

Gleanings

September 20, 2011

A Community of Seekers Celebrating and Sharing God's



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Pastor's Message

Dear brothers and sisters,

Yesterday evening at The Awakening service we had a time of listening to the prayer concerns and joys from the congregation. Here is part of that list (without listing any specific names):

new babies	the courage to witness to the Faith
transitions	persons in Afghanistan
teachers	those who grieve
college-age people	healing
spouses	friends

Who makes your prayer list?

As a parent one of the sweetest things my ears can hear is one of my adult children caring about a sibling, knowing a brother's or sister's current situation and naming that person to me.

Do you think it might be that for God one of the sweetest things to God's ears might be the sound of hearing one of us pray for another, knowing their situation and caring enough to name that person, that reality, before our Heavenly Parent?

Come be with us on Sundays as together we sing, we give, we experience the Word and we PRAY!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Melisa

If you would like assistance getting to church from your home or help getting into the building please call the church office, 885-2321.

Giving

September 11	Received:	\$8,116.50
September 18	Received	\$3,986.00
Needed:		\$7,864.00

Announcements for church Sunday morning should be submitted to the church office the Wednesday prior to that Sunday.

Attendance

	<u>September 11</u>	<u>September 18</u>
8:15 Service	49	45
Sunday School	111	113
10:30 Service	110	112
Awakening	45	

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

Buck Buckner here. On Saturday, October 29, I am going to participate in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. I have several very good friends and relations who are Breast Cancer survivors. I am participating to honor them and to raise some money to help find a cure for Breast Cancer. If anyone would like to go, please contact me. I would love some company. My phone number is 830-6986. My email address is buckbuckner1956@gmail.com.

Fall Fest

It is time for our annual Fall Fest at the home of Larry and Bonnie Jackson. Please join us on Sunday, October 2, at 4:00 p.m. We will have hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks for everyone. Please bring a side dish, chips, or dessert. Make sure you bring blankets and chairs. There will be games and a hay ride. If you can bring a bag of individually wrapped candy for a game, please bring it to Christy Earl by that morning. The Jackson home is located at 300 Michael Drive. From the church, take a right on Lebanon Pike. Turn left at the light at Donelson Pike. Take a right on Woodberry and Michael Drive is the first street on the right. Please park in the grass to the right of the driveway. Please contact Christy Earl at 889-0827 or c.earl@apmumc.net if you have questions.

Wonderful Wednesdays

5:30-6:00 pm Dinner

Our meals will be from Courtney's. Make reservations by signing up ahead of time at church or calling the church, 883-2321, 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: 9-28: longhorn chicken, loaded potatoes, fried apples, salad, bread, dessert, drink
10-5: honey baked ham, squash casserole, green beans, salad, bread, dessert, drink
10-12: pork BBQ, white beans, potato salad, cole slaw, corn bread, dessert, drink
10-19: meatloaf, corn nuggets, mac & cheese, salad, bread, dessert, drink

6:30 pm BLAST (Children's activities)
Youth Activities
Jubilee Ringers (Handbell Choir)
Craft Workshop (Making crafts for bazaar)
Carpenter's Table (Call Pastor Melisa if interested.)
Pastor's Study week 3: "resurrection of the body..."; week 4 "Quad"

7:40-8:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal. Chancel Choir begins August 31. No auditions required, but persons who come need to be committed to this ministry.

Nursery available

Christianity 101/UMC 101 in 7 Weeks

Schedule of Pastor Melisa's Wednesday Night Pastor's Study

Week 3	Sept. 21	"...resurrection of the body..."
Week 4	Sept. 28	"Quad"
Week 5	Oct. 5	"Amazing"
Week 6	Oct. 12	"Jack"
Week 7	Oct. 19	"Polity and Other Funny Words"

BLAST and Ding A Lings

BLAST starts for kids age 3 (by September 30, 2011) - 5th grade on Wednesday, from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Children under the age of 3 may go to the nursery. We will meet in the 3rd-5th grade Sunday School classroom in the Education wing. We will have games, a lesson, crafts, and mission projects. We also will learn songs that we will share in the 10:30 services. Handbells (known as the ding a lings) will meet beginning September 21, in the Education wing at 6:10 p.m.. Handbells are for ages 1st-5th grade.

