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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Memphis Annual Conference was held May 31 through June 2, at the Carl Perkins Civic Center in Jackson, TN. It was definitely a busy time for both clergy and laity delegates, who comprised a 50:50 voting balance. I can remember my first Annual Conference in 1969 at First United Methodist in Memphis. At that time, my Uncle Charlie was taking classes to obtain his brokerage or real estate license. He quite conveniently dropped me off at the church each day of the conference, only to pick me up as he returned home. I can remember feeling so lost and insignificant because of my "local preacher" status that was without ordination authority.

Since then, I have attended numerous Annual Conferences over the years, and I must admit that I have not missed even one. I never look forward to all that necessary business, such as debating, voting, and amending, but I was significantly excited about the evangelistic worship services and the renewal of some old acquaintances who are still proclaiming God's Word and shepherding His people.

Annual Conference enables delegates and also congregations to hear a yearly report concerning the various ministries of the United Methodist Churches in the Memphis Conference. It was really exciting to view several videos, such as those produced by Reelfoot Rural Ministries or Lakeshore Assembly, and to experience how our churches are reaching out to people in crisis or providing invaluable spiritual guidance to children, youth, and adults. We evaluated our budget inadequacy in apportionments and also what we can do to help Lambuth University to recover its financial solvency!

Please keep me in your prayers as I begin my third year as your appointed pastor. May God bless both clergy and laity delegates. Hopefully, we have voted our convictions and represented our respective churches! I pray that we have made some great progress, especially in our commitment and discipleship in Christ's Church.

In Christ's Service,

Rev. William T. Jowers

THANK YOU FOR OUR CLEAN SANCTUARY

Compliments to the congregation for the good job you are doing of taking your bulletins home or disposing of them in the recycle bin in the narthex. In recent weeks, there have been very few bulletins left lying on the pews after worship on Sundays. Thanks again for helping to keep our sanctuary neat and clean!

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Stephanie J. Hale, who joined our church last Sunday by transfer from the Paris First United Methodist Church. Her son, Isaac Hale, was received as a preparatory member. How proud and excited we are to have this new family!

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

The church council recently approved plans to prepare a pictorial directory through the Olan Mills, Corporation. Please note the following dates available for your photo session: July 17, 2:00-9:00 p.m.; July 18, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; July 28, 2:00 -9:00 p.m. You will be contacted to reserve a convenient photo session date and time.

UMW CANDLEBURNING DEADLINE JULY 19

You can give to world-wide United Methodist missions by giving at least \$5 in memory or in honor of your loved ones to United Methodist Women's Candleburning. Every donation given means a special candle will burn a unit of time at the UMW Conference this summer to symbolize how much has been given to missions through this campaign in 2009. Leave your donations in church office or hand them to Dorothy Lancaster by Sunday, July 19. Find forms outside the church office.

NEW HELPERS NEEDED TO CLEAN FELLOWSHIP HALL AND DOWNSTAIRS RESTROOMS IN JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST

If you will agree to be committed to cleaning one of these two areas for the next 3 months, please contact Glenda Lane immediately at 855-4723.

JOIN TO THE TRENTON GARDEN CLUB

The Trenton Garden Club would welcome those who are interested in joining. The meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the conference room of Security Bank. Not only do we participate in local projects, we also take field trips and have educational meetings, and just generally have a good time together. If interested in joining, please contact Diane Combs, president, at 855-1476, and please bring a friend to the next meeting!

Phone 855-0561 to win a golden dollar by identifying this little sailor.
Give your photos from your childhood or youth to Carolyn or Gary Blankinship.
The last photo in the newsletter was of **Kari Alexander**.
The person to identify her first was **Judy Woods**.

PRAYER AND CARE: Finis Carr, Thomas Cherry, Bill Goodrich, Kenny Hughes (neighbor of Harold & Barbara Griggs), Bob Mosby (grandfather of Jacob Ross), a cut on the head from a fall, requiring staples. Tanner Page (daughter of John and Beth Page, beginning treatment for leukemia). Mr. Ross (grandfather of Jacob Ross), undergoing chemo. Debbie Martin, Janice & C.B. Singleton, Zachary Taylor (child in our MDO, chemo for non-cancerous tumor on optic nerve).

CONGRATULATIONS to Peggy & Fred Davis on the birth of twins, Lillian Winn and Davis Winn, to their daughter Janet Beth Winn and her husband Jacob Winn on June 8 in Knoxville.

SYMPATHY is shared with the family of Judy Estes, including her granddaughter Brionna Estes, who attends our church and Sunday school regularly.

IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY: Otto and Hans Bauer (nephews of Gina Williams), Doug Ferguson (son of Susie & Bob Ferguson, recently deployed to Iraq), James Patrick Inman, Paul Michael Ross (brother of Jacob Ross), Chris Smith, Jesse Vinson (grandson of Harold & Barbara Griggs), Chais Milligan Wallsmith.

HOSPITAL NEWS: Charles Flack, Jackson Madison General Hospital. Debbie Martin has been discharged and is at home (daughter of Glenda Lane).

