

FACTS FROM FIRST

First United Methodist Church Cleveland, TN

FROM THE PASTOR

All Things New!

"And the one sitting on the throne said, 'Look, I am making all things new.' And then he said to me, 'Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true.'"

I love that passage of scripture. It is encouraging, comforting, and challenging all at the same time. One of the greatest truths that follows the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus is that He is NOW sitting on the throne. We do not have to wait for some distant salvation or some great snatch-n-grab

operation, but Jesus is now on the throne—He is the King of all creation. Given the world we live in today that is good news! No matter the politics, economic situation, health threats, wars, famines, or social changes, Jesus is King and nothing can change that.

Not only is He King, but He is making all things new. It may not seem like it if we watch the news too much, but Jesus is working on His great reclamation project. He wants to reclaim all of creation for Himself. That is the reason He died and rose again; to win the world

back to its original glory.

For the church, that means that we are to be involved in this great reclamation project with Jesus. We, the church, are the earthly means by which Jesus is going to 'make everything new.' The challenge is how are we going to order our lives, and our church life to make that happen? Will that be our priority? I pray that we will all order our lives so that Jesus can use us to change the world.



Rev. Tim Bracken

October 15, 2014



Our Staff:

- Pastor.....Rev. Tim Bracken
- Minister to Sr. Adults.....Rev. Pat Hogan
- Administrative Assistant.....Molly Near
- Financial Secretary.....Mae Wilkins
- Director of Children's Ministry.....Jill Ingram
- Director of Youth Ministry.....Hope Tellifero
- Chancel Choir Director.....Dr. Jim Burns
- Pianist.....Tausha Plate
- Organist.....Terry Barger
- Maintenance Director.....Chris Offrey
- Maintenance.....Jeff Smith
- Director of CDC.....Cathy Smith
- Director of PDO.....Rachel David
- Assist. Director of CDC/PDO.....Karon Steve

BBQ

**39th Annual
Matt Ellis
Memorial**

Friday, October 24th

**11:45 AM to 1:00 PM
& 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

\$8.00

Eat-In or Carry-Out

Lunch Delivery Available

Sponsored by The United Methodist Men

Fall Fun Day



**Wednesday, October 29
from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.**

Come dressed up! (not scary)

If you are willing and able to work a 45 minute slot during this event, please contact Jill Ingram. The congregation is asked to bring one bag of individually wrapped candy (no nuts) and/or a box of Little Debbie's through October 26th.

**Wednesday
Night Dinner**

**Chicken Parmesan
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans**

Adults \$5.00 Kids \$2.00
(12 yrs & under)

Please make reservations
during Sunday Service
or by Monday.

NEW MEMBERS

Bill and Catherine Seymour
October 12, 2014

PRAYER

As we baptize individuals or accept new and transferring members into our congregation, we recommit to the church by promising to support our congregation through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. How seriously do we take this commitment?

As we begin to think about our stewardship to First Church, I would like to focus on one facet of this covenant; our prayers. Dietrich Bonhoeffer in his writing "Sanctorum Communio" wrote 'My burden is borne by others; their strength is my strength; when I falter and fail, the faith of the church comes to my aid.' Although none of us feel the risk of persecution and eventual death that Bonhoeffer experienced, we should all be as deeply embedded in our church community that when we falter and fail we can be restored, helped, and encouraged. Our Christian journey is never intended to be alone...our struggle should always be supported by faith, prayer, and concerns of our brothers and sisters in our church. Of course, we should also provide that level of support to others. As you begin to think about fulfilling your "Methodist Covenant" (prayers, presence, gifts, and service), please consider being a "Shepherd" for our Prayer & Care Ministry. All you have to do is pray daily for 3-4 families in our congregation. If you feel that this is a ministry you could be a part of, please sign up in the Narthex or call/email Beverly Johnson (284-3773 or beveywevey@aol.com). As the Apostle Paul wrote so eloquently to the Galatians, I am writing to you, "Bear one another's burdens and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

INDIA MISSION TRIP

If you are interested in participating in the India Mission Trip slated for the last two weeks of February or early March of 2015, please see Tricia Haws or Kellie Bracken. At this time the dates are not set, but will be in the coming weeks. The cost of the trip is around \$2,000. It is a wonderful experience and opportunity to meet the girls we support.

YOUTH DIRECTOR HOURS

Hope Telligero will be in her office every Monday and Tuesday afternoon from 3:00—5:00 PM. This time is set aside for youth to come to the church and do with what they please. Come hang out, have a snack, do homework, play games, ask questions...anything!

THANK YOU

A special thank you to this congregation, for your prayers and well wishes as I leave Cleveland and First Methodist; especially the Veva Thompson Sunday School Class, May Dooley Circle, and Rev. Pat Hogan and the Gad-A-Bouts.

Sincerely, Pearl Rhinebeck

HOSTS NEEDED

The Asbury Glee Club and Handbell Choir will be leading us in worship on Sunday, November 2. Part of our responsibility of having them here is to provide housing Saturday evening, November 1.

