & Tai Chi Warmup/CLC 250
- 11:00 AM Tai Chi/CLC 250- Poe Williams
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice/M 201- Choir Room

Thursday May 28, 2015

- 6:00 PM Evangelism/AW 132- Conference Room

Friday May 29, 2015

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

Sunday May 31, 2015

- 8:15 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship/ GYM
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship /Sanctuary
- 5:00 PM End of Year Cookout & Bonfire/Off Site

BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!

Got books that you won't read again? They're taking up space, and you'd like to get rid of them but don't know how? UMW can turn them into money for missions by selling them at the Fall Extravaganza in October! Start gathering them up right now so you won't forget! If you'd like to get rid of them now, contact Marie Bainbridge (615 824-9608 or mbainbridge1@bellsouth.net) to arrange for pickup.



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.



YOUNG AT HEART



ATTN: ANYONE 50 yrs. and OLDER

Young at Heart ~ Thursday, May 21, 2015

11:00 am ~ Genesis Hall

Music From America's Songbook



With Joey Holland and Kevin Hogan

Playing classics from Broadway, movies and the soundtrack of your youth.

Lunch will be catered by Shane's Rib Shack.

Entrée choices will be BBQ pork or BBQ chopped chicken, buns, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, peach cobbler and banana pudding.

COST: \$8.00 ~ RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!!!

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS 10:00 AM - MONDAY, MAY 18

MEAL A MONTH

HFUMC Meal A Month – May

Canned Evaporated Milk

Jiffy Cornbread Mix

Chicken/tuna “helpers”

Applesauce – cans or jars,
not single serve

Creamed Chicken soups

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.

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In Memory Of

Rev. Ben Alexander to General Fund by:

- E.R. Corley and Sons
- Cliff and Dede Ernst
- Lisa and Raymond Wesley
- John and Diane Duncan
- Charles and Cathy Alexander
- Tom and Gail Haygood
- Cheryl and William Turner
- Griffin Family Dental, LLC
- Gail and Boots Scott
- Linda and Mike Gaughan
- Robin and Bruce Teal
- Billie Hawkins
- Beth and Don Swartz
- Ben Alexander Sunday School Class
- Don and Sue Heinze

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

- Joe and Carolyn Cundiff
- Bill and Harriett Downey
- Cathy and Charles Alexander
- Pattie Suddarth and Family
- Cathy Hopper
- Ben Alexander Sunday School Class
- Sally and William Oglesby
- Leslie and Craig Heinrich
- Starr and Michael Durham
- Mark and Cindy Kain
- Mary Neal and Tom Glass
- Margaret Alexander
- Brooks and Marilyn Wright
- Marilyn Morrison
- Florence and Robert Feasley
- Disciple Sunday School Class
- Doyle and Gloria Meadows
- Betty Anderson
- Tom and Janice Gray
- Rance and Susan Bunn

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

- Gayle and Bruce Graves
- Bob and Mary Davidson
- Charles and Amy Flynn
- Wednesday Night Bible Study

Martha White to General Fund by:

- Betty Anderson

Janet Gascoigne to The Tree Church in Uganda Fund by:

- Mary Cay Koen

Doris Huskey to General Fund by:

- Margaret Alexander

Doris Huskey to General Fund by:

- Henry Hite

Ashley Graham to The Tree Church in Uganda Fund by:

- Ann Lannom

Marianne Sudekum to The Tree Church in Uganda Fund by:

- Charles and Amy Flynn

Ginger Daniels to The Tree Church in Uganda Fund by:

- Ann Lannom

Dee Wheeler to Young at Heart Fund by:

- United Methodist Women
- Henry Hite
- Barbara and Floyd Duvall

Dee Wheeler to the General Fund by:

- Miriam and Leo Bragg
- Margaret Alexander

Dee Wheeler to Contemporary Worship Fund by:

- Companions Sunday School Class
- Lydia Circle United Methodist Women
- Young at Heart Board Members

In Honor Of

Larry Nelson to Love and Concern Fund by:

- Helen Ruth and Bob Sims

Student Ministries: *May Report...*

May

2015



Dates to Remember

- Sun 5/3 *SMT Year-End Recognitions* (10:45a Srvc)
- Sun 5/3 **UMYF Senior Night** (5-7p)
- Sun 5/10 **Graduate Breakfast** (9:30a) & **Recognitions** (10:45a Srvc)
- Happy Mother's Day!* *No UMYF*
- Wed 5/13 Small Group End-of-Year Outing (5:30-8p)
- Sun, 5/31 **End-Of-Year Cookout & Bonfire** (5-8p)



student
MINISTRY TEAM

Students Prepare for Mission Trips

School is almost out, which means preparations for our summer mission trips are underway!!

