

Gleanings

November 14, 2011

A Community of Seekers Celebrating and Sharing God's



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Pastor's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Has someone ever given you something so over-the-top, so beyond what you expected, that it took your breath away? I have a little framed piece that says, "Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."

Extravagant Generosity is like that. You know when you encounter it because it is something different from the normal, something so radically different from what is normally offered.

We, the Church, can be the ones who give away our time, our talents, our energies, our gifts and our whole selves. We speak this extreme version of gifting at Holy Communion: "we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us."

Sunday we are invited to bring those autumn sky blue pieces of paper to leave in the offering plates to place on the altar where we dare to estimate our giving for the 2012 year.

Does the Church need our money? Yes, of course, so that we can continue to do the ministry of Christ in some specific ways here and now. But what is greater than the Church's need for your money is your need to become extravagantly generous. **Your true giving is not about a dollar amount - - - it is about your heart!**

So this is what I am asking each of us to do: pray. Listen to God's urging about your personal commitment. And then I invite each of us to pray this prayer - - - and to be a part of the answer to this prayer:

Lord God, giver of every good gift, so touch our hearts with your Love that we might

become truly generous. We pray for a never-ending succession of benefactors

for your Church at Andrew Price Memorial. As we, your servants here, are extravagantly

blessed, open us up to extravagant blessing.

In Christ we pray,

Amen.

I look forward to celebrating the Extravagant Generosity of our God with you this Sunday!

+Pastor Melisa

Giving

November 6	Received	\$14,871.61
November 13	Received	\$5,374.00
Needed:		\$7,864.00

Attendance

	<u>November 6</u>	<u>November 13</u>
8:15 Service	75	60
Sunday School	117	119
10:30 Service	107	113

November 20

Hanging of the Greens and Christmas Program Rehearsal

On November 20, the children will sing at the 10:30 am worship service and the ding a lings will play 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.

After the 10:30 am service a lunch of pizza, chips, dessert and drink will be served. We are asking for a donation of \$3.00 per person to cover the cost of food. Please see Christy Earl before the 20th if you have any questions. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for lunch reservations. Please sign up by Wednesday, November 16.

We will also have Hanging of the Greens. This is when we get the church ready for the Advent and Christmas season. All classes (children, youth, and adults) are invited to decorate their rooms. People are needed to help set up trees in the chapel and sanctuary.

Red Cross Blood Drive

There will be a blood drive on November 20, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the fellowship hall. To make an appointment please contact Jenn Newman, 902-9585 or 305-6878, vnewman@acsigroup.net, or go to redcrossblood.org.

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: 11-16: 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)
Pastor's Study , Extravagant Generosity
Nursery available

7:40-8:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Children's Advent Fair

All children's Sunday School classes will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 9:15-10:15 am on Sunday, November 27, for an Advent Fair.

Advent

Advent starts on November 27. Tables will be set up in the foyer that morning for people to display nativity sets. We ask that you write a short description about your nativity set. You can take them home with you that morning as you leave church.

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.

Donelson Hermitage Christmas Parade

Our church will participate in the Donelson Hermitage Christmas parade on Sunday, December 4. The parade starts at 4:30 p.m. Children 5th grade and younger must have a parent ride the trailer with them. Anyone in the congregation is welcome to ride. You must sign a waiver to participate. Please let Christy Earl know by Sunday, November 27, if you would like to participate.

Christmas Bazaar News

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.

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.

Greetings!

In the last two years, APMUMC, has graciously given gifts to prisoners at River Bend Prison for Christmas. We hope to continue this wonderful ministry, this year as well! Like last year, we will need volunteers from the church to deliver the packages in December. There will be an opportunity to give monetarily to this ministry, and if you are also interested in visiting and delivering the packages, let me know. In Peace, John Wheeler, john.b.wheeler@vanderbilt.edu.

Second Harvest Food Bank

Please bring whatever non-perishable food item you wish on Sunday. If you prefer you may purchase gift cards at Kroger. 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.

Thank You

I just want to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who sent cards, visited me and prayed for me during my hospital stay. I truly felt the power of my church family's love and your prayers were answered. I praise God that I have so many people that care so much for me and celebrate that I am much better. Thank you again and God bless you all.

Jon Earl

Worship Readiness Class

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

Prayer Requests-November 13, 2011

Pray for Rev. Melisa Derseweh. Pray for our church family and staff.

