



THE CHIMES

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ELIZABETHTON, TN



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church™

“We love him, because He first loved us.” John 4:19

“Love is Heaven on earth; since Heaven above would not be Heaven without it.” - William Penn

“We love Him;” Now that is a fascinating statement. If our life was a Valentine to God, how would we express our love? Would it be in our desire to be at worship with His church each Sunday? Have we prayed just to say, “I love you,” or only when we have a need? Does the way we love our neighbor reflect the way we love God?

There cannot be love without sacrifice; neither is their love without pain. Jesus on the cross is the greatest proof of that truth.

If Heaven mailed out Valentines I feel certain that they would say, “For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son...”

There is a reason that we love God: He first loved us. Every effort at true love is an attempt to be in God’s image. If He had not first loved us we would not even know how to love Him, or each other.

The Bible say that LOVE NEVER FAILS. Jesus walking out of the tomb is the greatest proof of that that truth.

**Grace and Peace,
Rev. Ray**





- 1st Caleb Tull
- 2nd Norma Tetrick, Timothy Lee
- 4th Jerry Hooper
- 7th Phyllis Meece
- 8th Jonathan Gwinn
- 11th Pat Amos
- 12th Carrie Seeley, Sharon Cox
- 15th Catherine Bunton, Tim Forinash, Joe Hoskins
- 18th Doug Canter, Sophie Peterson
- 20th Vickie Hyder, Mason Kechter
- 21st Keith Young
- 22nd Buford Hankins
- 23rd Jason Campbell
- 24th Matthew Kechter
- 25th Kit Crawford, Barry Tait

***Please advise Robin in the Church Office of additions or corrections**



Worship Committee

The Worship Committee will meet on Thursday,
February 11th at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
Please see Dona Dvorak for more information.

On Sunday, **January 31st** we will receive a
special **"Fifth Sunday Offering"** for **Holston
Home for Children** in Greenville.
Please notate "Holston Home" on the
memo line of your check or envelope.



Dear Church Members,

Thank you so much to the ladies that made all the
wonderful "goodies." It was so thoughtful and very
much appreciated!!! Also, thank you, Dona for delivering
them. We miss all of you and look forward to seeing
everybody soon!!

Love,

Claudette and Ken



Thank you so much to our church and friends
for your cards, prayers, and support. They
were and still are a comfort to me during this
difficult period. Your
thoughtfulness is very
much appreciated.

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In Memory

Donations to the church have been received in Memory of:

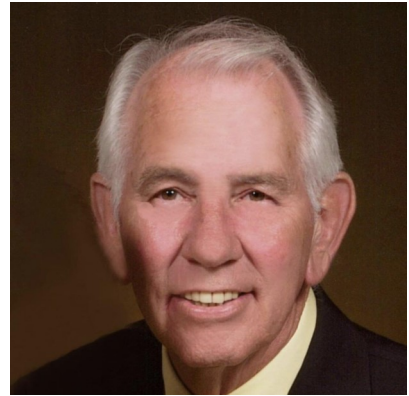
George Gwinn

Gayle & Jobelle Hood (General Memorial)

Jane Chambers (General Memorial)

Tom & Pam Witherspoon (Mobile Food Pantry)

Tommy Horton (Contingency Fund)



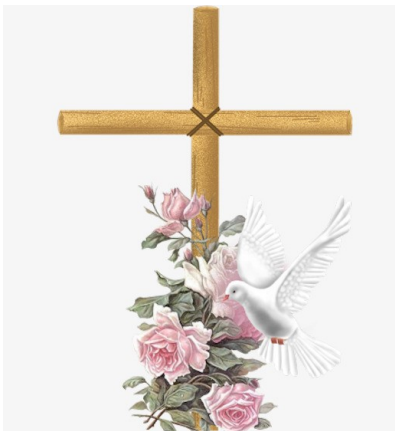
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Gayle & Jobelle Hood (Children's Ministry)

Pat Morton

Tom & Pam Witherspoon (Mobile Food Pantry)

David Hart (Mobile Food Pantry)





