



THE CHIMES

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ELIZABETHTON, TN*



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

On June 9th, 1972 Pat and I were living in Rapid City, South Dakota when it experienced one of the nations worst flood disasters. Over 200 people died when a dam broke in the night. Reader's Digest printed a story about it: "A Night of Terror in Rapid City." Rapid City has recovered from that terrible time, and its long night has become a new day.

God is faithful to bring a new day and joy in the morning. Some say that time heals all things. I am not sure that is true. It puts a distances between the present and past events, but healing comes from the Lord.

Perhaps some are experiencing chaos today. Remember that nothing is impossible with God. He took chaos and created a beautiful world; just think what He can do with our situation if we will only surrender it to Him. If time has failed to heal, and all your efforts haven't worked; let go of it and, with both hands, take hold of God. He knows the way through our wilderness, troubles, and trials.

Once when we were going through an impossible trouble, I got in my car and started driving toward the sun. When I pulled down the visor there was a note from one of our children, "Dad, I love you, 'TRUST HIM.'" The problem did not vanish right away, but my heart found a reason to keep hope alive. Know that you are loved today; and TRUST HIM.

*Grace and Peace,
Rev Ray*



SUMMER MUSIC AT FUMC

By: Tyler Fleming



As most of you know, our choir members take a brief vacation from singing and join with their families and friends in the congregation for a few weeks each summer. In their absence, we have been fortunate and blessed with some beautiful music.

On July 6, for their final anthem, the chancel choir with David Arney organist, Sam Shipley, percussion and Joey Chafatelli, trumpet, performed a stirring rendition of “The Battle Hymn of the Republic.” This was a powerful performance of this traditional hymn and arranged in the 1940’s. Our veterans led our choir and congregation in the singing of “America the Beautiful” to conclude this service.

On July 13, we were blessed with the music of Loretta Bowers and members of her family. The entire family sang several traditional hymns and solos. Loretta’s sister, Teresa Bowers, a long-time professional musician from New York City, with her husband sang a beautiful duet. We closed the service as the Bowers family led the congregational singing of Amazing Grace. This was a special time of worship for our church.

On July 20, FUMC member, Joy McCray led our music. Joy played her guitar and sang a touching arrangement of “Oceans” from Hillsongs United. Joy also leads music for the Emmaus Walks in Johnson City. We are blessed to have the talents of Joy and many others as a part of our church.

Following are plans for special music and guest musicians during the coming weeks.

July 27 – Julia Schubert, FUMC high school student will join with David, Catherine and Tom for special piano, organ and keyboard musical settings. Julia is a very talented young musician and we are fortunate to have her as a part of the FUMC music ministry.

August 3 – Beth Snapp, female vocalist and recording artist from Kingsport, Tennessee will present music for this service.

August 10 – Hannah Hulshult will be singing a solo for the service. This will be Hannah’s final “swan song” as she departs for Wake Forest to begin her college years. Good luck to Hannah!

The FUMC chancel choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, August 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. They will be leading worship from the choir loft on August 10.



SECOND HARVEST FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

Next pantry date: August 12th. Contact Lanelle Crockett to volunteer.

The FUMC Mobile Food Pantry has touched many lives through the generosity of our church family. We recently received two thank you notes which we would like to share with you.

Thanks to all who faithfully help prepare for the food ministry- every month. Also, thanks for the extra stuff- the winter coats, the lotions, the bathroom paper, and the bedding. I picked out a blue blanket that I'm using.

Thanks to Gwen (Chambers) for taking the time to make so many delicious cookies for the food ministry. I used to like baking, but only stopped because of my present living situation. So your home-made cookies are a nice treat.

We do give thanks for Gwen Chambers who was a faithful supporter of the food pantry and frequently baked cookies, along with Pat Blankenship, to show kindness and hospitality to all who come. Gwen will be missed in this ministry, and in all aspects of church life at FUMC.



