

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MESSENGER

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The majestic mountain range called the Alps provides a most beautiful and unforgettable background for the Academy Award-winning movie, "The Sound of Music," starring Julie Andrews. Freedom became a definite reality for the von Trapp family when they escaped from the German Army, using an old and familiar mountain pass located high in the Alps between Switzerland and their beloved homeland of Austria. Despite the fact that the Germans had closed all of Austria's borders, the optimistic faith and determination of this courageous family were clearly demonstrated.

Did you notice how the Von Trapp family used their musical talents to rise above the troubles and fears of difficult and desperate times? As I reflect over the formative and youthful years of my early childhood; I remember how my mother always sang "so beautifully" the hymns of God's amazing love and grace! At that time, I had never seen or visited any mountains – yet I felt equally inspired by her love and respect for God, Nature, family, and church.

Julie Andrew's song has always been extremely inspirational: "The hills are alive with the sound of music." The Psalmist discovered the benefits of spiritual retreat and renewal when he composed the following words: "I lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." (Psalm 121:1-2)

Whenever I visit the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, where my older son and his family reside, I plan to spend some time evaluating my personal spiritual journeys. There have been several challenging mountains and valleys, but heights and depths don't really matter as long as Jesus walks and talks with you and me!

In Christ's Service,

Rev. William T. Jowers

## TRANSPORTATION HELP NEEDED

If you are willing to drive the church van on Sunday mornings or to use your own vehicle to transport the two riders who currently need this service, please speak to Roger Reasons or phone him at 855-2130.

## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

For any crisis this week while Bro. Tommy and his family are on vacation, please contact Rev. Gene Rollins, pastor of Union United Methodist Church, by home telephone 686-8169 or cell phone 693-4742. Bro. Tommy will be back in the church office next Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

## UMW BAZAAR--THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

Be preparing your home cooked and canned specialties and your craft items and be planning what you will contribute to the decorator and Christmas items for the bazaar!

## LAITY SUNDAY

We are excited to announce that our church lay leader, Franky Hodges, will be presenting the sermon this Sunday, October 11, during the 10:50 a.m. worship. He will also be presenting the sermon at Olive Branch UMC at their 9:30 a.m. worship service. These services will emphasize the importance of our church's dedicated laity, who faithfully proclaim Christ's love. We sincerely appreciate Franky's time, talents, and efforts, as God uses him to communicate the Good News!

## WONDERIFIC WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14: ADULT STUDY BASED ON THE BEATITUDES

At 6:00 p.m. Bro. Tommy will lead the 7<sup>th</sup> of these 8 studies. The scripture is St. Matthew 5:9. A DVD beautifully illustrates how being guided by the Beatitudes will enable us to find freedom from our personal hurts, disappointments, and hang-ups.

## CLUSTER CHARGE CONFERENCE

All the North Gibson County United Methodist churches well assemble at our church on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, for our Annual Charge Conference, beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Most reports will be filed, not read aloud, but we have several issues and reports to officially approve. Rev. Steve Cavitt, District Superintendent of the Brownsville District, will direct this conference.

## YOUTH NEWS by Jacob Ross

The UMYF youth are currently selling Halloween Insurance for \$15. If you would like to insure your house against Halloween vandalism, please see me or another youth representative about purchasing your insurance. We will be cleaning up any vandalism on Sunday, November 1, between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. The money raised will go to support the UMYF Summer Mystery Trip.

## OLDER ELEMENTARY CHILDREN'S RETREAT

There is still time to register for Lakeshore's Older Elementary Retreat Oct 9-11. The theme is "Children's Sabbath." It will be an awesome experience for your 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders and an opportunity for them to grow in their faith and meet others from around the conference. Almost 50 are registered, but there is still room for more. Please e-mail [office@lakeshoreuma.com](mailto:office@lakeshoreuma.com) or call 731-584-6102 to let us know you plan to attend.

Phone the church at 855-0561 on Friday to identify this fine young man from the not too distant past. The last childhood photo in the newsletter was of **Betty Denton**. The first person to identify her was **Glenda Lane**.

**PRAYER AND CARE:** Heath Arnold (grandson of Betty Jackson), Robert N. Becton (brother of Noraine Becton), Finis Carr, Thomas Cherry, Velma Hodges (mother of Franky Hodges), Michele Phelan, Janice & C.B. Singleton, Marcella Webster (mother-in-law of B.J. Jones), Marsha Forsyte (co-worker of Priscilla Jones).

**IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY:** Doug Ferguson (son of Susie & Bob Ferguson, 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 (son of Christy & Michael Wallsmith, son of Michelle Wallsmith, grandson of Sandy & Jimmy Milligan).

