



Greetings!

My wife, Juliet, and I are absolutely thrilled to embark on our inspiring Christian journey alongside the warm community of Tullahoma First Methodist Church. The anticipation of discovering the rich tapestry of this church's history and, above all, the incredible stories of your faith walk with Christ fills us with immense joy.

Recognizing that each of us occupies a unique point in our spiritual journey, it's awe-inspiring to consider that our individual paths draw us closer to Christ, unifying us as the radiant Bride of Christ and the unified Body of Christ. As I step into this new chapter, I wholeheartedly embrace the learning process regarding TFMC, and I kindly ask for your understanding and guidance should I inadvertently stray from the path.

Looking ahead, I am eagerly preparing my inaugural sermon, which will delve into the essence of "What is a Methodist?" Stemming from there, I'm delighted to announce a captivating 12-part sermon series entitled "Loving Like God Loves." This transformative series will illuminate not only my own beliefs and Wesleyan theology but also its implications for each individual, our collective Church, and the limitless horizons that the Holy Spirit is ushering us towards.

Moreover, it brings us immense joy to share that we've secured a home just half a mile from the Church—a residence brimming with excitement and new beginnings. While I'm keeping this initial message concise due to the flurry of moving-related activities, please know that your prayers during this transitional phase mean the world to us. Indeed, the checklist seems to lengthen by the day, but we proceed with enthusiasm and faith.

May the blessings of the Almighty envelope each one of you,

Pastor Mike



Sunday Mornings*Nursery available from 8am-12noon***8am** Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary**9am** First Light Modern Service, Family Activity Center (*streamed live on Facebook*)**10am** Sunday School for all ages; various locations**10:30am** Dossett Chapel Sunday School**11am** Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary (*streamed live on Facebook*)Ongoing Activities**Tuesdays**

- Henry Center Food Pantry & Financial Assistance, 12-2pm
- Instrumental Ensemble, 5:15-6:15pm; Basement

Wednesdays

- Noon Prayer, 12-1pm; Sanctuary
- Wonderful Wednesdays: 3:30-4:30pm, Dossett Chapel

- Choir Ensemble, 5:30-6:30pm; Basement

- Handbells, 6:30-7:30pm; Basement

Thursdays

- Henry Center Food Pantry & Financial Assistance, 12-2pm
- Henry Center Clothes Closet, 12-2pm

What's Happening In September**September 4th** Labor Day Office Closed**September 5th** Golden Circle, 11:30am-1:00pm Davidson Hall**September 18th** UMW Meeting, 10:30-12:00pm; Davidson Hall**September 27th** Church Wide Fellowship, 5:00-7:00pm; 725 Old Shelbyville Highway

Sanctuary Music - Doug Clark, Music Director
Chris Blondin - Accompanist/Organist



“Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Ephesians 5:19-20

The **Sanctuary Choir**, **Instrumental Ensemble**, and **Canterbury Ringers** are committed to musical excellence, to glorify God, and to create a musical atmosphere in which our congregation can worship the Lord in spirit and truth. If you are interested in being a part of the Sanctuary Music program or have any questions, please contact Doug Clark at doug.fumc@gmail.com.

Sanctuary Choir:

The Sanctuary Choir is primarily made up of adults but is open to high school students as well.

The choir meets downstairs in the Choral Hall and is **Wednesdays at 5:30pm**.

Instrumental Ensemble:

The Instrumental Ensemble meets downstairs in the Instrumental Hall and is on **Tuesdays at 5:15pm**.

Canterbury Ringers:

The Canterbury Ringers are our handbell choir that meet downstairs next to the Choral Hall and meet **Wednesdays at 6:30pm**.

Mark 10:14-1

“Jesus said, ‘Let the Little Children come to me and do not hinder them for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.’”



Sunday Mornings

Nursery Hours
8 a.m. - 12 noon

Sunday School
10 a.m.; 2nd floor,
main building

Truth is important in our court system where a witness will raise their right hand and “swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help me God.” Stores and businesses sell their products and declare the truth about those products. Buying and selling property is based on the truth about the deed for the property. We expect people with whom we have dealings to be people of truth.

The Bible says that “God desires truth in the inner man,” **Psalm 51:6**. Truth produces many benefits, both physical and spiritual, “You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free,” **John 8:32**. Truth leads to transparency, having nothing to hide and will withstand whatever tests are given. The genuineness of truth will be validated by scrutiny and this will lead to trust. We trust what can be verified.