RETIREMENT HOMES: Agnes Evans, Greenbriar Meadows, 436 Hannings Lane, Martin, TN 38237; Dorothy Hardaway, Room 5, Harlan Morris Home, 400 Harlan Morris Drive, Trenton, TN. Tassie Hopkins, Bailey Park Community Living Center, 2400 Mitchell Street, Humboldt TN 38343.

IN NURSING HOMES: Finis Carr, Dyer Nursing Home, 1124 North Main Street. Von Dabbs, State Veterans Home, 2865 Main Street, Humboldt, information 784-8405. Charlene Lemond room 145-1, Allen Morgan Healthcare, 177 North Highland, Memphis TN 38111, phone 515-2853. T. W. Haynes, Summer's Landing, Trenton TH. Vivian Hight, Humboldt Manor, 2031 Avondale Road, Humboldt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JUNE: Jimmy Milligan

USHERS FOR JUNE

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| *Andrea Joyner | Peggy Davis | TyAnne Ridings |
| Terrie Joyner | Debbie Grant | Keri Ballentine |

GREETERS

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| June 14 | Marilyn & Ken Holder |
| June 21 | Gloria Jones & Carol Ann Halliburton |
| June 28 | Adele & Bobby Moore |
| July 5 | Corinne Holman & Faye Campbell |

ACOLYTES

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| June 14 | Bailey Williams & Gracie Williams |
| June 21 | Tyson Bartholomew & Sydney Phelan |
| June 28 | Josey Phelan & Gracey Estes |
| July 5 | TBA |

SUNDAY WORSHIP LAY READERS

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| June 14 | TBA | Betty Denton |
| June 21 | TBA | Steve Mischke |
| June 28 | TBA | Barbara Parker |
| July 5 | TBA | Billy Woods |

CHILDREN'S SERMONS

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| June 14 | TyAnne Ridings |
| June 21 | Karin Johnson |
| June 28 | Glenna Helms |
| July 5 | R.B. Hodges |

INVITATION

You are invited to a shower for Lillian Winn and Davis Winn, newborn daughter and son of Beth Davis Winn and Jacob Winn, at 1:00 p.m. p.m. on Sunday, June 14, in our fellowship hall.

NOTE OF THANKS

*To Our Church Family,
Thank you for the concern, the care, and the cards that you have offered our family during this time. Your prayers have all been greatly appreciated.*

Beverly Joyner Wallin

CALENDAR

Friday, June 12

6:00 p.m. - Relay for Life at Shady Acres Park. First Presbyterian will be selling barbecue nachos and barbecue sandwiches.

Sunday, June 14

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
10:50 a.m. - Worship Service
1:00 p.m. - Baby Shower for Beth Davis Winn (expecting twins)

Wednesday, June 17

7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

2009 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DATES:

Monday through Thursday, July 13-16, 6-8 p.m.

Theme: CAMP EDGE, "Experiencing God Anywhere"

ATTENDANCE MAY 31, 2009

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 67 MORNING WORSHIP: 102

VISITORS IN WORSHIP MAY 31: Chester Garland.

ATTENDANCE JUNE 7, 2009

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 73 MORNING WORSHIP: 93

VISITORS IN WORSHIP JUNE 7: Nancy Carole Walker, Elizabeth Bacon, Cy Young, Patrea & Allen Beard, Ceil & Bob Moore, Kayla & Josh Richardson.

PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER on the attendance pad every Sunday morning during worship so that our visitors will do that, too.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2009

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| TOTAL RECEIPTS IN MAY | \$16,376.93 |
| TOTAL PAID EXPENSES IN MAY | \$14,665.88 |
| UNPAID CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS | \$31,160.00 |

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 7

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| TO SANCTUARY DEBT ON JUNE 7 | \$65 |
| YEAR TO DATE FOR SANCTUARY DEBT: | \$1103 |
| OWED ON LOAN FOR PAST MAINTENANCE | \$9,890 |
| TO YOUTH FUND ON JUNE 7 | \$85 |
| YEAR TO DATE FOR YOUTH FUND | \$1247 |
| TO THE VAN FUND ON JUNE 7 | \$20 |
| BUDGET OFFERING ON JUNE 71 | \$5403 |

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1-Jordan Leigh Grant 6-Dot Davis 6-Caleb Avery 7-Chris Smith
15-Erma Dollar 17-Alexandra Avery 21-Debbie Grant 21-Becky George
22-Bob Holman 22-Karin Johnson 28-Anne Peebles 28-Rod Williams
30-Hunter Smith.

MEMORIALS

IN HONOR OF JUDY ESTES

The Fishermen Class

IN HONOR OF JOE HAMMONDS

Beverly Wallin]

IN MEMORY OF JOHN WALLIN

Anne & Cy Fairless Dorothy & Charlie Lancaster

IN MEMORY OF TERRY AGEE

IN MEMORY OF JEFF CROSSNOE

Sherry & Gary Buchanan

IN MEMORY OF CLAUDINE LANE

Patricia Zarecor

IN MEMORY OF TERRY AGEE (TO THE YOUTH FUND)

IN MEMORY OF JOHNNY WALLIN

Barbara & Frank Parker

IN MEMORY OF MATTIE CARR

Virginia & Marvin Ford Dorothy & Charlie Lancaster

IN MEMORY OF JUDY ESTES

Dorothy & Charlie Lancaster