

Remembering the Past, Celebrating the Future

A Brief History of FUMC Tullahoma and World War II

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During the 1940s, Tennesseans were dramatically affected by the events of World War II. As a result of the need for military services, many men and women participated in the war by serving as soldiers and medics. Some Tennesseans went overseas to Europe while others were stationed in the Pacific.

While many people participated as soldiers, others helped out on the home front by conserving food and recycling scrap materials. Some people also helped the war effort by working in vacated factory jobs. In Tennessee, many military bases like Camp Forrest, near Tullahoma, began to emerge as training centers for soldiers.



*Aerial View of Camp Forrest near Tullahoma in 1941
Image from the Tennessee State Library & Archives*

Although it has been many years since World War II ended, the significance of the events of World War II has been memorialized with two different plaques at First United Methodist Church of Tullahoma. One plaque that is placed on the wall in the historic sanctuary honors the memory of four members “who sacrificed their lives for democracy, peace, and justice in World War II.” The four members were: D.A. Daniel, Jr., Robert L. Dossett, Jr., Marvin W. Hammers, and William King.



The History Room at FUMC Tullahoma has a plaque commemorating World War II and other artifacts.

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The second plaque in the FUMC church building that memorializes World War II is a plaque located in the History Room. According to the plaque “the tower chimes system of this church is an offering of thanks for divine protection of their sons and the sons and daughters of their neighbors from the perils of air, land, and sea in World War II.”

Today, members and visitors of FUMC Tullahoma can view these plaques and be reminded about the importance of remembering historic events like World War II.