



THE CHIMES

July 2021



Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, "Who is on the LORD'S side? Let him come unto me." Exodus 32:26

Some of us grew up in a time when faith and patriotism shared the church pews. Soldiers of the cross sang "God Bless America," and were no less a Christian for it. I still salute Old Glory, but, I Glory in the Cross. The Red, White and Blue still bring a tear to my eyes at its rising up, and coming down. That hasn't in the least changed my heart felt love for the words, "From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised." (Psalm 113:3).

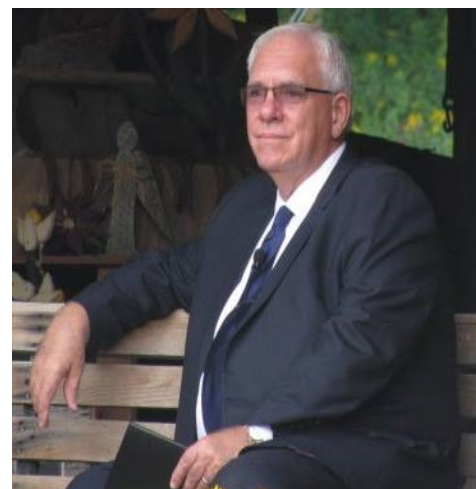
America has and will continue to experience heart-wrenching days. Faith and prayer have been the force that made enduring life through the storms possible. Soldiers on the battlefields have grabbed and held to the heart of God as they prayed. (Some people want worship to be neat and proper by the rules of right theology. That is the same kind of thinking that kept two religious leaders from stopping to help the Samaritan in the ditch.) If we know anything about pure worship, it is as messy as the cross. Some of the greatest moments between God and human kind have been in the thick of trouble when there was nothing, and no one, left to turn to but the Blessed Savior.

The noise of an approaching battle had already begun in a young soldier's mind. He knew the odds of victory were not in their favor, and he trembled with fear. That was when another seasoned soldier prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes and let him see!" The LORD opened the young man's eyes, and when he looked up, he saw that the hillside around Elisha was filled with horses and chariots of fire." (2 Kings 6:17).

July 4th is Independence Day. It is the day to thank God for blessing America, but to also pray and repent because we have wasted so many blessings in prodigal living. The wrong question is to ask if the Lord is on our side. The question that demands an answer is, "Who is on the Lord's side?"

Grace and Peace. Remember that the freedom we celebrate did not "just happen." May we pause, and give thanks,

Rev Ray



1st....Catherine Armstrong, Jean Madgett, Erin Weatherford
 4th....Claudette Howerton, Kitty Alexander
 8th....Lynn Anne Carroll, Bob Fleming
 9th....Tyler Fleming, Syd Joffe
 10th...Sid Smithdeal, Kate Blevins
 11th...Jackson Blevins
 13th...Casey Eryasa
 14th...Pat Waligroski
 15th...Elizabeth McPheeters
 17th...Sue Tester
 18th...Greg Powers
 19th...Laura Holland, Breanna Little, Jason Blevins
 21st...Bailey Gwinn, David LaPorte, Brent McCann, Connie Boudot,
 Jonathan Raulston, Ken Jarratt
 23rd...Jennifer Bradley
 26th...Don Cooper, Drake Lytton
 27th...Eriabella Weatherford
 29th...Martha Epperson, Marlo LaPorte
 30th...Dave Harrill, Fred Bowers, Mark Hale, Clay Gwinn
 31st...Doug Hulshult



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

Meet Our Team

LEARN ABOUT OUR STAFF

Robin Folse, Administrative Assistant

A Carter county native, coming to us from her beloved Roan Mountain. She is often called the "Face/Voice of the church" since most likely it will be her face or voice that will greet you if you come by during the week or give the church office a call. Robin joined the church staff in December 2006. She worked previously with the State of Tennessee at Roan Mountain State Park for 18 year with her last position there being park accountant.

Robin strives to be just as her title states, Administrative Assistant. If you need help, she will assist you to the best of her ability. Her favorite duty is performing work with "graphic art" area working with the bulletin and power points. She prides herself as always willing to lend a ear and possibly throw in her two cents. She strives to greet everyone with a smile, letting everyone know not only does FUMC love them, but more importantly God does.