Second Harvest Food Bank

Please bring whatever non-perishable food item you wish on Sunday. If you prefer you may also make a monetary contribution the Second Harvest Food Bank at St. Philips Episcopal Church. This money is used to buy fresh milk, eggs, bread, and meat.

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. Our goal is to establish a rotating schedule.

Safe Sanctuaries Segment

Sick policy: child must be free of fever, vomiting, etc and/or contagious diseases for 24 hours before being brought to church.

Parents of children or designated adult for children are requested to stay in the church building during normal worship/program activities unless otherwise specified.

Parents of nursery aged children should label all of their child's belongings.

Parents/guardians must remain in church building while children are in the nursery.

Please note that there is a private area in the nursery if needed.

Children's Worship Readiness Class

Children in 1st and 2nd grade are invited to attend a worship readiness class beginning September 11, after the children's message in the 10:30 service. This class will be on September 25 and October 9. Any children over the age of 2nd grade who have not participated in this class are welcome to come. We need one parent per week to attend this class so that we adhere to our safe sanctuaries policies. This will take place in the 3rd-5th grade Sunday School classroom. Please contact Christy Earl at c.earl@apmumc.net if you have questions.

Children's Christmas Program

We will start rehearsing for our Christmas program soon. The program date is December 11, at 6:30 p.m. Please let Christy Earl, c.earl@apmumc.net, know if your child would like to participate in the program and or have a speaking part by Wednesday, September 27. Parts will be handed out on Sunday, October 2. Children aged 3 by September 30, 2011 or youth are welcome to participate.

Lectionary Readings

September 25: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 (UMH 799); Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

October 2: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19 (UMH 750); Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

Awakening

Thank you to everyone who came to the Awakening. We collected \$138 that will be given to the Pastor's Fund. The next Awakening is Sunday, October 16th at 6:30 p.m. with a dinner at 5:30 p.m.

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.

XYZ Luncheon

The XYZ Group will hold a potluck luncheon on Tuesday, September 27. The Social Hour begins at 11:00 am and we will eat at 11:30 am. The program will be brought to us by Debi Ponder from the Tennessee School for the Blind. Come join us for good food, good information from our neighbors, and great fellowship. For more information, call Tom Sarver at 871-9145.

Golf Tourney Invitation/Personal Retreat

I would love for any of you who are available to join me at Beersheba Assembly, a retreat center owned by the Tennessee Conference of the UMC, **October 27 and 28**. The David Hawkins Memorial Golf Tournament will happen at Collins River Golf Course on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. The evening we will have dinner together at Beersheba followed by a time of sharing stories of ministry. *Even if you don't golf you might enjoy this quiet place during the day, or you might enjoy visiting Phil Mayhew, the local potter, or visiting a nearby state park (Stone Door is almost across the street from the retreat center).*

This annual event supports scholarships in memory of my late husband, who loved golfing with his friends and spending time at Beersheba.

For more information please talk with me or go to the Tennessee Conference website. Pastor Melisa

In this edition of the Gleanings I would like to share a portion of an article written especially for parents of youth.

I hope you all find this helpful! Randy Knighten, r;knighten@apmumc.net

Celebrate your teenagers' uniqueness with these insights from youth leaders Steve Argue and Dave Livermore:

· **Avoid saying, "When I was your age."** That will just cause kids to shut down. We can't make our own experience the primary reference point for teenagers.

· **Value your teenagers for their "in process" selves.** Don't focus just on the future and on the person your son or daughter is becoming.

· **Be willing to tackle the "messy reality" of faith.** When you talk about your own journey, be sure to include failures as well as successes.

Don't worry about using the correct Christian lingo or having all the right answers.

· **Honor your teenagers' unique ideas and expressions.** Tell them, in specific ways, how they're inspiring you to follow Jesus and serve others.

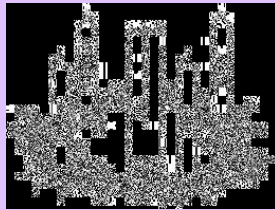
· **Watch for examples of individuality and hope.** Together, seek out news reports that highlight people's differences and explore their transformations for the better.

· **Help your teenagers embrace the "messiness" of life.** Let them know you'll support them through all its twists and turns.

Youth Events: Don't forget this **Saturday, September 24**, we will have our Youth Movie Night! We will watch "Soul Surfer" in the youth room from **7:00 pm until 10:00 pm. Bring your favorite snacks and a friend!**

Email Addresses Needed

The church office is looking for email addresses of our college students, graduate students, and soldiers . Please email any that you have to d.holtz@apmumc.net!