Beginning in September, we will again request a food or toiletry item monthly from the church to supplement the items brought by Second Harvest. Watch for fliers posted in the church of needed item.



Food for the Multitude & Summer Lunch Program

By: Susan Hathaway

Food for the Multitude

Food for the Multitude has been serving from 200-220 meals each month. Our TLC Center is now air-conditioned and heated which is wonderful! Our next serving rotation is Saturday, August 30th at the TLC Center 145 Judge Don Lewis Road, Elizabethton. Any questions feel free to call Susan Hathaway 895-28683. Thanks to all who help in any way for this great local community mission.

Summer Lunch Program

Our peanut butter sandwich making for the children of our community has come to an end, with the beginning of school. Many thanks to all the wonderful and fast volunteers who have helped make this a success! We have roughly made 3,850 peanut butter sandwiches this summer! Wow! We have had an average of 10 volunteers each time! Again, so much thanks and appreciation to all who have helped in any way! Susan



We will play BUNCO on Monday August 25th at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall. There will be prizes and refreshments. Let 'em roll!

Sarah and Ron Laws



The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that the Klink-Crowe Scholarship funds for the Fall semester of 2014 have been disbursed. Six applicants who met the stated criteria have each received a check for \$1,000.



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Music Ministry/Organ Fund ~ In Memory of:

Charlene Kane by Bob & Jean Madgett
Gwen Chambers by Goldean Deal
Gwen Chambers by Imogene Markland
Gwen Chambers by Gayle and Jobelle Hood
Gwen Chambers by Dr. and Mrs. Joe Chambers
Gwen Chambers by Jennifer Birchfield
Ivan "Bud" Bailey by Jennifer Birchfield
Gwen Chambers by John and Cindy West
Gwen Chambers by Sam and Vickie Shipley
Ivan "Bud" Bailey by Sam and Vickie Shipley
Brenda Ryan by Sam and Vickie Shipley

Youth Fund ~ In Memory of:

Gwen Chambers by Joanne Blair
Ivan "Bud" Bailey by Joanne Blair

Worship Fund ~ In Memory of:

Gwen Chambers by Greg, Julie, Alan, and Daniel Bowers



(Photo courtesy of Gaye Stanton)

This beautiful fountain in our Memory Garden was recently donated in Memory of John Wagner Sr.

You are such a GIVING group of people! Thank you for your contributions to our mission trip to Paraguay. We received:

148 adult toothbrushes, 83 tubes adult toothpaste
49 children's toothbrushes, 39 tubes children's toothpaste
177 pairs reading glasses
30 pairs sunglasses
57 pairs used glasses
2 large WalMart bags eyeglass cases
1 lice kit
Cash, including \$500 from the Missions Committee (used for medicines)

All that fit into two large suitcases. There are many happy, smiling faces in Paraguay because of you. We saw 1636 patients in 4 1/2 days of clinics, and had 336 decisions for Christ!

Dona Dvorak



My Friend Gwen By Trudy Tait

**My friend Gwen has taken her flight:
Soared high, out of sight, for a while, that is,
Yes, just for a while.
But right now, I miss her very much.**

**Just the other day, I very nearly picked up the receiver,
Dialed her number, and said,
“I’ve something I want to tell you.”
Then it hit me full force,
There’s no one on the other end of the line anymore!
No one to tell me to:
Just be myself;
Realize my true potential;
And face the truth, the world, and the devil!**

**Yes, I miss my friend terribly and wonder:
Is she laughing just now with God and the angels?
For how can she be sad with:
Every doubt resolved,
Every wound healed,
And all tears wiped away?
No weakness;
No pain;
No worry;
Set free at last--to worship and love and praise!**

**So, I repeat, how can she be sad?
And I somehow suspect that she’s as useful in Heaven as she was on earth:
Maybe she’s hosting a celestial supper;
Or visiting the heavenly library,
Or helping God plan for some future millennium,
When He will right the weary world she’s left behind.**