She also helps in keeping the church website up to date and can be found in the balcony during services working as our video tech.



WOMEN'S Bible Study



The Tuesday Bible Study will be on hold this Summer. Terri hopes to meet with the group in the Fall.

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

July 11, 2021



IN REMEMBRANCE OF HIM

Setup: Justin & Becky
Clean Up: Chris & Mona

Servers: Stan & Margo Bentley
Ken & Nona Jarratt

Altar flowers are given for the Glory of God and.....

- June 6th: Given in loving memory of a special soul, *Charles Tittle*, who lives on in our hearts by **Mabe & Dakota**.
- June 13th: Given in loving memory of **Rick and Kimber Russell's** son, *Matthew*, who would have been 34 years old on June 13th.
- June 20th: Given in honor of *Rev. Ray & Pat* in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary from their **FUMC Family**.
- June 27th: Given in loving memory, of a loving father and husband, *Don Wiggins* by **Debby & Jim Nolan**.



In Memory of: Norman Green & Don Tetrick
Media Ministry (Father's Day)
By: Richard & Norma Tetrick

In Honor of: Jean Forinash
Peanut Butter Summer Lunch Program
By: Richard & Norma Tetrick

In Honor of: Rev. Ray & Pat Amos
Evangelism Fund
By: Don & Phyllis Owens

July Usher Schedule

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| July 4th | Team 2 (Greg Bowers-Captain) |
| July 11th | Team 3 (Kelly Geagley-Captain) |
| July 18th | Team 4 (Paul Powers-Captain) |
| July 25th | Team 5 (Wesley Bradley-Captain) |



The Administrative Council will meet on
Tuesday, June 29th at 6:00 PM in the
Fellowship Hall.

Sam Shipley

4:12 MINISTRIES

SUMMER OF MISSIONS AND MAYHEM 2021



This Summer we will doing “Day Trips” for some fun and fellowship & serving and sharing! Friends are welcome to join us!!

The plan is do some of these activities during June and July. Some will be during the week and some during the weekends. We will continue having Youth on Sunday evenings most Sundays. (Some activities may have a cost involved).

POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES

- ⇒ **Whitewater Rafting – Possibly an overnight trip!!**
- ⇒ **Tubing**
- ⇒ **Yard Work for our neighbors**
- ⇒ **Feeding the Hungry/Homeless**
- ⇒ **Grocery Shopping & Meal Delivery to those in need**
- ⇒ **Zip lining**
- ⇒ **Helping/Working with Kids**
- ⇒ **Lake Day/Pool Party**
- ⇒ **Mystery Day Trip to NC**
- ⇒ **Helping with VBS 7/26 – 7/30**

Summer of 2022 > 7-10 Day Mission Trip in June
Summer of 2023 > 7-10 Day International Mission Trip
- We will be doing Fundraising Events throughout 2022 -

VBS

July 26th-30th

Volunteer Bees are needed for this rotation/station style VBS. Your opportunities to serve are:

Small Hive Bee Keepers (taking small groups around to stations during rotation)

Carpenter Bees for crafts (oversee craft construction)

Queen Bees to teach lesson

Worker Bees to decorate prior to VBS and help take down decorations after VBS has ended.

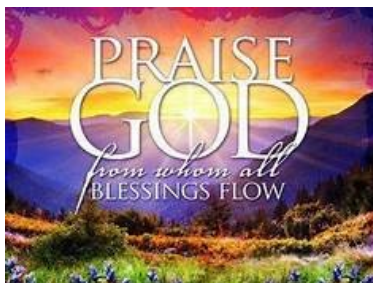
Please see Jennifer Bradley to sign up.
You will BEE blessed!!!



Pat and I are very happy to announce that I have officially been reappointed to Elizabethton First United Methodist Church for our eleventh year. We feel so blessed to be with this wonderful congregation who truly are family to us. We look forward to what the Lord will have us do together this year.

We love you.

Rev Ray and Pat



June 27th Sunday BACK TO SCHOOL Meeting

Please mark your calendar to attend a special meeting with your Sunday School Class immediately following our Sunday morning Worship Service on **June 27th**.