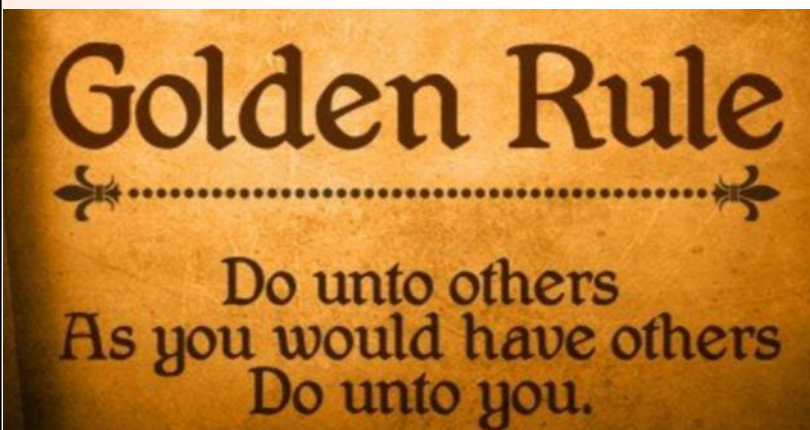
When deception is discovered, trust is lost and difficult to regain.

While the words of man are often false, the Bible is described as “The Word of Truth,” **2 Timothy 2:15**. We can trust that the actual names of people and places recorded in the Bible (and there are many) are factual. They have been proved over the centuries to be correct, “Your word is true from the beginning and every one of your righteous judgments endures forever,” **Psalm 119:160**.

The Golden Rule- Matthew (7:12): “In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.” This rule of conduct is a summary of the Christian’s duty to his neighbor and states a fundamental ethical principle. In its negative form, “Do not do to others what you would not like done to yourselves.” Such an easy concept that seems to have been forgotten and how we need more of in this day and time. Our society is quick to tear someone down but may we not forget, this is not of Jesus. Our children are watching and learning, may we be the change.

John 1:17 says “Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.” Jesus declared, “I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes unto the Father but by me,” **John 14:6**. Jesus is truth personified. He doesn’t just show us the truth, He is the truth!

***Check out more Children’s Ministry Updates on page 10.**



<u>September</u>		
15	Mom’s Work Day at Church	9 – 11:30
26	Church Wide Fellowship	5-7pm 725 Old Shelbyville Hwy
<u>October</u>		
8	Pack Food at Henry Center	10am meet in SOUL Lounge
15	Field Trip to Fill Food Box	10am meet in SOUL Lounge
27	Bonfire/S’mores	6pm Harrison Home
31	Trick or Treat – Downtown Tullahoma	3-5pm front lawn of church

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 SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY



Our Mystery trip was to Cedars of Lebanon State Park for a Broom Making demonstration by Tom Jones and lunch at Cracker Barrel. This was very educational, fun trip and the food delicious. Each participant received a handmade broom.



- September 4, Labor Day (office closed)
- September 5, Golden Circle
- October 3, Golden Circle
- October 18, Christmas Craft Project
- November 5, All Saint's Sunday
- November 7, Golden Circle
- November 12, Sunday Day of Service
- November 17, Play (Fayetteville)
- November 23, Thanksgiving
- November 26, Play (Murfreesboro)
- December 5, Golden Circle
- December 14, Tables of Christmas
- December 25-26, Christmas Holidays

 ~~October~~
CHRISTMAS IN JULY



Join us for Christmas Paper Ornaments, Wednesday, October 18 in FAC Building Dining Hall at 1:00 – 2:30 PM. This event is free but you do need to sign-up so materials can be prepared for you. We will be making three different ornaments. They are cute, fun and easy! Check them out on the Senior Adult Ministry bulletin board. If the weather is cool, we will have some spiced tea and cocoa.



I am not seeing much interest in the "Tables of Christmas" Event, Thursday, December 14, 2023. Those wishing to sponsor a table by decorating it and inviting guests to sit at their table can sign-up now. See sign-up list on Senior Adult Ministry Bulletin Board. Remember this is a free event.



“I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11(NIV) Of all God’s many kindnesses to us hope gives us strength to move toward. Place your hope in the One who knows your future and expect the best.

