

Gleanings

August 1, 2011

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



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Pastor's Message

Dear brothers and sisters,

Get excited! Our Back2School Bash is coming this Saturday!

I hope you are already involved - - - this is a mission project for the community where we give away school supplies, a little food, some great music and games.

We get to look into the eyes of school children and share with them our love of them and our love of Christ!

Thanks to everyone who contributed money, supplies, time, and energy toward this project! Now let's pray and come out to support it!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Melisa

Attendance: July 31, 2011

8:15 Service	61
Sunday School	120
10:30 Service	103

Giving

July 24, 2011	Received:	\$3,385.00
July 31, 2011	Received	\$5,880.00
	Needed:	\$7,864.00

Change in Newsletter Publication

Beginning on August 1, the publication of the newsletter, Gleanings, will change. The Gleanings will be published on the 1st and 3rd weeks of the month instead of each week. This change will save the church approximately \$206.00 per month.

Pastoral Melisa and Pastoral Care

Pastor Melisa will be at Lake Junaluska, the Southeastern Jurisdiction Conference and Retreat Center, for a seminar this week. Pastor Melisa and Rev. Jim Hamilton of Donelson Heights UMC, have agreed to partner together to better serve their respective congregations. If anyone needs pastoral care while Pastor Melisa is out of the office this week, please contact Rev. Jim, office 883-6103, home 883-6103.

Melisa will be back in time to enjoy the Back2SchoolBash on Saturday and Sunday morning worship with us.

Back2School Bash and Cakewalk

The Back2School Bash is Saturday, August 6 from 4:00-7:00 pm. School supplies will be given to needy school children. There will be lots of games, food, and fun. Money raised from the event will be used for our pastor's discretionary fund which is used to assist our family and friends when they need a helping hand. A cakewalk has been added to the events. We need donations of cakes, cupcakes, brownies or cookies for this event. These items don't have to be expensive and sale items are always good. You may drop off the items on Friday, August 5, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and/or Saturday after 11:00 am. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Vanderpool, 758-7903.

Please note that the rain date for the Back to School Bash is Sunday, August 7, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. If the event has to be rescheduled from Saturday to Sunday, please have your Sunday School Class or Group make plans to be there on Sunday. In the event of inclement weather on Saturday, August 6, you may call 889-0827 after 2:30 pm and listen to a recorded message to find out if the event has been rescheduled. If you have any other questions about the Back2School Bash, please contact Christy Earl at the number listed. Thank you in advance to everyone for their help putting this outreach to our community together.

Free Nursery Items

We are cleaning out the nursery. If you know of someone who is in need of toys or small furniture, please contact Christy Earl at c.earl@apmumc.net

Safe Sanctuaries Meeting

There will be a safe sanctuaries meeting after the 10:30 am service in the McDonough Fellowship classroom on Sunday, August 28. This meeting is open to everyone in the congregation. Please let Christy know if you need child care. The meeting should be over by 12:30 p.m.

Acolyte Lunch

Pastor Melisa and Jenn Newman would like to invite the current acolytes and any other children entering the second grade or older who would like to become acolytes to a lunch on August 7, after the 10:30 Worship Service. Pastor Melisa would like to discuss what their service means to her. Please contact Jenn Newman, vnewman@acsigroup.net or the church office, 885-2321, d.holtz@apmumc.net, if you will be attending so we may get a count for lunch.

Mt. T.O.P.

Thank you to everyone who loaned tools for the Youth Mt. T.O.P. mission trip. Please pick up your tools in the library. There are stacks with name cards around the room. Some of the tools were not labeled or the label came off during use. Those tools are in several boxes and stacked against the wall. Please make sure to look through these tools if some of your tools appear to be missing. Contact Debbie, 883-2321, d.holtz@apmumc.net, if you have any questions.

Thank you to all of the people who donated money and time for the trip especially Martin Brown.

Christmas Bazaar Workshop Every Thursday from 6:00-8:00 pm

There will be a weekly Christmas Bazaar Workshop on Thursdays from 6:00-8:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Please come and fellowship with others as you work on projects to sell in the Christmas Bazaar to be held Saturday, December 3, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Please contact Tina Stanley, tmestanley@comcast.net, 773-4395, or the office if you have any questions.

Becky Lovelace will be visiting on August 11, and instructing on knitting a scarf. Please bring 10/11 gauge knitting needles and yarn that night.

Second Harvest Food Bank

Please bring whatever non-perishable food item you wish on Sunday. The need increases every week to help feed our community. If everyone brings just 1 item think how much food we could share with the food bank to help our needy neighbors in Hermitage, Old Hickory, and Donelson.

If you would like to get involved with working at the Second Harvest Food Bank on the 4th Thursday of every month when the team from Andrew Price works, contact the office, 883-2321.

Promotion Sunday, August 28

Here is the schedule for the children:

9:15-9:30 a.m. Meet in current SS class

9:30-9:45 a.m. Refreshments in Fellowship Hall (please let Christy know if you can bring food)

9:45-10:00 a.m. Presentation of promotion certificates, perfect attendance, summer reading awards, acolyte recognition

10:00-10:15 a.m. Dismissal to new classes (parents please travel to your child's new class with them)

Journey Through The Bible 2012

A group consisting of Pennington Bend UMC & APMUMC members are going to Israel in February 2012. At this time we have about 20 people booked, but there is room for a few more.

If you are interested in attending a meeting to hear all the details, we will be happy to schedule one, or you may contact our Group Leader, Wanda Shaver @ 883-3988 / wanda.shaver09@comcast.net >or you may contact Wayne & Andrea Dedman @ 885-1347. Information may also be found online @ www.eot.travel - Tour is HL12 Code is B departing 2/15/12.

XYZ Potluck Luncheon

The XYZ Group will meet on Tuesday August 9, for a potluck luncheon and a program. The social hour begins at 11:00 am followed by lunch at 11:30. The program will be presented by Mary Ellen England of the Donelson/Hermitage Leadership Foundation. Please call Tom Sarver at 871-9145 for further information.

Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting

There will be a Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting on Sunday, August 7, at 3:00 pm in the library. If you are unable to attend, please contact Jay McClellan, macveexb@yahoo.com, or 243-1921.

Cookie Donations Needed

Donations of store bought cookies, cookie dough, or home made cookies for Sunday Morning Coffee Time are needed. If you can donate cookies, contact Brenda Vanderpool, 758-7903, or the church office.

Prayer Partners for Children and Youth

We know that our congregation is always in prayer for all of our children and youth. It is our tradition to place the names of the children and youth on the chancel rail at the beginning of each school year. You will have the opportunity to pick a name (children - pink cards, youth - blue cards) and have a prayer partner for the school year. These will be placed on the chancel rail at both services on August 28. You may come up and pick a name during the closing hymn. We ask that you put this in a place where you will be constantly aware of this person and that they need your prayers. Please feel free to contact your prayer partner. They like to know who is praying for them.

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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Lectionary Readings for August 7, 2011

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22 (UMH 828); Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

<u>Children's Church leaders</u>	<u>August Ushers</u>
August 31 No Children's Church, Communion Sunday August 14, 21, 28 Christy Earl, helpers needed for these dates, please contact Christy	8:15 am Captain: Ed Dismukes 10:30 am Captain: Barry Sanford Davis Earl, Jay McClellan, Matt Stanley, Tom Stanley

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 (Healthcare, 1 East 151, 871-8774), Judy Basse, (Manor, 210)

Belvedere Commons (Benton Village): Donna Poag

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

At Home: Jean Scaff, Bette Johnson, Adelaide Niederhauser, Lois Overfield, Raymond Buttrey