Advent Daily Reflections

Advent is a season of the church year during which we prepare our hearts for Christ's coming. Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year for Christians. The dates of Advent vary each year, but it always contains the four Sundays before Christmas Day. The season of Advent began being observed around the fourth century of Christianity. Advent's primary message is to wait, listen, get in touch with God, and prepare our lives and hearts for Jesus' coming. For speeded up, stressed out people (that would be most of us), this is an intriguing invitation. Observe Advent -- and get more in touch with God.

To help us meet this task, Andrew Price will be publishing a daily reflections book this Advent Season. Please help us author this book, by submitting your one-page reflection or artwork to Alisa Mueller either by e-mail at alisaogle@comcast.net or into the church office by October 15. Reflections should include 1) title 2) scripture 3) message and 4) prayer. Reflections will then be compiled into a daily book and distributed on the first day of Advent which is November 27, 2011. If you have any questions or would like to help in this project, contact Alisa Mueller at the above email or at 406-1040.

Love Bears Ministry

During Vacation Bible School we partnered with The Love Bears Ministry to package and distribute bears to The Ronald McDonald House. The Nashville Rescue Mission, and other agencies that care for children in crisis situations who need something soft to hold for comfort. This is such a worthwhile ministry that we have decided to continue collecting stuffed animals. We are requesting donations of medium to large stuffed animals. Brand new animals are great, but slightly used ones that show no signs of wear or stains will be fine. Please donate them in the box next to the library. The Love Bears Ministry will handle transporting the stuffed animals where they are needed.

Prayers Requests-September 18, 2011
Pray for Rev. Melisa Derseweh. Our church family and staff.

Focus Class

Shirley Mraz
 Catherine Judkins
 Jerry
 Michelle Judkins
 Peace in the middle East
 Vickie
 Karen Thompson
 Merrill Harris
 Adolf Vanheyningen
 Julie Palmer

New Life Class

Chase - health
 People looking for jobs
 Ernestine Lovelace
 Stephanie
 Bobby Mayes
 Scott Hansen
 Joe Street – in Iraq
 Dorothy Colston
 Amanda & Family
 Katherine L
 Carl
 Julie W
 Josh – to Afghanistan in Nov
 John Guthrie
 Jim Vernon
 Leslie Lankford – in Afghanistan
 Angie

Anna Gay Class

Justin Strohman
 Mary McMullan
 Paul Gibson –in Africa-missions
 Ruby Rogers
 Elaine Scholes
 Becky Reed
 Pat Griggs
 Bud & Helene Davis
 Gene Campbell
 Paul Campbell
 Family of Kathleen Binns - comfort

McDonough Fellowship Class

Tina Owen
 Laurel Tragle
 Buster Etheridge
 Jimmy Tragle
 Priscilla Etheridge
 Polly King
 Estelle Groth
 Margaret Maggart
 Evelyne Crouse
 Virginia Rogillio
 W.T. Maggart

LDL Class

Mark & Retha
 Linnie Buckner
 Joe
 Grady
 Garrett
 Inmates at Riverbend –guidance
 Rick
 Chris F & family – Chris to Iraq
 Kimmy
 Charlie Leeper
 Janet Mooney
 Betty Dennis
 John Gebhart

Topics Class

Bishop Mikaelian – 11 yrs old – brain tumor
 Sean Packer
 Laura Driggers & family
 Stacy Ring
 Ralph Molina
 Rick Adams
 Dawn Z
 Joe
 Dr. Alette Davis & Ian – death of Ian’s father
 John Smith
 Bill Oglesby

Other Prayer Concerns

Hailey Coe & Tiffany
 Barbara Jamison
 Pete Stanton
 Leatrice Dumont

Sharers Class

Linda Fulkerson
 Allen Fulkerson
 Betty Sheehan
 Ben Carroll – 9 yrs old - health
 Thelma Pearson
 Families of military in Iraq & Afghanistan
 Rev. Jeff Fryer
 Unemployed people - jobs
 Jean & Pete Scalf
 Woody Fowler
 John Pugh
 Jackie’s friend
 Della Brant
 Russell Flanagan
 Linda Reeves
 Scott McNear
 James Cato
 Jimmie Gilchrist
 Nan Mitmire
 John Norris
 Mary Ann Norris
 Rene Hunter
 Geneva Emerson
 Lonnie Leggett
 Earl Imes

