

THE CIRCUIT WRITER

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“CHURCH 121”

We have been recalling our long, deep history this year, and on Oct. 17-18 we will celebrate Homecoming 120. Saturday’s Yard Sale, Bake Sale and Canned Goods Sale will raise needed funds to keep up our historic building. Sunday’s Worship, Fellowship Meal and afternoon entertainment will give us pause to reconnect, refresh and rejoice. It is a blessing from God to have such a heritage. How firm a foundation!

Now it is time to look forward into the future, to imagine, to vision what will be the shape and direction we take as we enter into serving God in our 121st year. What sort of ministries will we build upon this foundation, with Jesus Christ as our corner stone?

To help us develop a sense of mission and meaning for our time and place, we have called upon the help of Patty Smith from the TN Conference UMC. She has been with us once, and is coming again, to help us brainstorm ideas for vital ministry, and to help us better define our particular mission as a congregation of United Methodists in mission to, and with, the people of the Cumberland Plateau.

Also coming soon, is Dr. Phil Jamieson, from the TNUM Foundation. He will be meeting with our Finance Committee and anyone else interested in learning more about stewardship as a lifestyle of responding to God with our gifts, time, talents as well as our money. These workshops, we hope, will help us define ourselves and our mission to become better disciples of Jesus, as we serve our neighbors and invite others into the exciting life of following after Him and transforming the world with us.

Here are some questions I was asked to consider by a ministry coach. They are not for clergy only, but apply to all ministers of God’s Grace through Jesus Christ.

1. If time and resources were not a concern, what things do you long to do?
2. What needs in the world are you moved to meet?
3. What ways of helping others have heart and meaning to you?
4. What skills, knowledge, or experience do you contribute that is unique?

If we asked these of ourselves individually, then discussed them together, we might discover some common drives, and some varied gifts, that would shape the way we meet the needs around us with God’s Grace. Theologian Frederick Buechner said, “The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.” Whose hungers will we gladly feed?

Let us be thankful for the “great cloud of witnesses” of saints that preceded us, joyful for the fellowship of church family that surrounds us, and excited for the call of Christ that

invites us to follow him into the service set before us. 120 years behind us, now let us rise to become “Church 121”, what God needs next. Peace, tom

MONTHLY & WEEKLY CHURCH SCHEDULING

Pastor Tom’s Scheduled Day off	Fridays
Rev. Connie’s Scheduled Day off	Thursdays
Sunday School	Sundays at 10:00am
Youth Group	Sundays at 10:00am
Staff Meeting	Mondays at 9:15am – 10:30am
Monterey Hilltop Chorale	Mondays at 6:30pm
Civitan Club	3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm
Standing Stone	4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm
AGAPE Chapel	Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9:30am
Girl Scouts #1581	First Wednesday of the month
Cub Scouts #15	Fridays at 6:00pm
Choir Rehearsal	Wednesdays at 6:30pm
Cottage Ministry	Friday & Saturday, 9am - Noon

OCTOBER WORSHIP LEADERS:

Liturgist	Sandi Vanacore
Ushers	Georgia Garrett & Deborah Wolfe
Acolytes	<i>if interested please see Rev. Connie</i>

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

HOME COMING CELEBRATION-

-October 10th-Standing Stone Day

We will be selling hamburgers and hotdogs and the Youth will be selling baked goods to raise money for future Youth trips

-October 17th – Homecoming Fundraising Day

The Church is hosting a Community wide Yard Sale

*The Cottage will have a Bake Sale
Home-canned goods Sale
MUMC will be selling Pulled Pork Sandwiches/Dinners
Quilt Showing in the Sanctuary-all are invited to vote for their favorite quilt*

-October 18th-Homecoming Day

*Worship Service at 11:00am
Celebration Luncheon & Silent Auction
Gospel Singing
Winner of the Quilt Showing will be announced*

Finance Meeting with Phil Jamieson - October 24th at 10am

TRUNK OR TREAT Saturday, October 31st at 5:00pm

CHARGE CONFERENCE AT COOKEVILLE FUMC-November 8th

A RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2015

By Our Gifts

2015 Budget income needed/week	\$3,057.75
2015 Budget income received last week	\$1,730.00
2015 Budget income this week (over)	\$1,171.75
2015 Budget income year to date (under)	\$17,400.30

MONTEREY'S OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

In an effort to update our records and to include your information in the newsletter, please send the church your birthdays and anniversaries. *(Please list the name(s) and date(s) of all in your family who are connected to the church. Thank you!)*

