

Gleanings

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



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Pastor's Message

Dear Church Family,

This Sunday we celebrate the gift of children! Our children's bell choir will share with us. We will launch the UNICEF change drive (bring some coins to put into the boxes on Sunday!). Two sixth graders will share a sacred dance with us, much like the Old Testament woman Miriam, the sister of Moses, did in ancient times.

The sermon title is "It's All About Me", the sequel to last Sunday's sermon titled "It's Not About Me".

Plus there will be singing and fellowship and Scripture read and . . . and we could go on and on and on.

Once again we will gather to worship the Holy One. Won't you come?

Grace and peace,

Pastor Melisa

Everyone is invited to the next Awakening service on Sunday, October 16, at 6:30 p.m. There will be a potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

Giving

September 25	Received	\$5,521.50
October 2	Received	\$9,741.00
Needed:		\$7,864.00

Attendance

	<u>September 25</u>	<u>October 2</u>
8:15 Service	54	51
Sunday School	104	119
10:30 Service	110	122

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: 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 5 Oct. 5 "Amazing"

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 5	Oct. 5	"Amazing"
Week 6	Oct. 12	"Jack"
Week 7	Oct. 19	"Polity and Other Funny Words"

Winter Curriculum Orders

All adult winter curriculum orders are due to Christy Earl by October 23. There are advent studies available for classes to use in the library. New advent studies are available as well. Please let Christy know if you need help with this.

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.

Christy Groth who is a breast cancer survivor will also be walking that day. Her phone 883-0904 if you wish to contact her about a pledge or to walk with her.

Children in Service Sunday, Oct. 9

The children sing on Sunday, October 9, at the 10:30 am worship service. Ding a lings play during the children's message that day as well. Please sign up your child on the clipboard if they are singing with us on the 9th. The ding a lings will rehearse on the 9th at 10:10 a.m. in the sanctuary.

The ding a lings will NOT meet on Wednesday, October 12th, 19th, or 26th. We will resume rehearsal on Wednesday, November 2nd at 6:10 p.m. Please let Christy know by October 26th if your child would like to ring with the ding a lings on November 20th.

Christmas Bazaar Workshop

The weekly Christmas Bazaar Workshop will meet in room 252 in the education wing on Wednesday nights from 6:30 -7:30 pm. 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, tmstanley@comcast.net, 773-4395, or the office if you have any questions. All money raised will be donated to missions (20%) and the church's general budget (80%).

Many people may wish to make items at home to sell at the bazaar. If you do, please let Tina or the office know what you are making so we can keep a list of all items.

Trunk or Treat

Our annual trunk or treat will be Wednesday, October 26, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the back parking lot. We need people to decorate their cars/trunks and pass out treats to children at this special event. Be prepared for at least two hundred children. Please let Christy Earl know by Sunday, October 23, if you are able to participate. We would like to have at least fifteen cars decorated. We will have a contest to see who has the best decorated car/trunk. The winner will receive a \$25 gift card to O'Charley's. Hot dogs, chips and a drink will be served to visitors and church members that night. There will not be a Wednesday Night catered meal.

Safe Sanctuaries Segment

Parents of children and youth must sign permission slips for each and every trip unless parent or adult representative is present. Advanced notice must be given to parents before all trips.

All drivers on church related trips should be 23 years of age, have proof of auto insurance and are screened volunteers. Drivers of the church van must be listed on the church insurance policy.

Two non-related adults must escort children/youth on or off premises church related activities.

Lectionary Readings

October 9: Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 (UMH 829); Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

October 16: Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99 (UMH 819); 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

Great Response at 4th Biennial Blessing of the Animals

This year's Blessing of the Animals took on a new twist with the addition of adoptable dogs and cats from Lifehouse Pet Rescue. Lifehouse was set up by 3:15 pm on Sunday, September 25, and was followed by the blessing at 4:00 p.m. More than 25 people and 30 animals participated. Over the years we have blessed dozens of dogs and cats and one goat. This year's most unusual pet was a preying mantis that came to us in a glass aquarium. Two people expressed interest in adopting a dog and will follow up with Lifehouse, and one expressed interest in helping Lifehouse foster homeless pets. Several of the participants were from the neighborhood who came after they saw the event listed on the church marquee. Some said they would likely "check us out" at a Sunday worship service very soon. Our pets quickly grab our hearts and become loved and valued members of our families. Andrew Price Memorial UMC is pleased to pass on God's blessing for His creatures and to provide this memorable event to the community.