Everyone is asked to meet with their class to discuss and prepare for classes to resume in July.

JULY MISSION OF THE MONTH



TLC Community Center is a Christian Ministry located at 145 Judge Don Lewis Blvd, Elizabethton, TN, a familiar address to FUMC. Each month FUMC serves in the Food for the Multitude Program, a community meal ministry. The TLC Center provides their facility to Food for the Multitude. This is just one example of the generosity and love for the community that the TLC Community Center provides.

Founded originally in 1990 as Abortion Alternatives and Women's Center. The ministry focused on alternatives to abortion, pregnancy related services for women, men, and their families, and promoting abstinence as a safe healthy lifestyle for unmarried persons. The ministry flourished under the guidance and love of founder Angie Odom and soon grew into The TLC Community Center, which houses and provides a variety of services to their clients as well as their community through in house services and outreach programs and education in the schools.

FUMC is also familiar with another mission of TLC, The Summer Lunch Program. Yes, all those Monday Peanut butter Pal sandwiches are distributed by TLC. Throughout the summer with the help of local churches, businesses and volunteers, TLC distributes lunch to the children of the community.

Other TLC missions are: Mommy Mart, Soup Kitchen, Lending Libraries, and Bundle of Joy Program just to name a few.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER?

We have usually held our CPR class in February every other year, and were due to have it again in 2021. Unfortunately, like many other things, we needed to postpone the class until we were in a more comfortable living situation with COVID-19. We are finally at that point, and have scheduled the class for Saturday, July 24 at 10am. If you are interested in attending the class and renewing your card, or have any questions, please call Dona Dvorak at 423-957-0576. Toby Ritenour will again be our teacher.

Hope to see you there!

Dona



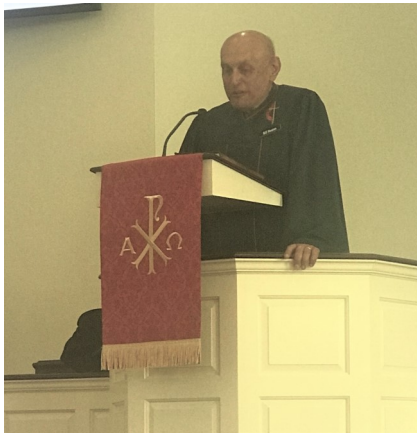
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

TITHES
AND OFFERINGS
COUNTERS

July 6, 2021	Susan Heaton
July 12, 2021	Dona Dvorak
July 19, 2021	Jobelle Hood
July 26, 2021	Jean Madgett







Let us
WORSHIP
Together







Welcome to the World Eleanor Roan!

Rochelle, Mike & Sophia welcomed Eleanor Roan into the world on May 27, 2021. She weighed 6 lbs., 2 oz. and was 19 inches of perfection!



Congratulations!

Tithe & Offering

GIVING BACK TO GOD



*Budget funds needed as of
6/20/21*

\$223,543.25

*Budget funds received through
6/20/21*

\$217,900.84

*Mission of the Month
(Appalachian Service Project)
received as of 6/20/21*

\$825.00



Worship Committee

The Worship Committee will meet on
Thursday, July 8th at 7:00 PM in the
Fellowship Hall. Please see Dona Dvorak
for more information.



2021 Summer Camp



Taylor Campbell

Peanut Butter Pals

We have been enjoying making 450 peanut butter sandwiches each Monday in the Fellowship Kitchen for the past two weeks! We had 18 pals join us this past serving on June 14th. This will continue until Monday, August 9th. Please come join the fun! This is a wonderful mission to help feed our county's children through the Summer Lunch Program. Heartfelt appreciation to all those who help in every way possible; because I most certainly need help! Thank you Pals for your servant's hearts! Much Love and Appreciation,

Susan Hathaway



Summer Blessing Bags Dedication

After that beautiful dedication on Sunday, June 13th, Red Legacy came by our church and picked up the twelve Blessing Baskets. Sam Loveday, the director, said a heartfelt "thank you" to our congregation for this generous outpouring of love and support.