TULLAHOMA FIRST METHODIST — SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

September Birthdays

Fran Marcum, September 4
 Jeanne Bigger, September 6
 Juanita Bair, September 11
 Beverly Lindsay, September 19
 Gail Dean, September, 21
 Mary Parker, September 21
 Joy Cox, September 24
 Louise Bishop, September 25
 Diane Herron, September 26



golden circle September 5 will find Michelle Gibson of “Let’s Play Music” as our guest. This promises to be lots of fun so bring your pot luck dish and join us at 11:30 AM in the FAC building dining hall. There will be door prizes.



Festival of Wisdom & Grace was held at Lake Junaluska, August 21-24. Nancy Lawrence and Esther J, Sims attended this wonderful conference. Why not put this on you calendar for next year to attend,

Leslie Warren is passionate about her work with Centerstone Early Childhood Services. Check out the Senior Adult Ministry Bulletin Board to see how this program works.



It is not on our calendar of events for this year (but we can make it happen), if there is enough interest in going to Huntsville, Alabama or Shelbyville, Tennessee to see the Living Christmas Tree Program. Of course we will eat lunch or dinner depending on the time of performance. I just need to know if you are interested before I invest a lot of time and planning in this activity. The transportation and program will be at no cost. You may have to pay for your own lunch or dinner, just kidding, I’ll feed you too!

VISIT SENIOR ADULT BULLETIN BOARD FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

MISSIONS

...at home and around the world



SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY OF SERVICE

Sunday, November 12th

Join us as we serve our community through a variety of projects around Tullahoma!

For more information, see Michael Magrini or Evan Smith

GUATEMALA MISSION TEAM UPDATE



MEMBERS OF TFMC HAVE BEEN AN INTEGRAL PART OF MISSION TEAMS TRAVELING TO GUATEMALA FOR OVER 25 YEARS. THE TEAM'S PRIMARY FOCUS OVER THE YEARS HAS BEEN COMMUNITY SUPPORT, INCLUDING BUILDING AND RENOVATING SCHOOLS, CHURCHES AND MEDICAL FACILITIES IN RURAL GUATEMALA. FELIX US HAS BEEN THE LOCAL CONSTRUCTION LEAD FOR THESE EFFORTS. FELIX IS ALSO A METHODIST MINISTER. HE AND HIS MULTI-GENERATIONAL FAMILY CURRENTLY LIVE IN THE PARSONAGE CONNECTED TO HIS CHURCH IN LA TOMA. IF FELIX HAS TO RELINQUISH BEING PASTOR OF HIS CHURCH, HIS FAMILY WILL HAVE TO MOVE FROM THE PARSONAGE. THIS YEAR THE DECISION WAS MADE TO BUILD A HOME FOR FELIX AND HIS EXTENDED FAMILY. NEXT FEBRUARY THE TEAM WILL SPEND 10 DAYS ONSITE HELPING BUILD A PERMANENT HOME FOR THIS DEDICATED SERVANT OF GOD. THIS PROJECT IS FUNDED BY DONATIONS. IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A DONATION TO THIS PROJECT, PLEASE SEE KAREN IN THE FINANCE OFFICE.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Youth Bible Study | 10 a.m. Youth Room

High School Tribe | 6-7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Middle School Tribe | 6-7:30 p.m.

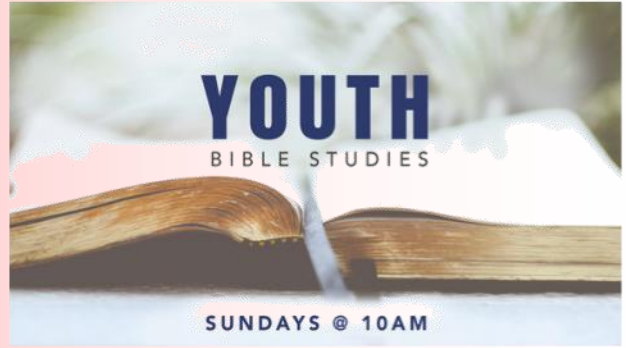
Disciple Bible Study | 6-8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Disc Golf at Sunrise Rotary Course EMS | 6 - 7:30 p.m.

EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

Middle School Night Out (Dinner & Escape Room) - Friday, September 15th



SEPTEMBER
 THE LIFE OF JOSHUA



**BETTER
 TOGETHER**

We are not meant to be Christ-followers on our own. We have been designed for community and enjoy countless blessings when we are an active part of a Christian community. Our September series in Tribe will focus on why we are "Better Together!"