Our Thanks to First Responders

A few days before the tenth anniversary of the 9-11 attacks in 2001, Pastor Melisa and Joe Beavon, worship chair, delivered thank you baskets to local first responders. They took the baskets to the local fire station on Lebanon Road near McGavock Pike; the Hermitage police precinct near the Hermitage Library; and, across the street from the church to the local bomb squad (most folks don't even know it's there). While the 9-11 tragedy is ten years old, these brave men and women put their lives on the line daily for our protection. Hopefully they will never have to participate in a 9-11-like tragedy, but this anniversary gave us a welcome opportunity to thank them for what they do for us every day. Pastor Melisa and Joe were warmly welcomed at each location by surprised recipients. It was a great feeling for all concerned. Delivery of the gift baskets was unanimously endorsed by the Worship Committee.

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

Christian Christmas Tree

A beautiful tree is put in the sanctuary during Advent. It is decorated with ornaments made by the children over the years. It is called a Christian Christmas Tree. It is similar to the Chrismon tree, but the ornaments are various colors. If there is a child who would like to make an ornament to go on the tree, please see Christy Earl for a pattern. If you made one in the past, you are welcome to do one again. We need the ornaments ready by November 20th.

Thank You to Janice

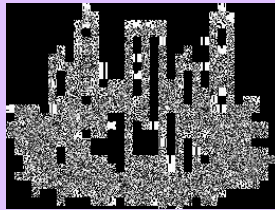
During Charge Conference we neglected to recognize Janice Johns for her contribution to the Pastor's Report on membership. Janice is our membership secretary. She works very hard to keep our membership book current and accurate. We wish to recognize and thank her for her contribution to our church.

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!

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.



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.

Room in the Inn

Room in the Inn will begin Friday, November 4, 2011, and end on March 30, 2012. This is an outreach ministry which helps house, feed and cloth homeless people overnight. We volunteer on Friday nights. Our guests include ten (10) homeless women who need our help and support. Mike and Debbie Pride and Jo Hughes will be visiting the Sunday School Classes on Sunday, October 9, to discuss how our church will help this year.

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 to 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.

Warning: Please do not leave any valuables in your car. Thank you. The Trustees

White Elephant Sale

We will be having a White Elephant Sale booth at the Christmas Bazaar on December 3. Jo Hughes in in charge of this booth. Please look around for any treasure you might be willing to part with for the white elephant sale. We only want treasures and not trash. Contact Jo Hughes, 883-4114, for more information.

Death of Kathleen Binns

We wish to remember Kathleen Binns who passed away at McKendree on September 8, 2011. She was a long time member at Andrew Price. We offer our condolences to her family and friends.

Jo and Gene Hughes made a donation to the memorial fund in memory of Mrs. Binns.

Change of Address

Wesley and Mary Jeanne Harmon have changed their mailing address to: 285 Clovernook Dr., Nashville, TN 37210.

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For More Information, contact:

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 Trip

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. Please contact either Melisa or John 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.

Youth News

October

5th Wed Night Youth
9th UMYF
12th Wed Night Youth
16th UMYF
19th Wed Night Youth
22nd **Laser Chase (Cool Springs)**
23rd UMYF
26th **Trunk or Treat**
31st UMYF

November

2nd Wed Night Youth
6th UMYF
9th Wed Night Youth
13th UMYF
16th Wed Night Youth
17th – 20th **National Youth Workers
Convention**
20th UMYF
23rd No Wed Night Youth
25th **Mini Golf 6pm**
27th UMYF
30th Wed Night Youth

December

4th UMYF
7th Wed Night Youth
11th UMYF
14th Last Wed Night Youth
16th Youth Christmas Party
18th Last Minute Toy Store
25th No UMYF

Above are the remaining dates for our Fall 2011 Youth Calendar. As you will notice our event for the month of October is a trip to Laser Chase in Cool Springs. It is an indoor laser tag facility with a jungle theme that promises to be lots of fun.

We are also in need of youth to serve as ushers at both services on October 30th. Please let Randy know if you are able to serve at either the 8:15 or the 10:30 service. Thanks in advance!

