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The "Write" Rev

As I write this, Hurricane Florence has begun her assault on the U. S. East Coast. People have been warned to evacuate areas in the path of the storm and to seek shelter and safety further inland. Sounds like good advice. But what about life's unexpected storms? What about those storms that take us by surprise and sometimes leave us broken and devastated? Well, I believe we can prepare for those storms too; we can prepare for the unexpected. Starting with our spirits, we can prepare ourselves to deal with the stresses and strain that come with the storms of life; we can stay prayed-up and connected with those who love us and can support us. We can become familiar enough with the scriptures to draw on them for strength and inspiration. We can keep an emergency pack ready, with food, water, medication, a first aid kit, etc. We can keep a rainy-day fund; some people suggest we need to save as much as enough to cover six months to a year without income. Its mighty hard to prepare for the storms of life in the midst of the storms of life! Peace!

Pastor Herbert

"Farewell" said to Dr. Fred Fielder

by Wanda Clay

There are a lot of unfilled positions at Clark following the passing of Dr. Fred Fielder. A dentist or a singer?

The senior choir, the male chorus, the most recent Unity Chorus, and the Voices of Clark which includes members of all choirs, are missing the baritone sound that Fred loved to sing so much.

He served on several boards throughout the church, such as the Committee on Finance and the Board of Trustees. If he did not hold an office, he was definitely involved by virtue of his positions through many organizations. As a member, Fred was an active participant of any and all events held at the church or sponsored by the church and activities off the church grounds especially to support other members!

As he was a great participant of not only Clark, he served diligently for many years, delivering meals every month for Bethlehem's Hot Lunch Cooperative Ministry Program-Meals On Wheels.

Clark has lost a true servant while heaven has gained one of its valuable angels who served with a smile that would light the entire room. While he would give the best hug, I can hear his most distinct voice as he says, "Bye Wanda Clay, take care."

As a long-time member, there are many memories that fill this church with his spirit. And, the most recent is that we end each service with the singing of "Unity." Dr. Fielder suggested to the pastor that we would lock hands in the showing of unity while we sing... "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for kindred to dwell in unity... Lord, we pray for unity."



6/16/33-7/21/18



On this Special Sunday of The United Methodist Church, not only do we celebrate our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, but we also come together as United Methodists to lift up underserved students with a special offering.

Our gifts help provide scholarships for racial and ethnic minority students, removing the financial obstacles for young men and women for whom education is difficult, if not impossible to access. Through our connectional giving, many first-generation students will be able to attend college.

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The word “SUDDENLY” appears in the bible 87 times (according to Google).

The bible says, "... and suddenly"...meaning that changes are being made at the blink of an eye, at the stroke of a pen, at the "drop of a hat." We have no warnings some times. As we walk through this life, it is sometimes hard to keep up (let alone, catch up) and vise-versa, so we must be ready for whatever comes. Keep a watchful eye and stay ready so you don't



have to “get” ready. And, when you find a sudden change (for the good or for the worse), just take a deep breath and pace yourself, taking one step at a time to conquer each situation.

How can I “be ready?” Simply, pray for a continuance of peace in your life and a life of readiness to handle situations without panic or stress.

Wanda Clay
"You caught me at the 'Write' time!"

CLARK SPOTLIGHT



Evelyn McKinney celebrates 90th birthday!



Ta'Kensnia Dowell

(2nd from left) standing with fellow interns for Freedom School at Gordon Memorial UMC during the summer.

Prayer Requests

Darlene Anderson
Calvin O. Atchison, Sr.
Grace Brady
James and Birdie Brown
Thelma Clanton
William Douglas
Lena Pearl Farrell
Vivian Fielder
Ruth Gadsden
Sandra Hayden
Sam Houston
Harold Jordan
Michele Lee
Leonard Morton
Kimberly Murray
Ernestyne Potts
Georgianna Priddy
David Pruitt
Edward Sadler
C. Pat Sharpe
Linda Starling
Sorena Street
Ira Thompson
William Thompson
Willa Taylor
Ludye Wallace
Billie J. Westmoreland

Please consult the church office to add names to the prayer list.

See article from Nurture & Membership Care in The Connection--March 2017.

Clark Nursery

Care is available during worship service



Ages 6 weeks - 4 years old
Closes 15 minutes after worship service
Located on the 2nd floor

Community...

Voting is one of our civic duties along with other civic involvement. At Clark, we strive to be an oasis of hope, health, healing and hospitality. In those efforts, we must seek those things that make us better stewards of our life and our future as our "brothers keepers."

