



THE CHIMES

February 2022

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF



Elizabethton Tennessee

I was called to preach at a young age. After High School I served in the Air Force for four years. A couple of years after that I joined the United Methodist Church, and the District Superintendent of the Tazewell District back then appointed me to Garden and Keen Mountain churches in Buchanan County, Virginia. From that time until now Pat and I have been blessed to share in the lives of some wonderful congregations. We have never had a "bad appointment." Each one has had its own challenges, and each one has left a beautiful rose in our heart.

We cannot believe how quickly time has passed. As you know last June we celebrated our fiftieth wedding anniversary. The Lord has been so good to us. It is with many mixed emotions that we have decided that we should retire at Annual Conference this June. I am seventy years old and having served in the itinerant ministry for forty-six years it is time to have our own home and be prepared for whatever the future holds for us.

I do not look at retirement as having finished the work God has called me to do, but as an opportunity to continue serving the Lord as he opens new doors for us. The evening that the Charge Conference of Shady Grove UMC affirmed my call to ministry, Pat and I stood outside the church holding hands while nervously awaiting the vote. That evening the District Superintendent led us in the hymn, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord...I'll be what you want me to be." We may be retiring, but we are still holding hands and still singing the song.

This is not a decision that has been easy to make. Our life is about to change in ways unknown to us, but the Lord, who has brought us this far, will lead the rest of the way. We believe that is true for the church also. I pray that as the Staff Parish Committee works with the bishop and cabinet that God will send a pastor with the kind of vision that can lead you to new heights in the Kingdom of our Lord.

I have always said of Elizabethton First UMC that you have been the "icing on the cake" in our ministry. There are not enough words to say how much we love you. We still have a few months to share and work together; let's give the Lord our very best.

We Love You,

Rev Ray and Pat



February Mission of the Month

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.



Offering Counters

February 7th	Jean Madgett
February 14th	Susan Heaton
February 22nd	Dona Dvorak
February 28th	Jobelle Hood



Budget funds needed as of 1/23/22
\$36,450.20

Budget funds received through 1/23/22
\$34,010.04

*Mission of the Month (Huschka House)
received as of 1/23/22: **\$2125.00***

1st Caleb Tull
 2nd Norma Tetrick, Timothy Lee
 4th Jerry Hooper
 7th Phyllis Meece, Gerald Casbeer
 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, Matt Roark
 25th Kit Crawford, Barry Tait



***Please notify the Church Office of additions or corrections**

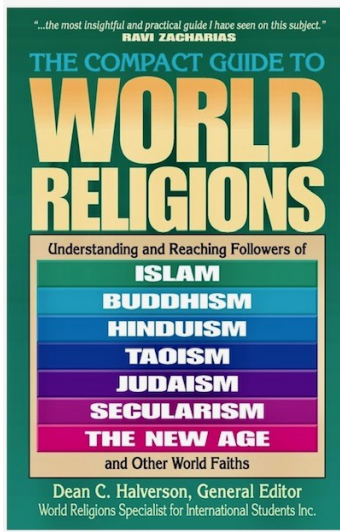


You are invited to join the Wortman family
 as they host a special fellowship time
 celebrating Phyllis Meece's 95th birthday
 on Sunday, February 9th.

**The Finance Committee will
 meet on Thursday,
 February 10th at 6:00 PM
 in the Fellowship Hall.**



**The Administrative Council will meet on Thursday,
 February 17th at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall.**



Winter Bible Study with Terri Parker Beginning February 1, 2022

Tuesdays 10:00-12:00 Noon (Fellowship Hall)
And 6:00—8:00 PM via Zoom

Our Winter Bible Session will be a continuation of the series on World Religious Traditions.

If you did not attend in the fall you can still come because each session stands on its own.



Worship Committee

The Worship Committee will meet on Thursday, February 3rd at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please see Dicky Lou Cantey for more information.

ALTAR FLOWER TRANSPORT VASE

Our inventory is low. If you have any of these vases previously picked up at the church, it would be greatly appreciated if you would bring them back to the church. Empty vases can be left in work room. Thanks!



Casserole Brigade

We are starting off our new year of 2022 with a new date for our Casserole Brigaders. We will be providing Casseroles for Loaves and Fishes Feeding Ministry on the Fourth Thursday of Each Month.

I will be contacting everyone on Monday of the week we will be serving. Our first serving for the new year will be Thursday, January 27th and February's date will be Thursday, February 24th.

We welcome any new Brigaders who would like to be involved in this food ministry serving those in need in our community.

Thanks FUMC Servants for All you do!

Much Love and Appreciation,

Susan Hathaway

423-895-2683





YOU are needed at the upcoming United Methodist Men's meeting. We are officially underway and looking for you at our next meeting.

If you are between the ages of 16 and ?? you are WELCOME and NEEDED!

There will be prayer, devotions, testimonials, and fellowship. Our next meeting will be Saturday, February 12th at 8:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee will be provided.