**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, TN 38343, information 784-8405. Charlene Lemond, Apt. 258, Trezevant Terrace, 3437 Waynoka Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111, phone 901-746-5967. Helen McCormick (stepmother of Peggy Davis) is in Dyer Nursing Home. Dr. T. Wilson. Haynes, Summer's Landing, 2036 Hwy. 45 Bypass South, Trenton TN. Vivian Hight, Humboldt Manor, 2031 Avondale Road, Humboldt, TN 38343.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER:** Jeff Carr

**USHERS FOR OCTOBER**

\*Jeff Carr                      Clint Buchanan      Sid Phelan  
Brad Ballentine      Perry Lane              Michael Wallsmith

**GREETERS**

October 11      Becky & Billy George  
October 18      Mary & Neil Ernest  
October 25      Adele & Bobby Moore  
November 1      Judy & Billy Woods

**ACOLYTES**

October 11      Annie Bartholomew & Tyson Bartholomew  
October 18      Gracey Estes & Cydney Beth Lane  
October 25      Rachel Lambert & Claire Rollins  
November 1      Spencer Vickers & Cade Roberts

**SUNDAY WORSHIP LAY READERS**

October 11      Ecclesiastes 3:1-14              Clint Buchanan  
October 18      II Timothy 4:1-8                  Gary Buchanan  
October 25      TBA                                      Courtney Ballentine  
November 1      TBA                                      Sammy Dickey

**CHILDREN'S SERMONS**

October 11      Jacob Ross  
October 18      Betty Denton  
October 25      TyAnne Ridings  
November 1      Karin Johnson

**NOTE OF THANKS**

*To those who were in charge of the services September 20 for the 50+ years members, thank you for the honor. To Leah Jean, Sandy, and the 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades, for your help. The CD is beautiful, and I listen to it several times a day. God bless each of you.*

*Erma Dollar*

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

4-Mattie Carr. 4-Daniel Hodges. 6-Beverly Jowers. 6-Gil Rollins.  
7-Joy Weathersbee. 8-Lennie Mai Hicks. 11-Nancy Bailey  
4-Kerri Ballentine. 14-Betty Denton. 15-Berlynn Holman.  
15-Bethany Crockett. 19-Dorothy Lancaster. 20-Tassie Hopkins.  
22-Bailey Williams. 26-Peggy Davis. 27-Finis Carr. 30-Fred Davis.

**LEFT YOUR DISH IN THE CHURCH KITCHEN???**

Please pick it up. You will find lots of bowls and casseroles sitting on the counter, where you can easily find yours.

**CALENDAR**

Thursday, October 8 - 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. - Mom's Day Out

Sunday, October 11--Laity Sunday

8:45 a.m. – Love Notes Handbells rehearsal in sanctuary

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School (Nursery Available)

10:50 a.m. - Worship Service (Nursery Available)

Lay Speaker : Franky Hodges

Love Notes Handbells perform

7:00 p.m. – Love Notes Handbell Choir Practice

Monday, October 12

Worship Committee meeting postponed. New date TBA.

Tuesday, October 13 - 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. - Mom's Day Out

6:45 a.m. – UMYF Breakfast Club at Cotton's Cafe

Wednesday, October 14

5:30 p.m. - Wonderific Wednesday Pot-Luck Meal

6:00 p.m. For adults: Bible Study, "Life's Healing Choices"

Scripture: Matthew 5:8

For children & youth: Activities upstairs

7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 15 - 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. - Mom's Day Out

7:00 p.m. - Administrative Council Meeting

**ATTENDANCE OCTOBER 4, 2009**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL: 72 MORNING WORSHIP: 102**

**VISITORS IN WORSHIP OCTOBER 4:**

Wanda Dorado, Hohner Porter.

**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 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4**

TO SANCTUARY DEBT ON OCTOBER 4	\$35
YEAR TO DATE FOR SANCTUARY DEBT:	\$3,140
OWED ON LOAN FOR PAST MAINTENANCE	\$7,710
TO YOUTH FUND ON OCTOBER 4	\$60
YEAR TO DATE FOR YOUTH FUND	\$1,807
TO JACOB ROSS FOR "EXPROATION" TRIP	\$52
TO BILLY KINTON BENIFICENT FUND	\$76
TO WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OFFERING	\$72
TO THE VAN FUND ON OCTOBER 4	None
TO LAMBUTH ON OCTOBER 4	\$25
BUDGET OFFERING ON OCTOBER 4	\$4,543

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**

TOTAL RECEIPTS IN SEPTEMBER 2009	\$13,392.74
TOTAL PAID EXPENSES SEPTEMBER 2009	\$19,532.25
UNPAID CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS	\$27,160.00

**"A WALK THROUGH THE CEMETERY" OCT 17**

In Trenton's Oakland Cemetery from 2 to 4 PM on Saturday, October 17th, the Cemetery Committee and the Historical Society will depict 6 interesting people from the past who are buried in our Oakland Cemetery. Also, a World War II veteran from Trenton will be at the Veterans' Monument there, and will make his own informative and entertaining presentation. Tickets are \$5 with a maximum of \$10 for a family and are available from Marilyn Holder, Carolyn Blankinship, Gary Blankinship, or Murray Jones.