

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MESSENGER

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Last Sunday's worship service was unique for two reasons: First, because we enjoyed a wonderful dramatic skit about the time in 1871 when our newly built church was in need of a pipe organ and the fearful problems of financial responsibility. Second, we also launched our new stewardship program (November 2 through November 30) entitled: "Celebrating Stewardship Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow." As your pastor, I am asking every member and friend to give this stewardship adventure much prayer and support as we explore stewardship's deeper meanings and invaluable blessings. No program or work of the church can succeed without the consistent support of its people. Let us examine what we, as individuals, and what we, as a church family, can do to accomplish our goals and dreams. What have you already done and what do you plan to do concerning making your church strong and ready to serve throughout Christ's ministries?

Our church needs and deserves our undivided and uninterrupted prayer and support. In closing, I found a hard-hitting but truthful poem that should inspire everyone in our small church to rededicate himself or herself to the task before us.

### **DEAD WEIGHT IN THE CHURCH**

*I've been a dead weight many years*

*Around the church's neck;*

*I've let the others carry me*

*And always pay the check*

*I've had my name upon the rolls*

*For years and years gone by;*

*I've criticized and grumbled, too;*

*Nothing could satisfy.*

*I've been a dead weight long enough*

*Upon the church's back;*

*Beginning now, I'm going to take*

*A wholly different track.*

*I'm going to pray and pay and work*

*And carry loads instead;*

*And not have others carry me*

*As people do the dead.*

In Christ's Service,

Rev. William T. Jowers

### NEW STEWARDSHIP BANNER

Thanks are expressed to three young ladies for constructing our stewardship banner in the sanctuary: Rachel Taylor, Sara Mischke, and Hallie Norman. We also thank three of our adults for climbing the ladders and hanging the banner above the rear

sanctuary doors: Michele Phelan, Judy & Roger Reasons.

### TALENTED AND DRAMATIC PLAYERS

Appreciation is expressed to the four actors who presented a dramatic skit during last Sunday's worship service. Here is a breakdown of our players: Murray Jones, the man who accidentally fell off the train and severely injured himself; Joe Hammonds, the doctor who was attending the injured man; Berlynne Holman, wife of the doctor, who asked her husband to buy a new organ for the church; and Dot Kilzer, a church member and close friend, who agreed to buy the new organ. What was the message of this play? Like most Methodists, the doctor thought it was an excellent idea for another person to completely pay for this expensive worship instrument!

### REELFOOT RURAL MINISTRIES SUNDAY

We ask that you bring a special offering this Sunday to help support Reelfoot Rural Ministries in the greatly needed programs there. Read its mission statement here and decide how you will help:

#### *Our Mission Together*

*In Christian love, we seek to provide personal encouragement, material assistance, helpful training, and spiritual guidance to children, the elderly, and low-income families in rural Northwest Tennessee and Southwest Kentucky, in a manner that enhances self-esteem and encourages self-support.*

### CHRISTMAS & CULTURE DAY AT LAKESHORE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2008, 10 AM TO 6 PM

Lakeshore will be transformed for the day. This year's culture is Germany: authentic German foods, decorations, crafts, and activities. A wonderful family outing. The first Christmas Tree and "Silent Night." A visit from the Weihnachtsmann or the Christkind! Registration forms are outside the church office. Cost is \$15 per person.

### IN CONCERT: BRIAN FREE & ASSURANCE, AUSTIN'S BRIDGE, BEN KIRK

At Peabody High School 7:30 PM Friday, November 7, sponsored by Peabody High Band Boosters. **Tickets:** Artist Circle (first 10 rows on the floor) \$15; General Admission in Advance \$10; Groups of 10 or more call 731-343-6453.

**Available at** Deaton's Marketplace, Trenton; Lifeway Bookstore, Jackson; Lighthouse Bookstore, Union City; or from any PHS band member (Alex Jones) or any PHS Band Boosters member.

Call 855-0561. There is a prize of a golden dollar to the first person to identify this young lady. Give your childhood photo to Gary or Carolyn Blankinship. The last photo was of Corinne Wade Holman.

**PRAYER AND CARE:** Terry Agee, Joseta Barker, Susan Buchanan, Thomas Cherry, Bea Lowery (mother of Janice Dickey), Barbara Parker, Terry Rivas (sister of Lori Michel).

**IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY:** Otto and Hans Bauer (nephews of Gina Williams), James Patrick Inman, Paul Michael Ross (brother of Jacob Ross), Chris Smith, Chais Milligan Wallsmith.

**IN RETIREMENT HOMES:** Agnes Evans, Room 44, Harlan Morris Home, 400 Harlan Morris Drive, Trenton, TN. Dorothy Hardaway, Room 5, Harlan Morris Home, 400 Harlan Morris Drive, Trenton, TN.