**Oh, and one thing more.
If they do play games in Heaven,
Then she may be playing Ingenius right now,
Or telling God straight what she thinks of Heaven.
And I’m sure He’s straightening her out, too,
Softening her moods;
Sweetening her tongue;
Erasing her doubts;**

**Oh, but what do I know of Heaven?
Not very much.
But this I do know:
That Gwen is now safe at Home;
Safe in His arms;
And I am glad!**



2nd.....Greg Bowers, Millie Digby
 9th.....Anne Austin
 10th.....Tyler Lee
 13th.....Carrie Lee
 15th.....Donna Stanton, Samantha Williams
 17th.....Becky Hale
 18th.....Anna Sue Jones, Tyrese Fields, Maurice Fields
 19th.....Tanner James
 22nd....David Deal, Susan Jarvis
 23rd.....Jim Hardin
 25th.....Jean Crockett, Wil McNeeley, Virginia Sparger
 And Ryan J. Weatherford
 27th.....Sara McCann, Matthew Schaff
 28th.....Cagney Bennett
 29th....Patsy Goddard-Longmire
 31st.....Rev. Raymond Amos



AUGUST RUNABOUTS OUTING

Something exciting and fun!

What: Murder Mystery Dinner Theater

Where: Smokehouse BBQ Restaurant, 1941 Milligan Hwy, Elizabethton

When: Saturday, August 16 at 6pm

Cost: TBD + cost of dinner

We will need to make reservations, so please sign up for this fun "whodunit" evening **PRIOR TO August 9th.**

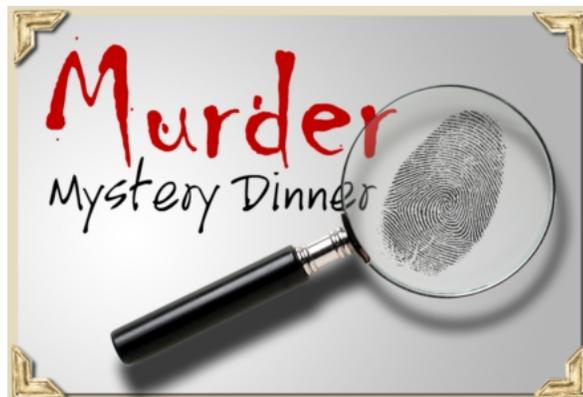
Thanks!

Carrie and Tim

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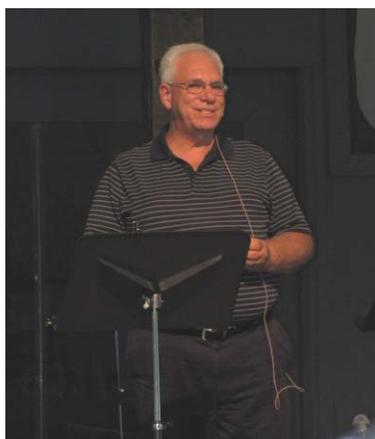


acolyte training

Training for Acolytes will be Sunday, August 3rd during the Sunday School hour. Please make a note on your calendar. Please notify Diane Walter at 341-5405 if you cannot attend. Parents please plan to attend the training with your acolyte. With Debbie gone we will all need to work together. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH AT DOE
RIVER GORGE



Our Annual Church Picnic will be on Sunday, September 7th. Please make plans to join us for fellowship, food, games for the kids, special musical guests, baptisms in the lake, and a sermon from Pastor Ray!

More information will be forthcoming.



