

Gleanings

November 1, 2011

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



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Pastor's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"What difference does it make?" the eleven-year-old Sunday School student asked.

Our class discussion was about doing our very best in all that we do. The boy asking the questions was smart, really smart. His comment before the question was, "When I'm alone practicing making baskets in my driveway, God surely doesn't care how well I'm playing basketball right then. But you are saying we ought to try our best and do our best at all times. "Then his question, "What difference does it make?"

The same question could be asked of how we give to Christ and the Church. What difference does it make how well I give of my prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness?

What difference? The difference of our hearts. When we give of ourselves generosity, lovingly OUR HEARTS change-we become ever more generous and loving!

See you Sunday at the place where we are becoming, more generous.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Melisa

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6. Daylight saving time ends on the 6th. Set your clocks back 1 hour.

Giving

October 23	Received	\$4,964.25
October 30	Received	\$3,614.00
Needed:		\$7,864.00

Attendance

	<u>October 23</u>	<u>October 30</u>
8:15 Service	42	50
Sunday School	98	104
10:30 Service	103	130

Extravagant Generosity Study

A study on Extravagant Generosity will be Wednesdays, November 2, 9, and 16 at 6:30 pm as part of Wonderful Wednesday. Come for discussion on God's work within us!

Community Care Fellowship

This year we have been asked to provide 10 pans of cooked turkey and dressing for CCF on November 22 for their Thanksgiving dinner. Our sister churches, Donelson Heights UMC and Pennington Bend UMC are partnering with us. Each church is providing 10 pans. There will be a sign up sheet in the foyer if you wish to donate a pan.

The pans must be at the church by 10:00 am on Tuesday, November 22 so they may be transported to CCF.

Scholastic Book Orders

Scholastic book orders are due to Christy by November 9th. Forms are on the table outside the preschool-1st grade Sunday School classroom.

Congratulations

We are please to announce that effective November 1, 2011, Lee Bravo will be our facilities manager. Be sure and congratulate Lee on his new staff position with our church.

Staff Parish Relations Committee

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 on in the past, you are welcome to do one again. We need the ornaments ready by November 20.

Altar Flower Price Increase

Beginning January 1, 2012, the price for altar flowers will increase to \$50.00. This increase is necessary due to rising prices.

Wonderful Wednesdays

5:30-6:00 pm Dinner
Our meals will be from Courtney's. Make reservations 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:
11-2: parmesan chicken, green beans, mac & cheese, salad, bread, dessert, drink
11-9: chicken and dumplings, green beans, sweet potatoes, salad, dessert, drink
11-16: pork tenderloin, mashed potatoes, fried apples, salad, dessert, drink
No Wonderful Wednesday Night activities on November 23 due to Thanksgiving

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 , Extravagant Generosity
Nursery available

7:40-8:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Attention Parents

Parents: Please mark these dates on your calendar for the children :
 Rehearsal for Christmas program, November 20th: 11:45-1:30 p.m.
 No BLAST, November 23rd
 December 3rd - 9:30 -11:00 a.m. Christmas program rehearsal (speaking parts need to be memorized by this date)
 December 10th - 6-7:30 p.m. Christmas program rehearsal
 December 11th - 6:30 p.m. Christmas program
 We will rehearse for the Christmas program on Wednesday, November 30th and December 7th at 6:30 p.m. as well.

Memorials

A donation was made for Room in the Inn in memory of Eugene Campbell, brother of Marcelle Talley, by friends.

Altar Flowers

On November 13 the altar flowers are given by Mabel Clodfelter in memory of her son, Tim Clodfelter.

Hanging of the Greens and Christmas Program Rehearsal

We have a lot going on in church on November 20th! The children will sing at the 10:30 am worship service and the ding a lings will play that day during the children's message. We will eat lunch after the 10:30 am worship service and rehearse for our Christmas program until 1:30 p.m. Children might want to bring a change of clothes. We are asking for a donation of \$3.00 per person to cover the cost of food.

