

Gleanings

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A Community of Seekers Celebrating and Sharing God's Love!



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Pastor's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The preschoolers in Play School came to chapel for our monthly time together. I said, "Let's talk about how to pray. Bow your head, close your eyes, put your hands together." One little boy said to the teacher next to him, "I already know how!" Out of the mouths of babes...

There is no one way to pray, but by all means let's be intentional in our prayer lives.

The Faith Five (from Anderson Hills UMC in Cincinnati):

Share your highs and lows of the day in journal or aloud;

Read the Scripture in the Bible;

Talk about how the verse relates to our highs and lows;

Pray about your highs & lows, family, world;

Bless another.

Pray Scripture: The 23rd Psalm, other Psalms, The Lord's Prayer, etc.

Listen: quietly observe silence, waiting to hear a nudge, a suggestion to help you live more abundantly.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Melisa

Giving

January 8	Received	\$5,346.15
Needed:		\$15,728.00

Attendance

January 8	8:15 am Worship Service	58
	Sunday School	113
	10:30 am Worship Service	124

Youth News

From time to time I would like to share pieces of very interesting articles. These articles will be related to the lives of teens or youth ministry in general. Below is a portion of a blog entry entitled “Healthy Youth Ministry?” by Kenda Creasy Dean. Kenda is a professor at Princeton Theological Seminary and an elder in the United Methodist Church. The article lists the top 10 characteristics of a healthy youth ministry. This week I will share number 10.

10. Safe space.

Young people need safe spaces in their lives where they can “be” themselves instead of trying to “prove” themselves. Safe space can mean time, relationships, or physical space where young people have the emotional, relational, physical, and spiritual freedom to explore, to risk, and to fail in a safety net of love—real love, not the Hallmark stuff. Safe spaces give youth the experience of being really “seen” and known as God sees and knows them, as beloved brothers and sisters of Christ. www.kendadean.com

Reminder:

Warmth In Winter January 27 – 29th

NEEDED: Responsible person to setup/take down our Coffee Hour. Job requires set up and take down of light refreshments, coffee urns, cups, plates and napkins. Supplies provided by APMUMC. To apply contact Alisa Mueller at 406-1040 or alisacmueller@gmail.com.

Pastor’s Fund

The offerings given to our Pastor’s Fund support our neighbors in need. Some of our church family have had emergency needs. The Pastor’s Discretionary Fund is established to meet needs. Please give as you are able.

Letters for Josh McClellan

Please support Josh McClellan while he is on duty in Afghanistan. Josh’s address in Afghanistan is:
Captain Joshua C. McClellan
HMLA 369
Unit 40081
FPO AP 96427-0081

Second Harvest Food Bank

Please bring whatever non-perishable food item you wish on Sunday. If you prefer you may purchase gift cards. These are used by the people working at St. Philips Episcopal Church to purchase milk, eggs, bread, and meat. You may drop those off at St. Philips or our church office.

AP team works at the Food Bank on the 4th Thursday, contact the office, 883-2321, if you would like to get involved.

Homeless and Marginalized Training

On Saturday, February 11, from 9:00 am-12:00 pm at Arlington UMC there will be training sponsored by Open Table of Nashville to help congregations know where to help guide people in finding resources and assistance. For reservations contact office@arlingtonumc.org or 361-4896.

Youth Meals

Please contact Christy Earl at c.earl@apmumc.net if you would be able to prepare a meal for our youth at 5:00 p.m. on January 22, February 12, or February 26. We need dinner for about a dozen youth and their leaders.

Guest Minister

On Sunday, February 5, Rev. John Vaughan, husband of Pastor Melisa, will be our guest minister. We look forward to hearing the message he will bring on that day.

Spring Curriculum

All adult spring curriculum orders are due to Christy by January 29th. There are several lenten studies in the library as well as new literature at Cokesbury. Please let Christy know if you need help with this.