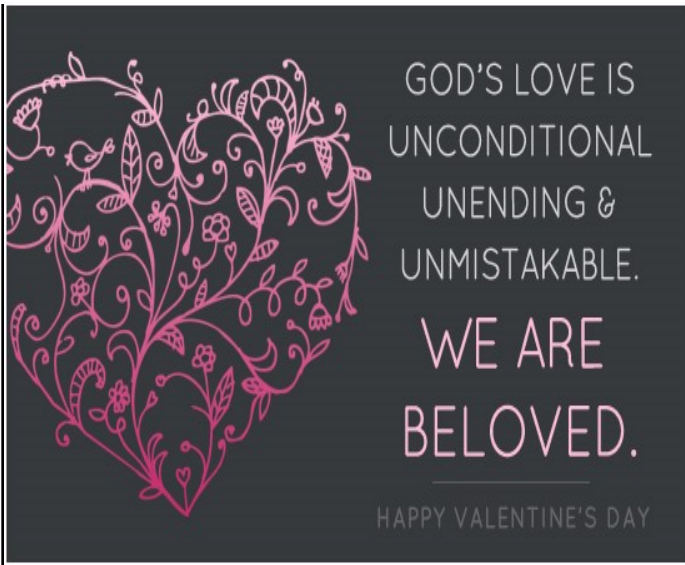
Bosco the FUMC scout elf had his work cut out for him this year. With many of the kids he loves to see attending church virtually Bosco had to find new and inventive ways to interact with them. He made his first sneaky appearance just after Thanksgiving as he always does. This year, to make his grand entrance he chose to put Christmas tape all over the doorways to the classroom.

With him, he brought gifts for all the FUMC kids. Elf-made Advent calendars with daily reminders to be thankful and count our blessings! Each child in attendance received an Advent calendar that morning. But what about the virtual church kiddos??? Imagine the surprise of the kids when pictures of Bosco delivering their very own Advent calendar to their front door began to appear.



Over the remaining Sundays of Advent, we found Bosco in some pretty funny places. We caught him rappelling down the staircase, sledding on paper towels in the classroom and even hanging upside down drinking pancake syrup! We always enjoy Bosco's visits and hate to see him go, but he gives us a reason to smile and laugh and remember how truly blessed we are.





Regular Weekly Schedule

Sunday Worship	10:00 AM
Sunday School	On hold due to COVID-19
Sunday Night Bible Study	On hold currently
Sunday Night 4:12 Jr. & Sr. High	5:30 PM - 7:45 PM
Wednesday Coolagers	On hold due to COVID-19
Wednesday Life Lessons	Online at 7:00 PM
Wednesday Choir Practice	On hold due to COVID-19

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	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> Terri Parker's Zoom Bible Study 10 AM & 6 PM	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
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<i>21</i> Worship Service 10:00 AM	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> Worship Service 10:00 AM						



MISSION OF THE MONTH

Red Legacy Recovery

Red Legacy Recovery's mission is to empower women in East TN with the skills they need to begin a new life in recovery from drug & alcohol addiction. They strive to equip each woman with the tools to be self-sufficient, self-confident & employed. Inspire change. Cultivate strength.

Red Legacy Recovery (RLR) has been serving all women offenders serving time at the Carter County Detention Center in Elizabethton, TN, since October 1, 2012. 95% of the inmates RLR serve admit to being an addict or alcoholic.

Red Legacy conducts life-skills training with approximately 60-80 offenders per session in bi-monthly classroom style workshops inside the jail. These RLR workshops include self-confidence/self-esteem, money management/household budgeting, job search/resume writing, dressing for success, job interview training, parenting skills, vision casting/goal setting, journal/creative writing, substance abuse recovery plan and release plan from jail. These workshops provide the necessary skills for these offenders to be able to not only gain self-confidence and self-esteem, but also prepare them for life outside of jail. Because of the skill sets taught at these workshops, these inmates are more likely to stay clean and sober and search for and obtain employment, saving the taxpayers' \$45-\$60 a day – the approximate cost to keep an inmate incarcerated. In addition, the children of these offenders will be forever impacted in a positive way due to the fact that their parent has a new outlook on life, a support system, and additional skills that will enable her to be a productive part of the community and household. Currently, 25% of RLR's time and resources are allocated to this program. RLR began providing public workshops in December of 2012. These "Public Workshops" are open to any woman in the community who is in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction, as well as our Red Legacy participants from the Carter County jail once they are released. RLR continues the same programs that are used inside the jail at these workshops. In addition, the 12-Step program is taught along with additional guest speakers included on occasion. Examples of guest speakers include representatives from CHIPS Domestic Violence Center, Carter County Adult Education, Milligan College, East Tennessee State University, and various attorneys that come to help educate offenders on the meaning of the law as it pertains to their cases.



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