Also on this day, we will have Hanging of the Greens. This is a time when we get the church ready for the Advent and Christmas season. Everyone is invited to stay after the 10:30 am worship service and have lunch (pizza, chips, dessert, and drink) with the children. All classes (children, youth, and adults) are invited to decorate their rooms. We need people to help set up the trees in the chapel and sanctuary. Those who stay and eat lunch are asked for a \$3.00 donation to cover the cost of food. Please see Christy Earl before the 20th if you have any questions. There will be a sign up sheet in the foyer for those wanting to eat lunch. Please sign up by Wednesday, November 16.

Worship Readiness Class

The worship readiness class will resume on Sunday, November 13 and end on November 27. Children in 1st or 2nd grade are invited to attend this after the children's message.

Parent's Night Out

We will have a parent's night out for the kids on Saturday, November 12th from 6-8 p.m. We will have pizza, watch a movie, and play hide and seek. Bring your favorite board game as well. There is no cost for this event, but advance registration is needed. Please contact Christy by Friday, November 11th if your child is coming.

Christmas Bazaar News

Today there will be a table in the foyer to reserve your booth for the Bazaar. A donation of \$25.00 is requested.
 The workshop meets on Wednesday night from 6:30-7:30 pm in room 252, education wing. Please come and join us. If anyone is interested in a Saturday workday contact Tina Stanley.
 There will be a White Elephant Sale Booth. Please look around for any treasure you might be willing to part with for this booth. We only want treasures and not trash. Contact Jo Hughes, 883-4114, for more information.
 The Christmas Bazaar will be 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%).
 There will be a luncheon from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the fellowship hall. A donation of \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children is requested. The menu will be creamed chicken over cornbread, green beans, congealed salad, dessert, and drink and for children there will be hot dogs, chips, and drink.



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 November 13. 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.

Thanksgiving Dinner for Second Harvest Clients

Thanksgiving Boxes

We are proud to announce that once again Andrew Price will be the distribution center for the Thanksgiving Boxes given to Second Harvest Clients. This will be a community effort similar to the one we did last year. The event will take place on Saturday, November 19, from 9:00-11:00 am. Below is a shopping list and a donation form to be completed and returned to the office.

According to Jaynee Day, President and CEO of Second Harvest of Middle Tennessee, "Hunger is a reality for many Americans, even in our own backyards. People in every community face the risk of going hungry - food may not be available for one meal, several meals or even longer (measured by a statistic called 'food insecurity')."

Can you help provide Thanksgiving dinner for the Second Harvest clients of our community? If so, pledge to provide a box of food listed below or a gift card to be used for meat, or both. This can be undertaken by families, Sunday school classes, youth groups, men's or women's groups. Return this pledge card to the office no later than November 6 (you can also e-mail your pledge to d.holtz@apmumc.net) and deliver your boxed donation to Andrew Price Memorial United Methodist Church by Sunday, November 13.

Food Shopping List

- 1 box/package instant potatoes
- 1 box/package stuffing mix
- 1 can sweet potatoes
- 2 cans green beans
- 2 cans corn
- 2 cans chicken broth
- 1 can cranberry sauce
- 1 package Jello/gelatin with
- 1 can fruit (e.g. cherry with fruit cocktail or lime with mandarin oranges)
- 2 packages turkey gravy
- 1 package cake mix
with 1 tub of frosting
- 2 packages of biscuit, roll or cornbread/muffin mix

_____ **I pledge to provide 1 gift card for turkey** (suggest \$10 - \$15)

_____ **I pledge to provide a box filled with the items above**

_____ **I pledge to provide both a gift card and a filled box**

Your name and phone # _____

XYZ News

The XYZ Group will travel to Portland, TN on Tuesday, November 8, for a private luncheon at the "5 Chefs Restaurant". Reservations are required and payment in advance is also required (or cash on the day of the trip; but please note that if reservations are not cancelled by Saturday, November 5, you will be obligated to pay the \$17/person charge if you do not attend).