Drop the I Word

In one episode of "The Sopranos" Tony Soprano, the mob boss, gives a box of Cuban cigars to his neighbor, a doctor, who referred him to another doctor. His neighbor assures him he refers people to specialists regularly-no gift is expected. Tony insists he accept the box of cigars. The doctor looks more closely at the cigars and comments, "Aren't these illegal?" Tony responds, "No. They are cigars."

None of God's children are illegal. To sign the Drop the I Word pledge or for more information to to <http://www.gcorr.org>.

Parents of children:

Please write these dates down on your calendars:

Children sing and ding a lings play at the 10:30 service on January 29, February 26, April 1, and April 29 (Children's Sunday)

Children's Fundraiser

The children will be selling candy bars on Sunday, January 29th between services and after the 10:30 service. Donations will be accepted. All proceeds will go to our Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Parents Night Out

Back by popular demand - Parent's Night Out on Friday, February 4, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Please contact Christy Earl by February 3, if your child will be coming.

VBS Leaders Meeting

Our next VBS leader's meeting is Sunday, February 5, after the 10:30 am service in the preschool-1st grade Sunday School classroom. Anyone interested in helping with VBS in any way is encouraged to attend. Please see Christy Earl if you have questions.

Room in the Inn

If you are interested in becoming a part of the team assisting with Room in the Inn please contact Debbie in the office, 883-2321, d.holtz@apmumc.net.

We are in need of socks, ladies underwear (size 6, 7, 8, 9), backpacks, thermal underwear, thermal socks, and bras. Please place your donations in the bin outside the nursery. The clothes closet also needs slightly used, clean winter clothing, shoes, and coats. You may place those in the bin or outside the clothes closet next to the youth room.

Wonderful Wednesdays

5:30-6:15 pm Dinner : Make reservations for the catered meal by Courtney's by signing up or calling the church, 883-2321, or cancellations by noon on Tuesday. Donations for the meal are \$7.50 per adult and \$3.25 per child age 10 and under, and \$20.00 maximum per family.

Menu: 1-18-12: pork tenderloin, sweet potatoes, lima beans, salad, dessert, drink

1-25-12: chicken parmesan, mac & cheese, green bean casserole, dessert, drink

6:30 pm BLAST (Children's activities), Youth Activities, Jubilee Ringers (Handbell Choir), Pastor's Study
Nursery available

Ronald McDonald House

Please remember to collect your aluminum can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. The tabs are used to raise funds to support the house. There is a container outside the elevator near the nursery. Thank you for your continued support.

If you have information you would like to see in the Gleanings newsletter or in the bulletin, send it to: d.holtz@apmumc.net Deadline is 12:00 pm on Mondays.



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January Ushers

8:15 am Worship Service
Ernest Mills, Captain
10:30 am Worship Service
Chuck Bernyk–Captain
Arch Hosick - Greeter
Joe Page, Meg Peto, Tom Sarver

Children's Church Leaders

January 22 Debbie Pride, Larry Jackson
January 29 Christy Earl, helper needed

Lectionary Reading

January 22: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12 (UMH 787); 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1: 14-20

PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER

McKendree Residents: Mary McMullin (166B, Health Care Center), Shirley Mraz (2nd fl. Health Care), Mary Lou McAlpine (2nd fl. Health Care), Nancy Bostick (Manor), Tina Owen (Manor 209, 871-8774), Judy Basse, (Manor, 210)

Belvedere Commons (Benton Village): Donna Poag

Vanderbilt Hospital: Rev. Jeff Fryer

Vanderbilt/Stallworth Rehab: Ed Lockett

Sycamores Terrace Retirement Community: Dan & Virginia McClendon 1427 Lebanon Pike, Rm. 232,
Nashville, TN 37210

At Home: Jean Scalf, Bette Johnson, Adelaide Niederhauser, Lois Overfield, Betty Brown, Mary Ann Foley