SEASON OF TRANSITION

Another school year is coming to an end for many. On Sunday, we recognized 10 High School Seniors about to graduate. In late June, you will receive a new pastor, Rev. Dan Camp and his wife, Lane. Transition is in the air.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

- a time to be born, and a time to die;
- a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
- a time to kill, and a time to heal;
- a time to break down, and a time to build up;
- a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
- a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
- a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
- a time to seek, and a time to lose;
- a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
- a time to tear, and a time to sew;
- a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
- a time to love, and a time to hate;
- a time for war, and a time for peace. (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

In this season of transition, my heart is pulled in many directions. We have mourned and laughed and loved together.

We are saddened to leave and ever so grateful for 3 wonderful years. You have been our extended family. Though we were surprised by the timing of this news, I trust and believe in the process and connection we are part of as a United Methodist Church. I am thankful for the opportunity it has provided me to be with you and for the place it leads me. I am appreciative for the opportunity through which it brings Dan to you. You will be under good leadership with Dan. He offers numerous gifts that will continue the building of God’s kingdom in faithful and fruitful ways in Covington and beyond. You will be in good hands!

Many of you have asked why the UM church moves ministers. An excerpt from an article from our bishop, Bill McAlilly, a few years back helps explains this:

“Our process (called itinerancy) is rooted in the Biblical understanding that God’s people are a sent people. Throughout Scripture, God is continually calling and sending persons into the mission field to offer the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I am thankful for the opportunity it has provided me to be with you and for the place it leads me. I am appreciative for the opportunity through which it brings Dan to you. You will be under good leadership with Dan. He offers numerous gifts that will continue the building of God’s kingdom in faithful and fruitful ways in Covington and beyond. You will be in good hands!

So in this season of transition, I lean on the verses from Proverbs 3:5-6 that I have shared with you before.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your (our) paths.

With much love,
Wade
UMW EVENT

United Methodist Women are planning a book sale for Sunday, September 10th. As you are doing your spring cleaning, if you have gently used books you would like to donate, please bring them to the church office. Money raised from the sale will be used for missions. For more information, contact Doris Ann Gray at dorisanngray1@gmail.com.

DECISION AMERICA TOUR

Join Franklin Graham and special guest Jeremy Camp for live music, prayer, and a message of hope. Two local events:

**Friday, May 19th**
Fairgrounds Park
Jackson, TN
7:30 p.m.

**Sunday, May 21st**
Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium
Memphis, TN
7:30 p.m.

For more information, visit their website, decisiontennessee.com or contact Brenda Wrather at 901-497-2067. The church van will be available for anyone needing a ride to Memphis.

SAVE THE DATES FOR VBS 2017
First United Methodist Church
July 9 - 12
Dinner begins at 5:30
NEW THIS YEAR - REGISTER ONLINE!!!
Register your children or volunteer your much needed talents!
Visit https://vbspro.events/p/events/afa024

Plans are being made for Vacation Bible School and supplies are needed. Please pick up an item or two when you shop and drop it in the donation box provided at the lower entrance of the Education Building or to the church office by June 4th.

- Small Packages of Wet Wipes
- Fine Tip Permanent Markers
- Colored Permanent Markers
- Rolls of Paper Towels
- Sandwich-Size Resealable Bags
- Quart-Size Resealable Bags
- Gallon-Size Resealable Bags
- 3-Ounce Plastic Cups
- 9-Ounce Plastic Cups
- 2-Ounce Plastic Condiment Cups with Lids
- Tennis Balls
- Masking Tape
- Brown Paper Lunch Bags
- Pool Noodles
- Colored Square Party Plates
- Rolls of Solid Colored Craft Paper
- Disposable Plastic Table Cloths
- (Any Color)
- Glue Dots
- Polyester Fiberfill
- Modeling Dough (Play-Doh)
- Clean Empty Tin Cans of Various Sizes
- Spray Bottles
CONGRATULATIONS!

Brandon and Amee Cromwell welcomed their daughter, Annamae Acee, May 3rd. She weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces. Her siblings are Laurin and Walt; great-grandmother is Bernie Liles.