Play School News

I'm sitting in my office. It is 3:30 on Friday. All is quiet. Children are with their parents and teachers have gone home. The only sound I hear is the ticking of the clock and the humming of the copy machine (I didn't even know these made sounds). I'm reflecting on the last two weeks of September. This is a time when we have the two most important visits of the year. One is from the state assessment program when we receive our star rating and the other is when the license counselor comes for the annual license review.

The annual license review is a day when the license counselor comes into review all staff and children's records along with the budget and other policies and procedures of the Play School. The annual review is to make sure all state regulations are being upheld. This is a day when I am observed.

The assessment is a day when the state comes into rate the classrooms and teachers. Two teachers are randomly selected to be observed. Everything that they say and do is recorded from greeting parents to rest time. Inventory of all items in the classroom, fellowship hall and playground is recorded. Toys are counted. Pictures hanging on the wall are counted. Books are counted. For instance, a tally is done on all of books listing them by kind. 3 fiction, 3 nonfiction, 2 books with animals, etc. Everything is counted! Then the teachers have an interview with the assessors. Everything is given a score. The scores for each teacher are combined for one overall score. The highest combined score a child care center can receive is a 7. Last year, Play School received a 6.05. This score give us a 3 star rating and puts us in the top 10% of TN. The average score in TN is 3.

Eventhough this time is stressful, at the end of the day, I know that in spite of scores and reviews, the Play School is an awesome place. This is because of the Play School staff and the support of the Church.

October & November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		4 Gleanings are published	5 No Staff Meeting 7:30 pm Team Leader Orientation Meeting (Library)	6	7	8 1:00-3:00 pm Birthday Party, Judy Maloney
9 Children's Sabbath 3:00 pm SPRC Meeting (Library)	10	11 6:30 pm called Finance Meeting, budget 6:45 pm Prayer Ministry Meeting	12 7:30 pm Team Leader Orientation Meeting (Library)	13 7:00 pm Emmaus Board Meeting	14	15 7:45 am Men's Club Breakfast
16 After 10:30 am Worship service, Extravagant Generosity Leadership Meeting at home of Larry and Becky Lovelace Awakening 5:30 pm Potluck Dinner 6:30 pm Worship Service	17	18 Gleanings are published	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 XYZ Luncheon 11:00 am Socializing 11:30 am Potluck Lunch, guest speaker, Pastor Melisa Derseweh	26 6:30-7:30 pm Trunk or Treat (back parking lot)	27 David Hawkins Golf Tournament	28 David Hawkins Golf Tournament	29
30 Extravagant Giving Begins	31	1 Gleanings are published	2 No Staff Meeting	3	4 Room in the Inn Begins	5

Regularly Scheduled Events

Sunday	8:15 & 10:30 am Worship Services 9:15-10:15 am Sunday School 2:00 pm AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 5:00-6:30 pm UMYF/Youth
MON-FRI	7:00 am AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 5:30 pm AA Meeting (Shade Tree) *Note: All AA Meetings are open and non-smoking
Wednesday	9:30 am Staff Meeting (except no staff meeting the first Wednesday of each month) 5:30 –6:00 pm Wonderful Wednesday Courtney's Catered Meal (FH) 6:30 pm Blast, UMYF/Youth, Jubilee Ringers, Craft Workshop, Carpenter's Table, Pastor's Study 7:40 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	7:00 pm AI-Anon Meeting (Young Adults) 7:00 pm AA Book Study Meeting (Shade Tree) 7:00-8:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 300 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 30 Meeting
Friday	7:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous (Shade Tree)
Saturday	10:00 am & 7:00 pm AA Meeting (Shade Tree) *Note: All AA Meetings are open and non-smoking

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

The altar flowers are given on:

October 9, in loving memory of Anne and G.C. Russell by their daughters, Virginia Russell, Harriet Russell, and Mildred Russell Queen.

October 16, in loving memory of Loyce and Jimmie Sherman by the Sherman, Hughes, and Pearsall Families.

October 23, there are no reservations for this date. Contact the office or Jo Hughes, 883-4114, if you wish to donate altar flowers.

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

October Ushers

8:15 am Captain: Mike Woods
 10:30 am Captain: Tom Rogers
 Tammy Beasley, Christopher Earl, George Johns, Tom Sarver
 Greeter: 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

Centennial Hospital: Dennis Franklin

At Home: Jean Scaff, Bette Johnson, Adelaide Niederhauser, Lois Overfield, Evelyne Crouse, Jack Collings, Pete Stanton, David Tragle, Barbara Jamieson, Ed Lockett