



THE CHIMES

June 2020

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ELIZABETHTON, TN



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

In just a few days Pat and I will have been at Elizabethton nine years; and we count it all joy. You are a wonderful congregation and we are greatly blessed to be here. We begin this year in uncertain territory. These past few months of pandemic have been like a jigsaw puzzle that has been knocked off the table and we are trying to put it back together again. It will happen, but it is more difficult than we imagined.

I write this in May for the June Chimes, and we are not even certain if we will be in church by the time you read this. The pendulum swings back and forth, it always does; but it sometimes swings slow. Did Mrs. Noah ever get tired of staying cooped up in the Ark when the rain had stopped and Noah was at the window playing with birds? "Noah, come away from the window and open the door!"

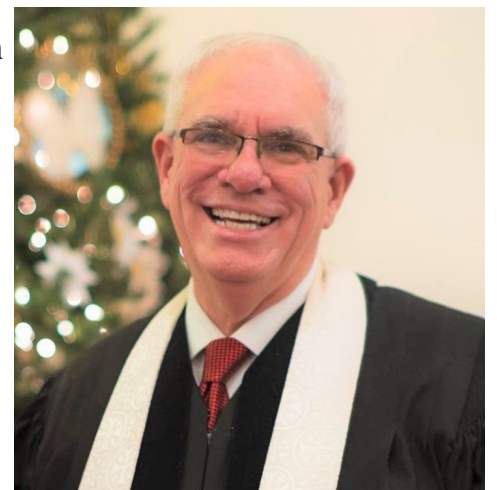
After national and world calamities we usually say that we will never be the same again. We humans are somewhat predictable and usually find our way back to "the same." Who wants a world without touch or not be able to sit together at a table? How can we be like Jesus and be afraid of one another (and I see that happening).

There is a balance to life when there is Love. When we love our neighbor as ourselves, then social distancing need not become the eleventh commandment. Jesus taught us the more excellent way so that we can live together as the body of Christ.

Sure it is wise to listen to the authorities who are doing their best to lead us through this situation. Let them do their work, but remember that as a church we have been given the care of souls. We hear the count each day of how many cases of corona there are; what if we had charts of how many cases of lost souls are around us? What has happened to that pandemic? What about the people who are dying of loneliness? We still have Christ given priorities that we are responsible for. I know the heart of this congregation, and I know we will do our best. I pray that God will grant us wisdom to do so in a way that is safe and effective. We have been placed here for such a time as this.

Grace and Peace,

Rev Ray



Please note that upcoming events listed in the newsletter are subject to change due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. We will keep you updated, as this pandemic is changing daily. Our prayer is that it will pass soon and we will all be together again.

Also, a special thank you to all who contributed photos for this edition: Joy McCray, Jean Madgett, Tammy Casbeer, Julie Bowers and Alicia Morton.

In Christ's Love

Vickie Shipley

Editor's Note 

Food For The Multitude

Our Food for the Multitude Program is also going to have a different look for the future. Our Council is meeting on Tuesday, June 9th, socially distancing at Memorial Presbyterian to discuss the look of our program and how it may be a little different. The TLC Center Kitchen remains closed and I will let everyone know our decisions after we meet. Again, I am sadI am missing our Fabulous Food for the Multitude Team, their dedication to our program, the fellowship and fun we have preparing and serving our meals, I am missing all of our friends who I sign in and visit with each time, our prayers together, and this wonderful mission of feeding those in need in our community. But again, our wonderful church will continue, but in a different way. Missing Our Food for the Multitude Group and Friends, *Susan Hathaway*



Summer Lunch Program

Sadly, the Summer Lunch Program that Angie Odom coordinates is going to have a different look for this summer. Instead of having the individual churches make sandwiches for her on different days of the week, she is buying whole loaves of bread, jars of peanut butter, and packs of bologna to give to the families weekly so they can have those for their families. She is also going to supplement with canned goods and non-perishable food. She is still going to serve the same children and families as before, just in a different way. She has asked each church to donate the money they would spend on the sandwiches if possible. Because the churches remain closed, and food preparation and the limited numbers to gather, sadly enough, Our Peanut Butter Pals will not be happening this summer.....I will miss this so much, especially our King, Paul Powers, the joy, the fun, the fellowship, the dancing and music, and seeing these wonderful pals coming together in love and fellowship to perform this great ministry for the children of our community. At least we know our wonderful mission-driven church is helping, just in a different way this summer. Our hearts and love remain with the children and their families. We had enough in our Summer Lunch Program Budget to send her a check for the amount of money we spend on all the supplies for the summer. God is Good! Missing our Peanut Butter Pals and Everyone, *Susan Hathaway*