October 21st-NOAH

Nashville Organized for Action and Hope will hold a public meeting with the Mayor and other city officials in order to answer questions regarding Affordable Housing, Criminal Justice & Economic Equity & Jobs and other issues surrounding the growth of our city.
www.noahtn.org

October 13-Mature Adult Ministry at Clark

Emergency Preparedness Seminar: floods, fires, tornadoes, etc. Where do we go? What do we do? Are you ready?
The United Methodist Men will also sponsor a presentation on Medicare Revealed.
Clark Memorial UMC
1014 14th Ave. N.
Nashville, TN 37208
12:00 Noon
615-329-4464

Happy Birthday



- 2nd Darlene Anderson
Phyllis Hildreth
Sharon Pillow
- 5th Alfreda Brown
- 6th Kimberly Stewart
- 7th Thurman McClenton
- 9th Jean Howard
- 10th Leonard Morton, Sr.
Andre C. Lee
Michelle Johnson
Thomasenia Williams
Lailah Stewart
- 11th Hilda Davis-Carroll
Cheryl Watkins
Melvin Rice, III
- 12th Martha Rucker
- 13th Jordan D. Chavis, III
LaTonya Rogers
- 14th Billie J. Westmoreland
- 15th Calvin Atchison, Sr.
Jessica Gray
- 16th Travis Lloyd
Quantin Wade
- 18th Loretta Lang Mason
Tishanna Poulson
- 19th Ethel Tropez
Robert N. Wallace
- 22nd Ruth Gadsden
- 23rd Richard Stewart
Hadley Pride
- 24th Jessie Smith
Mary Gandy
Julia Johnson
- 25th LaVera Thompson
- 29th Ebony Harris

Lectionary Scriptures

(PENTECOST II)



September 2

Song of Solomon-Mark 7:1-/, 1-15, 21-23, Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 (or Psalm 72), James 1:17-27

September 9

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23-Mark 7:24-37, Psalm 125 or 124, James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17

September 16-Proverbs

1:20-33, Mark 8:27-38, Psalm 19, James:1-12

September 23-Proverbs

31:10-31, Mark 9:30-37, Psalm 1, James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

September 30-Esther

7:1-6I, 9-10, 9:20-22, Mark 9:38-50, Psalm 124, James 5:13-20

August Bible Explorer:

How were the Jews instructed to celebrate the holiday: Purim?

July Bible Explorer: What interrupted Jesus' going to the house of Jairus in Mark 5? What was his response to the report that Jairus' daughter was dead? (*The woman with the issue of blood touched his garment. To the report of the daughter's death, he said "Don't be afraid, just keep trusting. Mark 5:36 CEB)*

Submitted by Grace Brady

BE ENCOURAGED...

If you always do what you've always done you will receive what you always have.
Dare to do a new thing!

Remember!!!

Announcements for Sunday bulletin and overhead projector are due prior to 12 noon on Wednesdays!

Deadline for OCTOBER newsletter is SEPTEMBER 15th!

Don't see your submission this month? ...read next month. Submissions must be under 200 words.

Connection submissions:

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It's Newsworthy!

We want to highlight
Clark's youth, adults,
ministries and businesses.
Submit information to the
editor if someone is having
a dance/music recital,
receives an award of
recognition, a new
position, etc.

2018 SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

3rd	LABOR DAY
8th	Christian Education & Discipleship @ 10am
9th	Youth mtg @ 12:30pm
16th	Community Ministries 12:30pm
17th	Committee on Finance mtg @ 5:30pm
22nd	UMW mtg @ 10am UMM mtg @ 10am
23rd	Worship & Celebration @ 12 noon
27th	Staff Parish mtg @ 5:30pm
29th	Nursery Team mtg @10am

Important

2,9,16,23,30	Sunday worship @ 10 am
4,11,18,25	Prayer Support Group mtg @ 5 pm
5,12,19,26	Mid-day/Mid week Service @ 12 NOON
	"Bread Bibles & Books" Bible Study @ 6 pm

Choir/Music Rehearsals

Male Chorus	Wednesdays @ 6:00-7:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir	Wednesdays @ 7-8:30 pm
Unity Chorus	Thursdays @ 7-8:30 pm
Voices of Clark	Wed. before 1st Sunday 7-8:30 pm
Hand Bells	Saturdays @ 10 am
Youth Choir	Saturdays @ 11:30 am

Questions contact Paula Holmes
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Charge Conference-Nov. 4th @ 12 noon

Check and share our website
www.ClarkUMCNashville.com

IN SYMPATHY

The Clark family extends deepest condolences to
members in the loss of their loved ones.
The families of Lee Pennington and Melvin Kirk

Pastoral Team

Rev. Dr. Herbert L. Lester, Jr., Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Williams, Assoc. Pastor
Rev. Richard Stewart, Pastoral Care

Support Team

Grace Brady, Church Council Chair
Marilyn M. Talbert, Spiritual Formation
Coordinator

Rebecca Lytle Hall, Lay Leader

"The Connection"

Wanda Clay, Editor

Helen Houston

Vivian Fielder Rosie Phelps

Janice Johnson, Adm. and Pastor's Asst.

Edna McDaniel, Church Secretary

Note: Meeting dates and times are sometimes subject to change