Builders Class

Oliver Phillips & family
 Kathy
 Tom Ruhlman
 Jeff
 Keisha Murphy & family
 June Baron
 Bobby Reynolds
 Tiffany Curtis
 Bessie Richards
 Joy
 Dana Ault Hull
 Christopher
 Rick H
 Wayne
 Mr. DeWeise
 Tina P.
 Kelly Hammer
 Debbie Templeton
 Mark Phillips
 Mac & Virginia McCrabb
 Judy Martin

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS AND
ADOPTION DAY**

On Sunday, September 25, at 4:00 p.m., we will hold our fourth biennial Blessing of the Animals service under the breezeway. This year we will also have a few dogs that are looking for forever homes from a local adoption center. All animals are invited to be blessed, but must be either caged or leashed. (In past years we've blessed dogs, cats and a goat.) If you are thinking about adopting a dog, come see what will be available. If you have pets, bring them to be blessed. If you neither have nor want a pet, come out to be supportive and participate in this every-other-year blessing of some of God's creatures.



**Blessing of the
Animals and
Adoption Day**
Sunday, September 25
3:15 Adoptions 4:00 Blessings

Andrew Price Memorial United Methodist Church
2846 Lebanon Pike
(Lebanon Road at Stewarts Ferry)

Animals must be caged or leashed

Rev. Melisa Derseweh and Rev. Joe Beavon

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Pastor Melisa Derseweh 615-418-0559 or

Pastor John Vaughan 615-517-8600

Come travel with us to the Land of the Bible!

HOLY LAND INFO MEETING

Have you ever wanted to walk where Jesus literally walked? When we travel to the Holy Land we can't guarantee that our steps will absolutely coincide with where he placed his feet, but like a friend of mine said, "If he didn't step right here, it had to be really close by!"

Next year, November 6-15, 2012, my husband Rev. John Vaughan and I will be hosting a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. An informational meeting will be this **Sunday, September 25 at five (5:00) p.m.** Please come if you are interested in hearing more about this opportunity to hear scripture read, to pray and to enjoy the culture of the Holy Land actually in the places where the stories of the Bible happened.

Financial News
Monthly Receipts and Expenditures Report

Accounts Payable Fund (Operating Fund)

Operating Bank Account Balance 1/1/11		\$8,140.31
	7/31 YTD Receipts	222,089.63
	8/31 Receipts	<u>30,324.03</u>
	8/31 YTD Receipts	\$ 252,413.66
	7/31 YTD Expenditures	(224,882.85)
	8/31 Expenditures	<u>(30,262.98)</u>
	8/31 YTD Expenditures	<u>\$ (255,145.83)</u>
Operating Bank Account Balance 8/31/11		<u><u>\$5,408.14</u></u>

Per Finance Committee, minimum operating bank balance to be \$5,000.00.

YTD APPORTIONMENTS PAID @ 8/17/11 \$35,000.00

Capital Improvement Fund

Balance @ 12/31/10 \$ 9,574.96

Receipts:

Jan	\$	7,159.85	
Feb		2,598.73	
Mar		1,874.75	
Apr		1,269.97	
May		2,739.17	
June		1,749.37	
July		1,959.93	
Aug		1,856.97	
			21,208.74

Disbursements by project:

Principle pymt on bank loan	\$	16,000.00	
Asphalt sealing-parking lot	\$	8,967.00	
New outside door-Pipes	\$	1,989.63	
HVAC Repair		124.00	
Interest payment on bank loan		561.97	
			<u>27,642.60</u>

Balance @ 8/31/11 3,141.10

8/31/11 Bank Loan Balance Due \$9,466

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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Altar Flowers

September 25: The altar flowers will be given in loving memory of Leonard Hunt by his wife, Georgette, and their daughters.

Children's Church Leaders

September 25 Doug Griggs, Debbie Pride

September Ushers

8:15 am Captain: Mike Woods
 10:30 am Captain: Chuck Bernyk
 Joe Page, Meg Peto, Tom Sarver, Arch Hosick

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

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

Donelson Place: Virginia Rogillio (room 110), 733-2530

Richland Place: Barbara Jamieson

At Home: Jean Scalf, Bette Johnson, Adelaide Niederhauser, Lois Overfield, Evelyne Crouse, Jack Collings, Pete Stanton