Focus Class

Shirley Mraz
Catherine Judkins
Jerry
Michelle Judkins
Peace in the middle East
Vickie
Karen Thompson
Merrill Harris
Julie Palmer
Jon
Andrew Davis
April Dodson
Roberta Walter

New Life Class

Chase
People looking for jobs
Ernestine Lovelace
Bobby Mayes
Scott Hansen
Joe Street
Dorothy Colston
Amanda & Family
Katherine L
Carl
Julie W
Josh – in Afghanistan
Jim Vernon
Leslie Lankford – in Afghanistan
Sean & Trevor McMackin – in Afghanistan
Tom Burnett
Family of Carrie Daugherty
Family of Michael Morris
Ray Campbell
James Woods
Daniel- new believer-answered prayer!
Rebecca Skrdla

Topics Class

Bishop Mikaelian – 11 yrs old – brain tumor
Sean Packer
Stacy Ring
Ralph Molina
Dawn Z
Joe
John Smith
Bill Oglesby
Family of William Adams

Other Prayer Concerns

Hailey Coe & Tiffany
Barbara Jamison
Pete Stanton
Leatrice Dumont
Stephanie

Anna Gay Class

Justin Strohmman
Mary McMullan
Paul Gibson –in Africa-
missions
Ruby Rogers
Elaine Scholes
Becky Reed
Pat Griggs
Bud & Helene Davis
Gene Campbell
Paul Campbell
Bob Harriman
Bill & Martha Sarrar
Sherry Reed
Christine Blunkhall
Jackie Saunders

LDL Class

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

McDonough Fellowship Class

Tina Owen
Laurel Tragle
Buster Etheridge
Jimmy Tragle
Priscilla Etheridge
Polly King
Estelle Groth
Margaret Maggart
Evelyn Crouse
Virginia Rogillio
W.T. Maggart
Judy Abaya
Jean Kelly

Builders Class

Oliver Phillips & family
Kathy
Tom Ruhlman
Jeff
Keisha Murphy & family
June Baron
Tiffany Curtis
Joy
Family of Dana Ault Hull
Christopher
Mr. DeWeise
Tina P.
Kelly Hammer
Family of Debbie Templeton
Marc Phillips
Mac & Virginia McCrabb
Judy Martin
Dennis Franklin
Family of Rick H
Wayne

Sharers Class

Linda Fulkerson
Allen Fulkerson
Betty Sheehan
Ben Carroll
Thelma Pearson
US military – safety & success
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
Mary Ann Norris
Rene Hunter
Geneva Emerson
Lonnie Leggett
Earl Imes
Betty & Harvey Johnson
Cari Lloyd
Family of Sandra South
Trent Foley

Condolences

We wish to offer our condolences to Frank Adams and his family in the passing of his father, William. Mr. Adams died Sunday, November 6, in Texas.

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.

Altar Flowers

November 20: The flowers are given by Mabel Clodfelter in memory her son, Tim.

November 27: The flowers are given in memory of Martha & Jimmy Edwards and Buford Williams, Sr. and in honor of Mrs. Gertrude Williams by Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Williams and their family.

Envelope Numbers

Please help our wonderful volunteer counters by putting your envelope number on your check or if you use envelopes on your envelope. Should you not know your envelope number, please contact Joe Allen and he would be happy to give you your number. Thanks, Janice Johns, Counters Coordinator

UMW Pecans Are Here

The UMW pecans are here. You may pick up your order after each service on Sunday. The pecans are in room 252, Education Wing. If you didn't place an order there are additional pecans for sale each Sunday until all are sold. They will also be available for sale at the Christmas Bazaar on December 3.

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

Thank You From The Children

Thank you to everyone for contributing to UNICEF. We collected \$445.69! A big thank you to the children of the church for leading us in the outreach project.

Youth News

Below is an updated list of events for our Fall 2011 Youth Calendar. I will be out on the 20th attending the National Youth Workers Convention but we will have great volunteers leading MYF on that evening. There will be a lot happening in December so please mark these dates on your calendar.

Also we are beginning to spread the word about "Warmth In Winter". The dates are January 27, 28 and 29. If any youth would like to attend please see Randy to get more detail. www.warmthinwinter.com

Lastly the youth ping-pong table is broken so we are seeking a new one. If you have a ping-pong table or an air hockey table that you would like to donate please contact Randy. Thanks in advance!