We will leave the church promptly at 10:40 am. For reservations or questions, please call Brenda Vanderpool at 758-7903.

Trunk or Treat

Thank you to everyone for making our annual trunk or treat a huge success! We gave out candy to 198 children, 290 hot dogs, 250 bags of chips, and 304 drinks! Congratulations to Brenda Vanderpool for again receiving the most votes for the favorite decorated vehicle. We all are winners as we shared God's love with so many children and their families.

Pocket Prayer for November

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all His benefits.

Amen.

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

Several of our church members ran in the Race for the Cure on Saturday. They were Kristi Groth, Buck Buckner, Tom & Tina Stanley, and Becky Lovelace.

Kristi Groth raised \$525.00 in donations. Congratulations to Kristi and all of the participants.

Condolences

We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Melanie Wert Cantrell, who passed away from cancer last week. Melanie was a member of the Music City Bronze Handbell Choir. Many years ago she was an active member of the bell choir while she attended Andrew Price. Melanie had been an active member of Belmont United Methodist Church and the bell choir for many years.

We wish to offer our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Sandra South. Sandra was the sister-in-law of Beverly Mills. The funeral was held on November 1, at 1:00 pm at Spring Hill Funeral Home.

This weeks Youth News features a portion of an article by Sam Davidson. Hope you find it helpful.

-Randy

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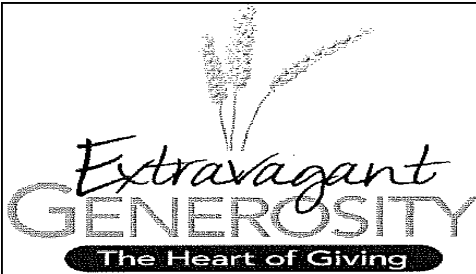
These three easy tips will help you be safe, happy, ethical, and smart online

1. Everything is public. Would you leave your diary or journal open in the middle of a busy coffeehouse? Of course not. But online, there's no way to track who sees what you write or post and what they do with that information. What you think is private may soon become public.

2. Everything is permanent. What you write on someone's profile or on a blog post could be there for a long time. Even if you go back later and hit the delete button, once you have published them, your words have a chance of sticking around forever. There's no telling who printed your post or emailed your entry to their network

3. Everything is literal. Online, it's hard to express or to "read" emotions and meaning that we more easily pick up in face-to-face conversations through tone of voice, body language, and facial expression. Even if you finish your statement with an emoticon or an LOL, you may offend, confuse, or anger the person to whom you're writing. When emailing, texting, or posting, be sure your words won't be misconstrued or taken out of context.

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“I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other.” John 13:34-35

RELATIONSHIPS ARE MATTERS OF THE HEART

Can you love without giving?

We are **blessed** with friends and family whom we dearly love.

We **express** our love for them in many ways.

We **give** of ourselves by investing time in the lives of those we love.

We **share** in their joy and special celebrations with gifts.



We are **devoted** to our loved ones and want only the best for them.

Besides God’s gift of salvation, what is the most **generous gift** you have ever **received**? How did it affect you? How did you respond?

*“Don’t bargain with God. Be direct. Ask for what you need. . . If your child asks for bread, do you trick him with sawdust? If he asks for fish, do you scare him with a live snake on his plate? . . . You’re at least decent to your own children. So don’t you think the God who conceived you in love will be even better?”
Matthew 7:11 The Message*

Letters for Josh McClellan

Hey everyone!

Just wanted to let all of you know that Josh will be leaving in a few days for another deployment to Afghanistan. He will be there again for 6 to 7 months, including the holidays this time. Jay and I would appreciate your prayers so much for Josh and his wife Ashly. Josh is not looking forward to this deployment but hopes that it won't be quite as active as his last one. Ashly especially needs prayer as this is such a stressful time for her to be without him and to worry!