AUGUST ACOLYTES SCHEDULE

August 3rd.....DeAnndra and Suzanna
August 10th.....Emmie and Cagney
August 17th.....John and Will
August 24th.....Need Volunteers
August 31st.....Lisa and Lydia



AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH:



FOOD FOR THE MULTITUDE

Food for the Multitude program has been a vital ministry in Elizabethton and Carter County since October, 1985. The main purpose is to share God's love with the less fortunate. The program consist of five council churches: First United Methodist Church, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, First Presbyterian Church, Memorial Presbyterian Church, and Southside Christian Church. On a rotating basis, these six churches provide warm meals each Saturday at the TLC Center for approximately 250 needy persons. We at FUMC-Elizabethton are blessed to be a part of this program in which many dedicated and caring church family members have worked tirelessly to support this program. Your prayers and commitment to serve meals, as well as financial Support is needed for the coming year. To make arrangements for your opportunity to support this mission by helping to serve meals, please contact Susan Hathaway at 895-2683.

First United Methodist Church Missions of the Month

January:	Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry.....	\$1,696.00
February:	Holston Disaster Response.....	\$635.00
March:	Interfaith Hospitality.....	\$1,580.00
April:	UMCOR.....	\$1,600.00
May:	Holston Habitat for Humanity.....	\$555.00
June:	Mobile Food Pantry.....	\$2,929.00
July:	Holston Home for Children.....	(Total will be in the next Chimes)
August:	Food for the Multitude.....	

United Methodists join across our connected congregations to help all of God's children...whenever and wherever we can. Just as Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes when the crowd grew hungry. Through our congregations, we are the heart, spirit and hands of God's outreaching love.



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Giving Generously. Connecting Resources.*



AUGUST CALENDAR

USHERS

AUGUST 3 TEAM 5
 AUGUST 10 TEAM 6
 AUGUST 17 TEAM 7
 AUGUST 24 TEAM 8
 AUGUST 31 TEAM 1

SOUND

AUGUST 3 DOUG CANTER
 AUGUST 10 DOUG HULSHULT
 AUGUST 17 RICHARD LOVETTE
 AUGUST 24 WESLEY BRADLEY
 AUGUST 31 DOUG CANTER

VIDEO

AUGUST 3 BREANNA LITTLE
 AUGUST 10 JD LIVINGSTON
 AUGUST 17 DOUG HULSHULT
 AUGUST 24 BREANNA LITTLE
 AUGUST 31 JD LIVINGSTON

NURSERY

AUGUST 3 MARGO BENTLEY
 AUGUST 10 LIZ WANDELL
 AUGUST 17 SONYA BRADLEY
 AUGUST 24 RENEE MCNEELY
 AUGUST 31 MARGARET HOLLAND

COUNTERS

AUGUST 4 RUTH RITCHIE
 AUGUST 11 DONA DVORAK
 AUGUST 18 DONA DVORAK
 AUGUST 25 VICKIE SHIPLEY

COMMUNION SETUP

RICHARD LOVETTE & SUSAN JARVIS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED WEEKLY MEETINGS

Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 AM
 Sunday School.....11:20 AM
 UMY (United Methodist Youth) Sunday Nights.....6:00—7:30 PM
 Sunday Night Bible Study.....6:00 PM
 Summer Lunch Sandwich Making.....Mondays.....10:00 AM
 Prayer Partners.....Mondays.....5:30 PM
 Mid-Week Prayer and Worship ~ Wednesdays..... 6:00 PM
 Choir Practice ~ Wednesdays.....7:00 PM

AUGUST CALENDAR

5th Abiding Love Study.....10:00 AM
 6th Communion at Ivy Hall.....2:00 PM
 12th Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry
 Volunteers Report at 12:30.....Distribution begins at 1:30 PM
 14th UMW Board Meeting 12:30PM.....UMW Meeting.....1:00 PM
 16th Runabouts OutingTBA
 20th Chimes Deadline...send articles to Vickie at vshiple@chartertn.net
 25th Bunco.....1:00 PM
 30th Food For the Multitude.....TLC Center.....8:00 AM



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD AUGUST FILLER ITEMS

Noise Makers: Recorders, kazoo, train whistles, harmonicas, whistles etc.

The red OCC container is located at the bottom of the stairs.



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