Summer Blessing Bags

This wonderful mission our church does has not been forgotten nor neglected. I am waiting until the Elizabethton Public Library reopens and then I will think of some sort of plan for us to help with this. As soon as I hear of their reopening date, I will send a Church Email with the information. Love to all of our wonderful mission-driven, caring, and compassionate FUMC Congregation, *Susan Hathaway*





The Congregation of First United Methodist Church Of Elizabethton is cordially invited to attend a 100th Birthday Celebration for **Virginia Taylor Laws**, hosted by First Christian Church on Sunday, June 7th from 1:00—3:00 PM. No RSVP and No Gifts.

FUMC was the church in which Virginia grew up and she still feels a part of this extended church family. She is the sister of Patsy Goddard Longmire.



Tuesday Bible Studies

With Terri Parker



Because we are not yet certain when we will be transitioned back into the church building, Terri would like to offer a possible summer alternative.

If you are interested in a 6 week study in a Zoom classroom on Tuesdays, please Email, text or call Terri.

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423-201-5397



Please continue to keep your Secret Sister in your daily prayers and thanksgivings.

We still plan to have a reveal party when the church opens back up for gatherings.

The church roof and balcony have been repaired and we have no more leaks! Unfortunately, this has taken a big hit on our Building Funds for the year.

If you would like to designate an offering to this fund, please notate "building fund" on the memo line of your check. You may also donate online and select "building fund."





"I will
praise
God's
name in
song and
glorify
him with
thanksgiving."

Psalm 69:30





Drive-By
Parade for
Rev. Ray
And
Pat



1st....Sam Shipley, Meg Brown
 3rd...Cheryl Tupper, Jim McCall
 4th...Jackie West Jr., Robbie Walter
 7th...Vickie Shipley, Charles Hollowell
 8th...Annalee Tull-Lanier
 9th...Teresa Pinckard
 10th..Susan Huntington
 11th..Becky Powers
 12th..Joyce Manuel
 15th..Mary Hooper
 18th...Julie Bowers
 19th...Randall Bennett
 21st...Susan Heaton
 22nd..Dave Robbins, Mary Ryan
 23rd...Betsy Snyder, Mike Manuel, Ken Roberts
 24th...Jim Boudot
 27th...Frank Schaff, Anne Johnson, Maria Toniola
 28th...Jackie West Sr., David Burkette
 29th...Dick Ryan
 30th...Susan Carson



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

Happy Anniversary
Rev. Ray & Pat
Married 49 years
June 19th







Reagan Armstrong



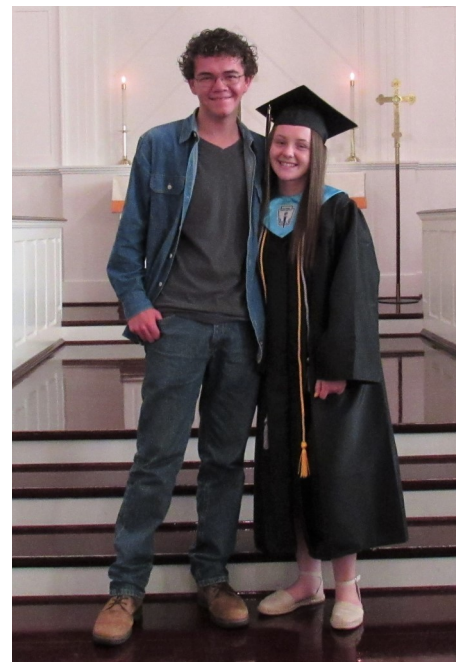
Delanie Faith Hyder



Joseph Kechter



Kayla Lenea Story



Timothy Giardina

JUNE MISSION OF THE MONTH



A Hand Up, Not a Hand Out

Holston Habitat for Humanity is part of a global, non-profit housing organization operated on Christian principles that seeks to put God's love into action by building homes, communities and hope. The affiliate's service area includes Sullivan, Washington, and Carter Counties in Tennessee, as well as the city of Bristol, Virginia.

Holston Habitat for Humanity seeks to share the love of Christ by creating partnerships with communities, families and volunteers to improve the quality of life for families in need by providing simple, affordable, and decent housing and opportunities for home ownership.

Each year churches of Holston Conference give loose change to benefit children's ministries in Holston Conference as well as United Methodist related ministries around the world. And every year, several groups receive this pocket change in the form of grants for programs that benefit children, such as those that provide food, daycare, and/or Bible studies.