We know that the Lord will be with Josh and through your thoughts and prayers he will come home safely. Thanks ahead of time for the love and support we always feel from all of you! Josh's address in Afghanistan is:

Captain Joshua C. McClellan
HMLA 369
Unit 40081
FPO AP 96427-0081

He really likes to get packages and mail! I will keep you all posted as to how he is doing.

Love to all
Beth and Jay McClellan

UMW Pecan Sale Is Back.

The UMW pecan sale is back. There will be a pre-order form in the foyer beginning Wednesday, Oct 19. There has been a price increase and the following choices will be \$8 each with the exception of the small pieces 1 LB for \$9.50. Delivery will be before Thanksgiving.

- HALVES 12oz
- Medium pieces 12oz
- Small pieces 1LB
- Chocolate Covered 12oz
- Dark Chocolate Covered 12oz
- Pecan Clusters 12oz
- Glazed 8ozlasuer@bellsouth.net
- Cinnamon 12oz

Thanks.
Nancy LaSuer, President of UMW, lasuer@bellsouth.net

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Gleanings are published	2 No Staff Meeting	3	4 Room in the Inn Begins, LDL Class Hosts	5
6 Clocks Back, Daylight Savings Sunday 2 of Extravagant Generosity	7 5:45 pm Second Harvest Volunteer Dinner, St. Philips Episcopal Church	8 6:00 pm Church Safety Seminar, Greater Faith Missionary Baptist Church 6:45 pm Prayer Ministry Meeting	9	10 7:00 Emmaus Board Meeting Music City Creative Ministries Conference sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Magicians	11 Music City Creative Ministries Conference sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Magicians Room in the Inn, Hickory Bend UMC hosts	12 Music City Creative Ministries Conference sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Magicians 6:00-8:00 pm Parent's Night Out
13 Sunday 3 of Extravagant Generosity 7:00-9:00 am Remote Prayer Line	14	15 Gleanings are published 7:00 Fellowship of Christian Magicians Meeting	16	17	18 Room in the Inn, Builders Class hosts	19 7:45 am Men's Club Breakfast 9:00-11:00 am Thanksgiving Boxes Distributed at AP for Second Harvest Clients
20 Sunday 4 of Extravagant Generosity 11:45 am -1:30 pm Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal (FH, Sanctuary) After 10:30 am Worship Service, Hanging of the Greens After 10:30 am Worship Service, Worship Team Meeting (Library) 4:00 pm Administrative Council The Awakening 5:30 pm Soup Potluck Dinner 6:30 pm Worship Service	21	22 10:00 Deliver Thanksgiving Turkey and Dressing to Community Care Fellowship	23 No Wonderful Wednesday Night due to Thanksgiving Holiday	24 Thanksgiving Office Closed	25 Room in the Inn, New Life Class Hosts 6:00 Youth, mini golf	26 10:00 am Celebration of the Life of Henry Nettles (Sanctuary)
27 9:15-10:15 am Advent Fair (FH) Red Cross Blood Drive 9:00 am -1:00 pm	28	29	30	1 8:30 am-1:30 pm Stone's River Woman's Club Christmas Party (FH)	2 Room in the Inn, Sharers Class Hosts	3 9:00 am-2:00 pm Christmas Bazaar 11:00 am-1:00 pm Lunch

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 Al-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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Lectionary Reading

November 6: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7 (UMH 799); 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13
November 13: Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123 or Psalm 76 (UMH 797); 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

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.

<u>November Ushers</u>	<u>November Children's Church Leaders</u>
8:15 am Captain: Mike Woods	6 No children's church, Communion Sunday
10:30 am Captain: Frank Alley	13 Jenn Newman, Doug Griggs
Jonathan Earl, Tom Sarver, Frank Selman, Marty Williams	20 Mike Pride, Lori griggs
Greeter: Arch Hosick	27 Larry Jackson, Debbie Pride

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)

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