Rachael Wolters and Spencer Atkins request the pleasure of your company at the celebration of their marriage

Sunday, May 21, 2017
3:30 p.m.
Sunflower Oak Farm
3083 E. Sheepneck Road
Culleoka, TN 38451

CONGRATULATIONS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

High School graduates were recognized Sunday, May 7th. Each student was presented a Bible by the church and honored during a luncheon hosted by the HOPE Sunday School Class. Houston Moss was the guest speaker.

May God bless each of you as you celebrate this important milestone and continue on life’s journey!

Pictured front row left to right: Porter Wright, Molly Turner, Aaron Rogers, Hannah Necaise, Abbey Beasley

Back row: Will Turner, Raygen Escue, Abby Naifeh, Jack Owen

Not Pictured: Matthew Baltimore

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CHILDREN’S CHURCH WORKERS

May 14
MorningSong: Laura Thornton and Maddie Smith (Brooke Shipley, emergency relief)
Traditional Service: Kacee McCalla (Jennifer Leyvas, emergency relief)
May 21
MorningSong: Sherrie Wright and Jonathan Stewart (Laura Thornton, emergency relief)
Traditional Service: Jenny Nix and Lydia Anderson (Beth Lockhart, emergency relief)

NURSERY WORKERS

May 14
MorningSong: Kathleen Burk and Katelyn Stewart (Annette Maxwell, emergency relief)
Traditional Service: JoAnne Cain and Jillian Hunter (Christina Jones, emergency relief)
May 21
MorningSong: Jennifer Winberry and Mary Catherine Turner (Joey Caldwell, emergency relief)
Traditional Service: Angela Clark and Brenna Grace Lockhart (Yvonne Bryant, emergency relief)

UPPER ROOM PRAYER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 14
MorningSong Service Voluntary Needed
Traditional Service Volunteers Needed

May 21
MorningSong Service Voluntary Needed
Traditional Service Cathy Adams

COMMUNION OFFERING

Thank you for your generous Communion offering of $700.00 to benefit the ministries of Eric and Liz Soard, United Methodist missionaries in Tanzania. Your gift will make a significant difference and impact in the lives of individuals and communities in Tanzania.

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

April 30, 2017
MorningSong - 101
Sunday School - 101
Traditional Worship - 129
Bread of Life Worship - Fifth Saturday
MorningSong Offering - $1,678.00
Traditional Worship Offering - $2,755.00

May 7, 2017
MorningSong - 96
Sunday School - 100
Traditional Worship - 216
Bread of Life Worship - 94
MorningSong Offering - $3,542.00
Traditional Worship Offering - $27,175.35
SAMARITAN FUND TOTALS

As of April 22 through May 5, 2017

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Children: 26 Senior Adults: 0 Adults: 47 Total Individuals: 73 Fixed Income: 8 Lost Jobs: 9

As of May 5, 2017

Samaritan Balance: $1,569.49

ROUNDUP UTILITY ASSISTANCE

April 22 through May 5, 2017

24 Households were interviewed

CES: 23 total households
3 approved totaling $ 401.66
20 declined totaling $2,087.13

CGWS: 2 total households
0 approved
2 declined totaling $117.54

AMANDA’S WAY

During Wednesday evening Bible study from January through April, children collected money to help Amanda’s Way, a domestic violence center in Covington. They brought in their spare change totaling $50 and presented it to Andrea Hopkins, founder of the organization, and Christie Jarvis, President. Thank you for your generous gift to help this worthwhile ministry!
Memorials and Tributes