Our first mission trip this summer will be the senior high trip. Nearly 50 youth and adults will represent HFUMC and Christ during the ASP missions trip (June 7-13) to Washington County, Tennessee.

We have three special members on



our ASP missions roster — Aime, Moise, and Christian. They come to us from Legacy Village, the

refuge center in Nashville with which HFUMC began a relationship last Fall. Some of our students met residents of Legacy Village last November during a picnic we hosted for the refugees.

During the same month, our church also had the wonderful opportunity to meet William Mwizerwas (Director of Legacy Village) during the church-wide screening of a documentary about his family, "Through the Valley."



Aime, Moise, and Christian are excited to experience a missions trip here in the United States. Please join me in welcoming them to our missions team and praying for the incredible missions God has planned for our students this summer!



Next month, we'll highlight the junior high Youthworks mission trip, which will be July 5-10 in Birmingham, AL.

Please Join us in Prayer for our Graduates!

Please pray this month for our graduates- That God would bless them for their achievements, lead them through transitions to the next season of life, and continue to produce fruit through the seeds that have been sown these past years together.



Dear Church Family,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I have absolutely loved my time with you as a Pastor in my home church. It was my dream realized to return here and again work with Brother Ben. Keeping Ben active and mobile was an incredible blessing to me, and I recognize it was to many of you as well. We shared some very special moments with you which blessed my life and which I will never forget. With Ben's passing, it was time to reassess where God is calling me to be the hands and feet of Christ. After consultation and prayerful consideration, I have asked not to be reappointed to HFUMC.

I will be reappointed to continue as Master Chaplain with the Federation of Fire Chaplains and will return to wide area disaster response, where, as John Wesley said "The World is my Parrish". I will remain active as Firefighter/EMT/Chaplain with my local fire department, and Joni and I will continue to attend HFUMC.

Thank you so much for the words of encouragement and many cards of support over these years. They have been very uplifting, always just when I needed them. You are my dearest friends and family. May God continue to richly bless you and HFUMC.

Rev. Wynn Batson

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. of each month. The May 18th meeting will start at 10:30 AM. Lunch will follow the meeting at noon. The location is the Chocolate Covered Strawberry.

If you are interested in joining this friendly, warm-hearted group, please call 824-8725.



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.

CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER MINISTRY

The 19th Annual Ben Alexander Golf Scramble "The Big Ben" was a success in that we had twice the amount of teams as last year participate. The proceeds are being utilized to recondition the gymnasium floor, purchase additional workout equipment and to purchase two bicycles for Church Members to be able to sign out and use.



First Place—Score 55

**Boots Scott
Colin Bumgarner
Billy Scott
Michael Barnard**



Second Place—Score 57

**Chris Mullins
Tyson Pinkley
Michael McGrady
Jamie Wiggleton**



Third Place—Score 58

**Cam Mullins
Alex Mullins
Kyle Mullins
Paul Raynor**

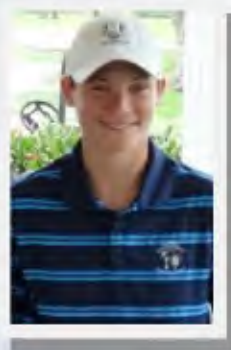
Closest to the Hole

Hole #11

Michael Barnard

Longest Drive

Billy Scott



CONGRATUTIONS!!

Michael Barnard

Ace on Hole #11

Our next tournament is scheduled for Long Hollow Golf Course on Saturday, October 17 with an 8 AM shotgun start . Put it on your calendar and join us for another wonderful day on the golf course.

June Newsletter Deadline: May 22nd