I delivered the twenty seven Blessing Bags (a combination of children's, and male & female adult bags) to the Elizabethton, Carter County Library. Ashlee Williams also said a big "thank you" to our congregation and already knows who is in need of these bags.

The homeless population in our area visit the library often and these bags mean the world to them. Thank you so much FUMC for your servant's heart and you always come through for those in need in our community!

Much Love and Appreciation,

Susan Hathaway



In Memory

Donations to the church have been received in Memory of:

Dr. Charles Tittle



*Mas & Betty Konatsu (General Memorial Fund)
Richard & Norma Tetrick (Music Ministry)
John & Lanell Crockett (Music Ministry)
Gayle & Jobelle Hood (Music Ministry)
Leta Hale & Joyce Birchfield (Music Ministry)
Jean Madgett (Summer Lunch Ministry)*

Donna Tull Green (Tom Tull's Sister)

*Sam & Vickie Shipley (Music Ministry)
Scotty & Catherine Bunton (Music Ministry)
Jean Madgett (Music Ministry)*

Rob Fleming (Bob & Kitty Fleming's son)

Gayle & Jobelle Hood (Contingency Fund)

Cecil Jessee (Kathy Pierce's Brother)

*John & Lanell Crockett (Missions Ministry)
Gayle & Jobelle Hood (Worship Fund)*

George Simmons

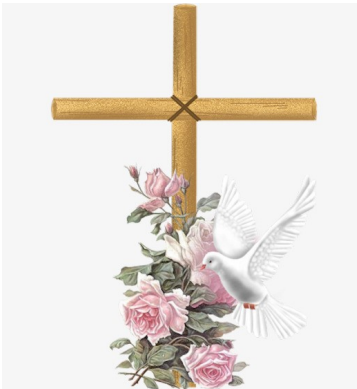
Bill & Catherine Armstrong (General Memorial)

Freddy Moore (Ann Hampton's Brother)

Jean Madgett (Summer Lunch Ministry)

Buddy Little (Chris Little's Father)

Richard & Norma Tetrick (Scholarship Ministry)



Pat and I would like to say "Thank You" for every act of kindness we have received for our fiftieth wedding anniversary. There have been so many that we cannot even begin to know how to respond to each one; and if we did, there are no words to describe the love and appreciation that we have in our hearts for you. There have been cards stacked on cards, gifts, text, email, phone calls, face book, flowers; and what a wonderful surprise celebration at church on Sunday morning.

We are so blessed to have you as a part of our life. We thank God for you, and pray that you can, and do know, the kind of happiness that we have found. Thank you, thank you, thank you from the depths of our heart.

We Love You, and God Bless each of you.

Rev. Ray and Pat





July 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 Choir Practice	7:00 PM

July 2021

Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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4 Worship 10 AM	5 <i>All Church</i> <i>Offices Closed</i>  Peanut Butter Pals 10:00 AM	6	7 Life Lessons 6 PM	8 Worship Meeting 7 PM	9	10
11 <i>Communion</i> Worship 10 AM Bible Study 6 PM	12 Peanut Butter Pals 10:00 AM	13	14 <i>Coolagers</i> 6:00 PM—8:00 PM Life Lessons 6 PM	15	16	17
18 Worship 10 AM Bible Study 6 PM	19 Peanut Butter Pals 10:00 AM	20	21 Life Lessons 6 PM	22	23	24
25 Worship 10 AM Bible Study 6 PM	26 Peanut Butter Pals 10:00 AM VBS	27 VBS	28 VBS Life Lessons 6 PM	29 VBS	30 VBS	31

Acolyte Ministry

July 4th: JoEllen
Acolyte Parent: Little

July 11th: Tori
Communion Sunday
Acolyte Parent: Casbeer

July 18th: Piper Kate
Acolyte Parent: Bennett

July 25th: TBA
Acolyte Parent: TBA



Acolyte Recognition Sunday June 13, 2021

Wesley Bradley and Rev. Ray presented certificates to our graduating Acolytes: Hannah Parlier, Porter Dillow, Ryan Jay Weatherford, Tori Casbeer, Cadie Digby, and Andrew Blevins. *Not pictured Sophia James*



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Sunday mornings at 10:00



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