In Memory of **Robbie Sue Anderson**
   Good Samaritan Fund by Donna Jones
In Honor of **Faye Beckett**
   Good Samaritan Fund by Skip and Kendy Erwin
In Memory of **Arnold Bull, Jr.**
   Children’s Fund and Worship Fund by Nadine Davis
In Memory of **Marguerite Cheairs**
   Children’s Fund and Worship Fund by Nadine Davis
In Memory of **Bill Earngey**
   Children’s Fund and Worship Fund by Nadine Davis
In Memory of **Larry Edwards**
   Good Samaritan Fund by Donna Jones
In Memory of **Kate Timberlake Leslie**
   Good Samaritan Fund by Donna Jones
In Memory of **Dave Marshall**
   Children’s Fund and Worship Fund by Nadine Davis
In Memory of **Pete McDow**
   Children’s Fund and Worship Fund by Nadine Davis
In Memory of **Walter McIntosh**
   Children’s Fund and Worship Fund by Nadine Davis
In Memory of **Hylda Sloan**
   Good Samaritan Fund by Donna Jones
In Memory of **Jerry Williams**
   Children’s Fund and Worship Fund by Nadine Davis
In Memory of **Sara Roper Shelton**
   Children’s Fund and Worship Fund by Nadine Davis

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

MEMPHIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

United Methodists from throughout West Tennessee and Western Kentucky will gather June 4th-6th at Collierville United Methodist Church, 454 W. Poplar Avenue in Collierville, for the 2017 Memphis Annual Conference. Lay delegates from Covington FUMC attending are **Helene Kramer, Beth Lockhart, Melissa Mitchell and Philip Sigler**. Rev. Wade Cox will participate as clergy delegate. Please be in prayer as they prepare.

Live streaming of the Conference will be available at: http://www.memphis-umc.net/.
Westy Adams  
Billy Anderson  
Bo Anderson  
Donna Beard  
Tom Bready  
Dot Butler  
Joe Campodonico  
Amber Corbitt Cimadevilla  
Cassie Evans  
Lauren Gilliland  
Marian Hendricks  
Becky Horstkoetter  
Janet Klutts  
Bernie Liles  
Lori Butler Lindley  
Donna Luckey  
Peggy Massey  
Charlie Moss  
Leonard Moss  
Billy Myers  
James Neely  
Velma Peeler  
Susan Pemberton  
Frank Racy  
Carolyn Rogers  
Colyn Rogers  
Lance Russell  
Mike Shankle  
BJ Smith  
Maurice Smith  
Jimmy Turner  
Bart White  
Ginny Whitehorn  
Camille Whitley  
Dr. Barney Witherington III  

Condolences to the families of:

**Billy Carver**, Allison David Carver’s husband, passed away May 7th. Allison is Rick David and Bo David’s sister.

**Billy Oldham**, Gina Shelley Oldham’s father-in-law, passed away May 7th.

**Geraldine Fowler**, grandmother of Jennifer Fowler Winberry, passed away May 9th.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

COUNSELING

**Faye Beckett**, D.C.C. 
Doctorate in Christian Counseling. For appointments call the 901-603-0456. Counseling Ministry: Empowering others to reach their God given purpose.

**Cindy Pease**, M.H.S.P., 
Licensed Professional Counselor, Nationally Certified. For appointments call the FUMC office 476-9694, ext. 17.

Counseling is available for individuals, couples or families. Fees are based on ability to pay.
WORSHIP TIMES

Morning Song Service  
Sundays at 8:30 a.m.  
Christian Life Center

Sunday School  
9:45 a.m.

Traditional Service  
Sundays at 11:00 a.m.  
Sanctuary

WORSHIP BROADCASTS

Live radio broadcast of the Traditional Worship on WKBL AM 1250 @ 11 a.m.

Delayed broadcast of the Traditional Worship on KBJ Cable TV, Channel 5 (city) and 19 (county) - Sundays at 1:00 p.m.; Tuesdays at 12 Noon.

MorningSong broadcast is on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. Also, live streaming of the traditional service is available at www.covingtonfumc.com. Both services are also archived at our website and can be viewed online anytime.

UNITED METHODIST NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Learn more about your Neighborhood Center:

Annual Awareness Day  
Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Bolton United Methodist Church  
7237 Brunswick Road  
Arlington, TN

Registration begins at 10:30 a.m./Program and lunch at 11:00 a.m.  
The keynote speaker will be Dr. Loretta Rudd with the topic, “The Importance of Early Childhood Education”.

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