- Rev. Tom Gibson (10/1)
- John Glyn-Jones (10/2)
- Dale Chaffin (10/2)
- Carolyn Peach (10/4)
- Bruce Heady (10/4)
- Blanche Hessel (10/4)
- Mary "Cissy" Davenport (10/7)
- Tommy Jones (10/12)
- Bob Cournoyer (10/13)
- Benjamin Wiggins (10/15)
- Georgia Garrett (10/16)
- Johnny Looper (10/17)
- J.T. McCormick (10/18)
- Cassie Blodgett (10/22)
- Pam Dunn (10/22)
- Matthew Sheffler (10/22)
- Margaret Stephenson (10/28)
- Gerri Reese (10/30)

MONTEREY'S SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Keelan & Marcy Milligan (10/6)
- David & Judy Webster (10/12)
- Merrill & Alfreda Ford (10/16)
- Jim & MaryJane Lifsey (10/24)

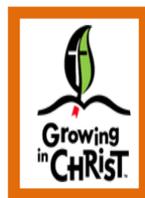
AGAPE PRESCHOOL FUN

AGAPE PRESCHOOL welcomes Ms. Carolyn, our Teacher's Assistant. Ms. Carolyn has already become a valued part of this ministry.



MRS. LOUISE VAIL & MRS. CAROLYN MAKE HOMEMADE APPLESAUCE WITH AGAPE STUDENTS

YOUTH NEWS:



The Youth will be collecting items to fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Please help them with your donations of small toys, monetary donations, small toiletry items and small games that would fit inside the shoeboxes. Boxes will be collected and sent out by the end of November. The Youth are looking forward to this as an outreach ministry to others who are not as fortunate as they are, this time of year especially.

Janet

A TIME OF CHRISTIAN CONVERSATION

For those who missed the study just ended, *The Culture of Poverty*, you certainly missed an opportunity to hear, see, and discuss the issues and varied responses to poverty here and abroad. In seeing the graphic view of poverty as it exists in the world, participants experienced how the church response, both individually and through organizations such as UMCOR, is vital in these communities. UMCOR, one of the many ministries supported by our apportionment giving, extends the hands and feet of Christ into areas where hunger and disease run rampant. From a review of poverty in Appalachia to that across the sea, participants in this study gained a better understanding and insight as to what poverty really is, what it looks like, how it impacts people, and how persons might reach out to truly help. As Apostle Paul tells us in Romans 12:2 and study participants might suggest...we are transformed by the renewal of our minds. Thank You, Marcy, for a job well done!

- **Coming soon: *Jesus, The World, and John Wesley***

Who are we as Methodists? How do we walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ at home and in the world? If these questions interest you...make time to join Pastor Tom in taking a close look at our heritage as the people called Methodists, the movement itself, our basic beliefs, and the history and structure of the church. This four week session is designed for both new and lifelong Methodists giving all who participate an opportunity to grow in Christ, Community, and Discipleship while gaining knowledge and insights into the faith that draws us together.

Please be aware of date change for this upcoming Bible Study due to schedule conflicts and holidays.

Kick off the new year with:

Jesus, The World, and John Wesley

Sundays ... 2:30 to 4:00

January 10, 17, 24, 31

Register by: Jan. 1, 2016 - Mark your calendars!

NOTE FOR THOUGHT

"The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts. The safest place to be is in someone's prayers, and the very best place to be is in the hands of God."

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When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them. Mark 10:14-16 (NIV)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				9:30a-AGAPE Chapel ¹	9:00a-Cottage Ministry 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15 ²	9:00a-Cottage Ministry ³
Job 1:1; 2:1-10 Psalm 26 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Worship Service	AGAPE ON FALL BREAK ⁵ 9:15a-Staff Meeting 6:30p-Monterey Hilltop Chorale Rehearsal	⁶	⁷ 6:00p-Girl Scouts #1581 6:30p-Choir Rehearsal	⁸	⁹ 9:00a-Cottage Ministry 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15	STANDING STONE DAY ¹⁰ **see first page for more info** 9:00a-Cottage Ministry
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HOMECOMING CELEBRATION ¹⁸ **see first page for more info** Job 38:1-7, 34-41 Psalm 104 Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Worship Service	¹⁹ 9:15a-Staff Meeting 6:30p-Monterey Hilltop Chorale Rehearsal	²⁰ 6:30p-Civitanis	²¹ 9:30a-AGAPE Chapel 6:30p-Choir Rehearsal	²² 9:30a-AGAPE Chapel	²³ 9:00a-Cottage Ministry 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15	²⁴ 9:00a-Cottage Ministry 10:00a-Stewardship Meeting with Phil Jamieson from the TN Conf.
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