



THE CHIMES

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ELIZABETHTON, TN



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

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“...he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.” Acts 16:34

C. H. Surgeon once wrote, "When home is ruled according to God's word, angels might be asked to stay with us, and they would not find themselves out of their element."

Every Christian has three homes: our domestic home, our Church home, and our Heavenly home. They are inseparable, in fact each day the first two are being merged a little more into our awaiting home of eternal joy. The Biblical story begins and ends with home and family in paradise. It is so because both are ruled by God. It is our Christian homes on earth that are in pursuit of, and struggling for, that better day.

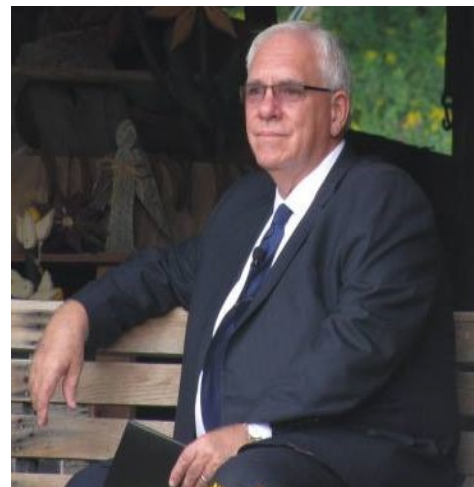
Perhaps few things are changing as quickly as the modern home. We must guard our household in days like these with the challenge of Joshua, "Choose today who you will serve, as for me and my house we will serve the Lord."

We who grew up with the influence of a Christian home are greatly blessed. It was Timothy's Mother and Grandmother who passed along genuine faith to him (2nd Timothy 1:5). From whom did you first catch the faith that led you to the Savior?

When the Philippians jailer was saved, the Bible says that "he and his entire family were baptized" (Acts 16:33). Call me simplistic, but I still believe that his home was such that everyone could say, "If it's good enough for my Father, it is good enough for me." We may not be able to choose the way our children will take in days to come, but we can choose to show them the Way of God.

There was once a time when a saying hung on the wall of almost every house, "Be it ever so humble, there is no place like home." November is a wonderful time to think about home.

Grace and Peace,
Rev Ray





Ed Waligroski
11/16/19



Dude LaPorte
12/23/19

Sunday, November 1st

9:00 AM and 11:00 PM Services



Joyce Willocks
12/25/19



Dave Forinash
12/29/19



Diane Barfield
3/1/20



Don Oldfield
3/28/20



Dorothy Burkette
1/2/20



Josh Wandell
2/15/20



Imogene Markland
5/9/20



Mary Sharp
8/13/20



In Memory

Donations to the church have been received in Memory of:

Mary Sharp

Building Fund by: David & Debbie Wortman

Building Fund by: Phyllis Meece

General Memorial Fund by: Tom & Pam Witherspoon



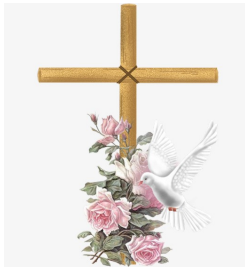
Donations to the church have been received in Memory of:

Ron Laws by: Phyllis Meece (Building Fund)

Carroll & Joyce Broome by: James & Jama Frazier

Howard & Marie Matherly by: James & Jama Frazier

Tiffany Wortman Jones by: Phyllis Meece (Tiffany Wortman Jones Children's Ministry Fund and Tiffany Wortman Jones Youth Ministry Fund)



Pastor Appreciation Donations In honor of Rev. Ray and Pat

Parsonage Fund by: Phyllis Meece

Parsonage Fund by: Gary & Meg Brown

Parsonage Fund by: Maryetta Elliott



A special "thank you" to Gordon Lynn Carroll and Bob & Lynn Anne Carroll for going the extra mile to keep our church sanitized against COVID-19 during this pandemic.

Growing Together in Christ





Save the Date!

Operation Christmas Child is going to be sending shoeboxes to children all over the world again this year.

We have the opportunity to work at the Processing Center in Boone, North Carolina on December 15, 2020, from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM. They are planning on using social distancing, masks, and hand sanitizing and/or gloves to maintain a COVID-19 protocol. Wes Bradley has volunteered to drive the church bus, as he has done so well in previous years. Watch the kneemail and church bulletins for further information regarding signups. If you have never done this before, it's an amazing chance to work in a ministry that carries the name of the Lord to many places that it has never been heard. It's a lot of fun, too!

It's also time to begin to get together your items to pack one or more shoeboxes yourself. The boxes will be available in the Conference Room beside the Fellowship Hall, starting on the eighth of November; we will take the boxes with us when we work our shift.