November

17th – 20th National Youth Workers Convention (Randy attending)

20th UMYF
(Thanksgiving Week)

23rd No Wed Night Youth

27th No UMYF

30th Wed Night Youth

December

4th No UMYF (Christmas Parade)

7th Wed Night Youth

11th UMYF

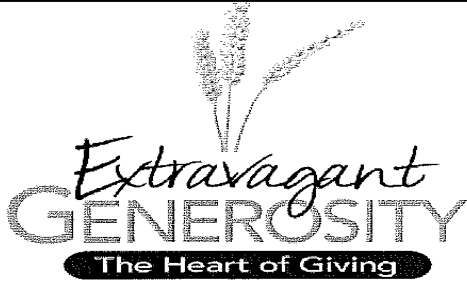
14th Last Wed Night Youth until Jan. 4th

17th Youth Christmas Party at the Earl's Home

18th Last Minute Toy Store

25th No UMYF

30th Youth help with Room In The Inn



“For God so loved the world he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16 NIV

GOD IS AN EXTRAVAGANT GIVER

Which Characteristics Describe Your Giving?

- Prayerful
- Spontaneous, an Outflow of My Loving Heart
- Reflects My Life Priorities to Allow Giving, Regardless of Temporary Circumstances
- Represents My First Blessings and Resources, Not Leftovers
- Proportionate to My Means
- Given Cheerfully and Joyfully

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY IS AN EXPRESSION OF YOUR HEART

“But since you excel in everything--In faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you – see that you also excel in this grace of giving.” 2 Corinthians 8:7 CEB

New Life Class Invites Everyone to Attend an Advent Study: The Journey

Everyone is invited to attend the New Life Sunday School Class beginning Sunday, November 20, for an Advent Study, The Journey.

Take your group on a journey with Adam Hamilton as he travels on video from Nazareth to Bethlehem in this fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ.

This five-session DVD was filmed in on location in the Holy Land and is an essential companion resource to The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem church program. Each exciting and informative session contains 10-15 minute video vignettes of pastor and best-selling author Adam Hamilton retracing the actual path of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem. Also includes a bonus segment on the Holy Land today.

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

November & December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		15 Gleanings are published 7:00 Fellowship of Christian Magicians Meeting	16	17	18 Room in the Inn, Builders Class hosts	19 9:00-11:00 am Thanksgiving Boxes Distributed at AP for Second Harvest Clients
20 Sunday 4 of Extravagant Generosity Red Cross Blood Drive 9:00 am –1:00 pm (FH) 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 12:30 pm Stones River Women’s Group (New Life)	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 Office Closed Room in the Inn, New Life Class Hosts 6:00 Youth Event	26 10:00 am Celebration of the Life of Henry Nettles (Sanctuary)
27 9:15-10:15 am Advent Fair (FH) No UMYF	28	29	30 No Staff Meeting	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
4 No UMYF 4:30 pm Donelson Hermitage Christmas Parade 5:30-8:30 Emmaus Board Dinner (FH & Sanctuary)	5	6 Gleanings are published. 5:00 pm XYZ Christmas Dinner	7 3:00 pm Staff Meeting	8 6:30-7:30 pm Playschool Christmas Program (Sanctuary) 7:00 pm Emmaus Board Meeting	9 6:15 pm Staff Christmas Party Room in the Inn, Hickory Bend UMC Hosts	10 6:00-7:30 pm Children’s Christmas Program Rehearsal (McDonough & Sanctuary)
11 7:00-9:00 am Remote Prayer Line 6:30-7:30 pm Children’s Christmas Program	12	13 6:45 Prayer Ministry Meeting	14 Last Wonderful Wednesday until Jan. 4 Last Wed Night Youth until Jan. 4	15	16 Youth Christmas Party at the Earl’s Home Room in the Inn, TOPICS Class Hosts	17 7:45 am Men’s Club Breakfast 7:00 pm Boy Scout Court of Honor (FH)

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 20: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100 (UMH 821); Ephesians 1: 15-23; Matthew 25:31-46
 November 27: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (UMH 801); 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37
 December 4: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 (UMH 806); 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

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.

November Ushers

8:15 am Captain: Mike Woods
 10:30 am Captain: Frank Alley
 Jonathan Earl, Tom Sarver, Frank Selman, Marty Williams
 Greeter: Arch Hosick

November Children's Church Leaders

20 Mike Pride, Lori griggs
 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)

Belvedere Commons (Benton Village): Donna Poag

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, Barbara Jamieson, Virginia Rogillio, Dennis Franklin, Bonnie Jackson