**IN NURSING HOMES:** Finis & Mattie Carr, Dyer Nursing Home, 1124 North Main Street; Vivian Hight, Humboldt Manor, 2031 Avondale Road., Humboldt, TN.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER:** Betty Denton

**USHERS FOR NOVEMBER**

\*Sammy Dickey      Thomas Cherry      Jimmy Milligan  
Janice Dickey      Virginia Cherry      Sandy Milligan

**MEALS FOR OUR YOUTH ON SUNDAY EVENINGS**

To volunteer to feed the youth, call Glenna Helms 692-3531

November 2      TyAnne & Larry Ridings  
November 9      Sandra Mitchell  
November 16      Carol Edwards  
November 23      Bettye Jackson & Karin Johnson

Supper volunteers will need to be present from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. The meal is served at 5:30. If you are unable to come at 4:30 or to stay after the meal, contact Glenna Helms at 692-3531.

**GREETERS**

November 9      Kerrie & Brad Ballentine  
November 16      Dorothy & Charlie Lancaster  
November 23      Donna Carr & Judy Estes  
November 30      Betty Denton & Joseta Barker

**ACOLYTES**

November 9      Cade Roberts & Christian Roberts  
November 16      Rachel Rollins & Bailey Williams  
November 23      Blake Estes & Daniel Hodges  
November 30      Gracey Estes & Gracie Williams

**SUNDAY WORSHIP LAY READERS**

November 9      Revelation 3:15-22      Murray Jones  
November 16      St. Luke 12:13-21      Harold Griggs  
November 23      II Timothy 6:3-16      Trudy Phillips  
November 30      TBA      Sammy Dickey

**CHILDREN'S SERMONS**

November 9      Teri Maddox  
November 16      Andrea Joyner  
November 23      Barbara Griggs  
November 30      Jeff Carr

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

3-Jill Mischke, 3-Henry Phillips. 9-Nathan Baker. 13-Trudy Phillips.

19-Rachel Lambert; 20-Louise Potts. 24-Joyce Sanders.  
29-Rachel Rollins

**NEW KITCHEN TOOL SETS**

We have new knife sets of stainless steel by RADA that will make wonderful wedding presents. Come to the church office to see the new items available through this fund-raising project of our UMW.

**CALENDAR**

**Sunday, November 9**

9:30 a.m. - Coffee and Conversation-in the-fellowship hall  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:50 a.m. - Worship Service  
1:30 p.m. - Handbells set up at Alamo FUMC  
3:00 p.m. - Children's Handchimers leave here for Alamo.  
6:00 p.m. - Our Handbell Choir & Children's Handchimers  
in concert at Alamo FUMC

**Monday, November 10**

7:00 p.m. - Stewardship Committee

**Wednesday, November 12**

4:30 p.m. - Benevolent Committee  
5:30 p.m. - Wonderific Wednesday fellowship Pot-Luck meal  
\$3 per person. \$10 maximum for a family.  
6:00 p.m. - Activities for all ages.  
Adult Study Assignment: The next 2 miracles.  
7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

**Friday through Sunday, November 14-16**

Our youth and Jacob Ross to attend Lakeshore UMYF Retreat

**Sunday, November 16--COMMITMENT SUNDAY #1**

**Sunday, November 23--COMMITMENT SUNDAY#2**

**Tuesday, November 25**

7:00 p.m. - Community Thanksgiving Service at our church

**ATTENDANCE NOVEMBER 2, 2008**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 89 **MORNING WORSHIP:** 94

**VISITORS IN WORSHIP NOVEMBER 2:** Wanda Fant, Mattie DuPree

**TREASURER'S REPORT THROUGH 10-31-08**

**TOTAL RECEIPTS IN OCTOBER**      \$16,183  
**TOTAL PAID EXPENSES IN OCTOBER**      \$15,664  
**UNPAID CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS**      \$23,313

**TO IMPROVEMENTS DEBT OCT 27--NOV 2:** \$0  
**TO DATE FOR SANCTUARY DEBT:** \$14,410  
**TO DATE FOR YOUTH MINISTRIES:** \$3,501

**MEMORIALS**

**Please note:** Memorial donations need to be on a check that is a **separate** check from your other offerings.

**TO THE YOUTH FUND**

**IN MEMORY OF WALTER KILZER**

Alicia & Jonathan Estes

**TO THE TRUSTEES MEMORIAL FUND**

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**IN MEMORY OF THE MOTHER OF MACK YOUREES**

Frances Taylor

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**FOUND** in the church van: A necklace of shiny dark-gray metal beads and a modern dark-gray metal crucifix. Reclaim this on the table outside the church office.

**FOUND** after the bazaar: A ladies wristwatch with heavy metal band of "silver" and "gold." Claim it on the secretary's desk.

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