Thanks

Dona Dvorak



Veteran's Day Service

November 8, 2020 (9:00 & 11:00)

On Sunday, November 8th, we will honor our FUMC veterans with a special video presentation. If you do not have your veteran photo on file, or would like to update your photo, please email your picture and service information to Robin in the church office at soblessed@fumcelizabethton.com. You may also drop off your picture in the church office to be scanned. Deadline for submission is November 2nd.



November 1, 2020

We are excited to announce that Sunday Night Bible Study will resume on November 1st at 6:00 PM. We will socially distance in the Fellowship Hall. Masks will be provided for those who do not have one.

All are welcome!



Worship Committee

The Worship Committee will meet on Thursday, November 12th at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please see Dona Dvorak for more information.

On Sunday, November 29th we will receive a special **"Fifth Sunday Offering"** for **Holston Home for Children** in Greeneville. Please notate "Holston Home" on the memo line of your check or envelope.



Thank you to our wonderful church family for your prayers, your thoughts, your text messages, e-mails, and cards. Pastor Ray was right there with me helping every way he could. Our church is a loving church and I am blessed to be a part of it. By the time you read this I should be just about healed up from COVID. Love to each of you.

Richard Tetrick



Save the Date!

We will be decorating the church for the Christmas season on Sunday, November 22nd. If you would like to volunteer, please see **Rochelle James** for more information.

1st....Bill Armstrong, Heather (*Walter*) Felix dos Reis
 2nd...Nancy Nornhold
 3rd....George Gwinn Jr., Tyler Hyder, Hannah Hulshult
 4th.....Jonathan Bremer, Dona Dvorak
 7th....Alan Bowers
 8th....Dorothy Holsclaw
 9th....Pat Blankenship, Addison Freeman, Danny Street
 10th..Victoria Casbeer, Darlene Oldfield
 11th..Richard Tetrick
 13th...Iuliia Raketska, Chris Geagley
 16th...Richard Lovette Jr.
 18th...Beth Livingston
 19th...Linda Brown
 20th...Gaye Stanton, Rachel McCann, Elizabeth Wandell
 21st...Rylee Tester
 22nd..Millard Day
 23rd...Rachel Hulshult, Maxine Davidson
 24th...Riley Jones
 27th...Margaret Holland, Jim Nolan, Gilbert McPheeters
 29th...Harold Hall



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

OUR MISSION OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUE!

Many thanks to Lanelle Crockett and the Second Harvest fund. As we have been unable to hold the monthly food distribution at FUMC, we used some of those funds to make 20 more **Blessing Bags** for the needy in our community. Thank you for supporting our efforts to show Elizabethton that we care.

Also, we gathered 44 brassieres to take to *The River* for their “**Over the Shoulder Boulder Holder**” event. Your contributions will help the women who look to this community outreach for help with a clean, safe, low cost way to meet basic needs on a daily basis.

Blessings,

Dona Dvorak





Regular Weekly Schedule

Sunday Worship	9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Sunday School	On hold due to COVID-19
Sunday Night Bible Study	6:00 PM
Sunday Night 4:12 Jr. High	On hold due to COVID-19
Sunday Night 4:12 Sr. High	On hold due to COVID-19
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

The calendar is subject to change as we resume normal activities

November 2020

Sun

Mon




Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1 Worship 9 & 11 AM All Saints Day Bible Study 6:00 PM	2	3 Terri Parker's Zoom Bible Study 10:00 AM—Noon 6:00 PM—8:00	4 Life Lessons Online 7:00 PM	5	6	7
8 Worship 9 & 11 AM Veteran's Day Service Bible Study 6:00 PM	9	10 Terri Parker's Zoom Bible Study 10:00 AM—Noon 6:00 PM—8:00	11 Life Lessons Online 7:00 PM	12 Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	13	14
15 Worship 9 & 11 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM	16	17	18 Life Lessons Online 7:00 PM	19	20	21
22 Worship 9 & 11 AM Thanksgiving Service Decorate Church Bible Study 6:00 PM	23	24	25 Church Offices Closed 	26 Church Offices Closed 	27 Church Offices Closed 	28
29 1st Sunday of Advent Worship 9 & 11 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM	30					

NOVEMBER 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.

Please consider giving a monetary donation to this worthy ministry which continues to operate solely from donations.



OFFERING COUNTERS

November 2nd

November 9th

November 16th

November 23rd

November 30th

Susan Heaton

Jean Madgett

Dona Dvorak

Jobelle Hood

Jean Forinash



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