To date we have collected \$144.60 through pocket change deposited in the boxes located throughout the church. If you would like to make a donation, please notate "Change for Children" on the memo line of your check or online donation. We will collect this offering for the 2020 Holston Conference through June 20th.



Holston Conference Takes Up Fight Against Opioid Addiction

Through a survey conducted in 2017 throughout Holston Conference, conference leaders were made aware that the number one social problem frequently expressed throughout East Tennessee, Southwest Virginia, and North Georgia is the impact of the opioid epidemic on communities. Tennessee, Virginia, and Georgia are in the top 10 states impacted by opioid overdose deaths. Tennessee is ranked first in the nation in opioid sales.

Given these findings, the June 2020 Holston Annual Conference missions offering will focus on opioid addiction. Monies donated by Conference churches will be used for grants to help churches begin new, or strengthen existing ministries that address the opioid crisis. Traditionally the annual conference missions offering garners more than \$100,000.



FUMC will collect this special missions offering through June 20th. Please help the Holston Conference equip churches who choose to be in ministry with families dealing with the opioid crisis. Please notate "Opioid Mission" on the memo line of your check or online donation.

In Memory

*Donations to the church have been
received in Memory of*

Imogene Markland



*General Memorial Fund by: Maryetta Elliott
Building Fund by: Gary & Meg Brown
Building Fund by: Sam & Vickie Shipley
General Memorial Fund by: Dona Dvorak
General Memorial Fund by: Believer's Sunday School Class
Food for the Multitude by: David & Debbie Wortman
Food for the Multitude by: Rodger & Linda Chapman
Food for the Multitude by: Glenn & Janice Bettis
Food for the Multitude by: Bob & Kitty Fleming
Food for the Multitude by: Darlene LaPorte
Food for the Multitude by: John & Lanelle Crockett
Food for the Multitude by: Susan Carson
Food for the Multitude by: Zoar UMC Seeker's Sunday School Class*

Donations to the church have been received in Memory of:

*Diane Webb Barfield by: Jane Dugger (Summer Lunch Program)
Don Oldfield by: Maryetta Elliott (2nd Harvest Mobile Food Pantry)
Bob Madgett by: Jean Madgett (Resurrection Cross—2nd Harvest)
Charles & Pearle Madgett by: Jean Madgett (Resurrection Cross—2nd Harvest)
Clarence & Helen Raulston by: Jean Madgett (Resurrection Cross—2nd Harvest)
Bob Madgett by: Elaine Proffitt (Memory Garden Fund)
Andy Hood, Leon Hood, Bob Madgett by: Penny Minton (Building Fund)*



*A donation to the church has been
received in honor of*

Von Luther

By: Keith & Stephanie Young



Regular Weekly Schedule

Sunday Morning Worship	9:55 AM
Sunday School	11:20 AM
Sunday Night 4:12 Jr. High	4:12—5:30 PM
Sunday Night 4:12 Sr. High	5:45—7:30 PM
Sunday Night Bible Study	6:00 PM
Wednesday Coolagers	6:00—7:00 PM
Wednesday Life Lessons	6:00 PM
Wednesday Choir Practice	7:00 PM

Schedule is contingent upon Church re-opening date

June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 <i>Food for Multitude Cancelled</i>
7	8	9 <i>2nd Harvest Cancelled</i>	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>
21 <i>Father's Day</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27 Virtual Annual Conference
28	29	30				

June Volunteers (Contingent on Church re-opening date)

USHERS

June 7th	Team 2
June 14th	Team 3
June 21st	Team 4
June 28th	Team 5

NURSERY

June 7th	Courtney Campbell
June 14th	Diana Strano
June 21st	Erin Weatherford
June 28th	Victoria Crockett

COUNTERS

June 2nd	Jean Forinash
June 8th	Susan Heaton
June 15th	Ruth Ritchie
June 22nd	Jean Madgett
June 29th	Dona Dvorak

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Join us!



IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

June 28th: Faith Builders Class

*Train a child
in the way
he should go,
and when he is
old he will not
turn from it.*

PROVERBS 22:6

Happy Father's Day



Sound Technician:

Austin Canter

Video Technician:

Robin Folse

Stewardship & Giving

Needed YTD—April 2020:	\$152,009.41
Received YTD—April 2020:	\$143,844.64
April Designated Givings:	\$32,283.99
Mission of the Month (Camp Bays Mtn):	\$560.00



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