The Loving Hearts Card Ministry meets every other Monday in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 AM. Their next meeting will be on Monday, February 7th. Everyone is welcome to join in spreading cheer.



Join us on Wednesday nights at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall for "Life Lessons" with Rev. Ray



JOIN US FOR
BIBLE STUDY

Sunday Nights at 6:00

With Rev. Ray in the Fellowship Hall

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Reflections of Christmas Eve



Tom Tull and Justin Stanton



The Forinash Family



David & Teresa
Pinckard lighting
the Christmas Eve
Advent Candle



Welcome Brian & Sonja (Sunny) Tanner to our church family



Brian and Sunny joined our church family on Sunday, January 16th.



Life Lessons fun with Rev. Ray
and Jean Madgett.



In Memory

Donations to the church have been received in Memory of:



Rev. David Burkette

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Sam & Vickie Shipley (Worship Ministry Fund)

Ann Hampton

Gayle & Jobelle Hood (Children's Ministry)



Ann Hampton

Norma "Jean" Wortman

John & Margaret Holland (Children's Ministry)

Jonathan & Jill Bremer (Music Ministry)

Gayle & Jobelle Hood (Music Ministry)



Jean Wortman

Dr. John Crockett

Pamela Bashor (Music Ministry)



Dr. John Crockett

All members who passed in 2021

Jerri Sue Bowers (General Operating Fund)

Welcome to the world baby Tetrick!

On January 5, 2022, Tyler & Elizabeth Tetrick welcomed Tristan Donald Tetrick to the world! He weighed 8 lbs. & 4 oz. Proud grandparents are Richard & Norma Tetrick and Lynn Batson. He has a big sister, Charlotte.



Thank You.

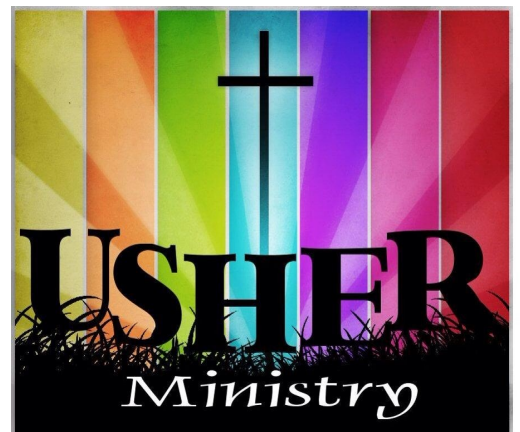


I would like to thank everyone for the calls, texts, memorials and prayers after the passing of my mother, Jean Wortman. Our church family is so very important to us. May God bless you for your kindness.

Dave Wortman

Usher Schedule

February 6th	Team 5 (Wesley Bradley-Captain)
February 13th	Team 6 (Richard Lovette-Captain)
February 20th	Team 7 (Scotty Bunton-Captain)
February 27th	Team 1 (Stan Bentley-Captain)





GOD'S LOVE IS
UNCONDITIONAL
UNENDING &
UNMISTAKABLE.
WE ARE
BELOVED.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Regular Weekly Schedule

Sunday Worship	10:00 AM
Sunday School	11:20 AM
Sunday Night Bible Study	6:00 PM
Sunday Night 4:12 Jr. & Sr. High	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Wednesday Life Lessons	6:00 PM
Wednesday Coolagers	6:00 PM
Wednesday Choir Practice	7:00 PM

February 2022

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1 Terri Parker Bible Study 10:00-12:00 Noon & 6-8 PM (Zoom)	2 <i>Life Lessons</i> 6:00 PM	3 Worship Meeting 7:00 PM	4	5
6 Worship 10 AM Communion Bible Study 6 PM	7 Card Ministry 10:00 AM	8 Terri Parker Bible Study 10:00-12:00 Noon & 6-8 PM (Zoom)	9 <i>Life Lessons</i> 6:00 PM	10 United Methodist <u>Women 1:00 PM</u> Finance Meeting 6:00 PM	11	12 United Methodist Men 8:00 AM
13 Worship 10 AM Bible Study 6 PM	14	15 Terri Parker Bible Study 10:00-12:00 Noon & 6-8 PM (Zoom)	16 <i>Life Lessons</i> 6:00 PM	17 Administrative Council Meeting 6:00 PM	18	19
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Acolyte Ministry

February 6th: Piper Kate & Millie
Acolyte Parent: Digby

February 13th: Sophie & Kate
Acolyte Parent: Campbell

February 20th: Jewell & Caroline
Acolyte Parent: Bentley

February 27th: Bentley & Taylor
Acolyte Parent: Forinash



Free Little Pantry Donations can be placed in the red tub beside the Memory Garden entrance of the first floor. Donation suggestions: small bottled water, drink pouches/boxes, nuts, nutrition bars, fruit cups, travel size toiletries, etc.

Thank you for your support!



Worship With Us
IN-PERSON & ONLINE
Sunday mornings at 10:00



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