SUNDAY SCHOOL

at Tullahoma First Methodist Church

MAIN BUILDING

Seekers | Chapel

Singles and Couples; Traditional Bible curriculum

Journey | Room 209 Balcony

Singles and Couples; Book studies / Books of the Bible

Hope | Room 211 Balcony

Couples; Bible based / Current event discussions

Questers | Room 213 Balcony

Singles and Couples; Traditional Bible curriculum

Married Folk | Room 112

Couples; Devotionals and Discussion

Children | SOUL Lounge (Children's Dept)

Pre-K-5th Grades; New Testament Studies

FAMILY ACTIVITY CENTER

Strangely Warmed | B2

Singles and Couple; Traditional Bible Curriculum

Youth | 6th-12th Youth Room

Youth Bible Study | Old & New Testaments



FALL WORD SEARCH

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| acorns | cobweb | harvest | October | seasons |
| apples | corn | hayride | orange | September |
| autumn | Fall | jackets | pumpkin | squash |
| bonfire | festivals | leaves | quilt | squirrel |
| brown | foliage | maize | rake | sweaters |
| chestnuts | football | migrate | red | Thanksgiving |
| chilly | gourds | November | scarecrow | wagons |
| cider | green | nuts | scenic | yellow |



Deuteronomy 6:6-7

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.



 **Auditions for handbell choir and for solos/duets**
 **will be Sept 3 at 1045 and Sept 10 at 1115. Sign in sheet will be at SS desk.**



Keeping In Prayers

Sharon Anderson (*Friend of Richard & Peggy Columbia*)
 Forrest & Amanda McCulloch (*Friends of Kelton Garner*)
 Champagne Rutledge
 Ryan Bond
 John Fetty

Jerry Thurman
 Anne Miller
 Paul Brotherton
 Mark & Rachael Chaney
 Katie Jo Bailey
 Ann Cunningham
 David Hess

Tom Berninger
 Janie Townes
 Larry Dickerson
 Jennifer Smith & Family
 (*niece of John & Jean Hill*)

If you have someone you would like to add to the prayer list, please contact the church office at 455-5434 or fumc@lighttube.net. Also, if you have updates about your loved one currently on the prayer list, please contact the office with that information. It is important for us to have the most accurate information so that we may provide the appropriate congregational care.

Finance

June 2023

Revenue

YTD Budget \$429,084
 Received \$368,731

Expenditures

YTD Budget \$429,084
 Disbursed \$383,037

Attendance

Average Attendance 2023

8:00 a.m. Worship	53
First Light Worship	147
11:00 a.m. Worship	95
Total	295
Sunday School	63

Memorials

Virgil Cline

from

Andian Bomer

Sarah & Craig Anderson, Abby Cline & Jane

Beunig

Charlotte Hatheway

Ann Hand

Gail Hines

Lex & Lynn Hutcheson

Martha Ervin

Caren C. Gabriel

Joyce & David Hiebert

Bryce & Tanna Heathcott

Gregory Allen Altum

Charlie & Janutia Bair

Amanda & Harry Kaupp, Jr.

Frances & Dan Marcum

Golden Circle



Bill & Bunny Comer
Tammy & Patrick Brown
William & Charlotte Bethmann
Mr. & Mrs. Dudley Tipps
Diane Chellstorp
C N & Linda Smith
Linda Rollins
Latham & Mary Davis
Judith & Sean Caulfield
Mrs. Loretta Welsh
Sheila Seay
Bethany Good Neighbors Club
Dennis & Sherry Horn
Rhetta Fann

Jim Mitchell

from

Charlotte Hatheway

William & Charlotte Bethmann

James & Lisa Henry

James & Joanna Reynolds

Amanda & Harry Kaupp, Jr.

Dan & Frances Marcum

Connect

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 Dossett Chapel
 Traditional Music Ministry
 Organist and Accompanist
 First Light Music Ministry
 Finance Assistant
 Facilitator

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TEXT IN CHURCH

To receive text messages & emails from the church to keep you in the loop

about everything that is going on, just text the word **church** to 931-452-4747 and click on the response. You may also sign up to receive texts from specific areas of ministry. For our Children's Ministry, text **children**; for our Senior Adults ministry, text **fumcsam**. Once your form is filled out, we will begin sending you all the info you'll need.



Our main Facebook page is First Methodist Church. We also have a **Youth** page - FUMC Tullahoma Youth Ministry; and a **Children's** page - Children's Ministry of FUMC Tullahoma.

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