This would involve transportation to/from the church Saturday night, a bed, and breakfast Sunday morning. Sign up in the Narthex today! If you have more questions, contact Kellie Bracken.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group is planning a fellowship lunch at the Cookie Jar on Tuesday, October 21st. We will carpool from the church at 11:30 AM. Please call Evelyn Brunson at 473-8694 to make reservations.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

The annual Christmas shopping for a few deserving families from Arnold Memorial Elementary School (our partner school) is almost here. This may be the only Christmas these families receive. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. Be prayerful in your decision to make this season special for someone. Checks should be made to the church and marked "Arnold Xmas." Thank you ahead of time!
~ The Outreach Committee~

CONFIRMATION

- Youth and Parent Information Meeting -
November 16th at 5:00 PM

Confirmation is a class dedicated to educating young people about Christianity and Methodism in preparation for their Confirmation Day; a chance to accept responsibility for their infant baptism or to be baptized.

We will meet as a small group on Sunday nights from 5:00-7:00 PM beginning November 30th and take two retreats. Please attend this meeting if you are interested in Confirmation!

Confirmation Prayer Partners

2015 Confirmation is fast approaching! We have at least 6 confirmands and each one is in need of two prayer partners (1 age 20-35, 1 age 35+). The only pre-requisite is church membership or desire to join the church along with the confirmands. Partners will each co-teach one session and will have the opportunity to learn along with the confirmands. Could you commit to one hour (6-7 pm) on Sunday nights from November 30—April 5, 2015?

"I will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and do all in my power to strengthen its ministry by my prayers, my presence, my gifts, my service, and my witness."

OUR PRAYERS

- Our country, our leaders, and our troops
- Maureen Clarke & Family
- Lila Switzer
- Helen Darcey
- Clay & Heather Greene
- Jordan Dempsey
- Nancy Lane
- Amy Frazier
- John Smeltzer
- Austin Davis
- Megan Jones
- Terry Barger
- Clifford Barger
- Long Term Prayers
- Don Alley
- Debbie Ambert
- Maxine Baker
- Doris Burns
- Kaye Coultry
- Bill and Carol Creech
- Austin and Mary Glen Davis
- Lois Ellis
- Karen Fisher
- Gil Frederick
- Emily Goins
- Mike Goodman
- Renee Henderson
- Rusty Johnson
- Elaine Larson
- Ruth Lee
- Dalton Markcloud
- Larry and Barb Miller
- Gail Ownby
- Una Poe
- Melissa Rhodes
- Bradley Sink
- Stuart Switzer
- Janice Tate
- Judy Watts
- Joan Wheeler



NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE TO ADD OR REMOVE NAMES FROM THE PRAYER LIST.

OUR PRESENCE

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
10/05/14	83	192
10/12/14	74	229

OUR GIFTS



Budget Receipts 10/05/14	22,049.17
Receipts to date:	533,817.55
Expenditures to date:	484,102.53
Receipts/Expenditures + or [-]	49,715.02
Budget to date:	549,320.00
Budget Receipts 10/12/14	7,988.16
Receipts to date:	514,805.71
Expenditures to date:	491,599.09
Receipts/Expenditures + or [-]	50,206.62
Budget to date:	563,053.00

OUR SERVICE

Prayer Team: TBA

Ushers: Mark Lay, Head; Bill Kibler, John Driver, Ken Melton, Lee Stewart, Kevin Swafford, Andrew Lay

Sonshine Kids: Katie Simpkins and Katie Keeton

JAM: Jill Ingram and Kristy Broomfield

Altar Flowers will be in memory of Betty Lynn Philips, given by the Mark Johnson Family.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 19

- 7:30 AM Sanctuary Open for Prayer
- 8:30 AM Early Worship
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:45 AM Morning Worship
- 5:00 PM First Youth

Monday, October 20

- 5:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 21

- 11:00 AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, October 22

- 10:00 AM Experiencing God
- 5:30 PM Dinner
- 6:00 PM Children's Choirs
- 6:00 PM First Youth
- 6:15 PM Experiencing God
- 6:30 PM Chancel Choir
- 7:30 PM FUMC String Band

Thursday, October 23

Friday, October 24

- 11:45 AM UMM Bar-B-Q (until 2:00 PM)
- 4:00 PM UMM Bar-B-Q (until 7:00 PM)
- 00:00 PM Youth Game Night

Saturday, October 25

- 1:30 PM Chancel Choir to Sunshine Hollow

Monday—Friday

- 7:30 AM CDC
- 9:00 AM PDO—Closed

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- October 26—Chancel Choir Dedication Service
- October 28—Staff Meeting
- October 29—Fall Fun Day
- November 1—UMM Breakfast, UMW District Meeting
- November 2—Asbury Univ. Glee Club & Handbell Choir, Elan Circle
- November 4—Staff Meeting
- November 6—Gad-A-Bout Lunch, Friendship Circle
- November 9—Veteran's Lunch
- November 10—Charge Conference, CDC Board Meeting
- November 11—May Dooley Circle, Martha Hall Circle, Staff Meeting

Open hearts, open minds, open doors...the people of the United Methodist Church.



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Gifts to the Church

To the Choir Fund

In memory of Charles Hurley:

Bob and Nancy Boyd Robert and Jill Bradney Homebuilders Sunday School Class

In honor of Joan Wheeler:

Veva Thompson Sunday School Class

To the United Methodist Women

In memory of Ann Cooke:

Ted and Maureen Clarke Norma Murphy Phyllis Brown

To the Landscaping Fund

In memory of Ann Cooke:

Debra Miller John Thatcher Jim and Sarah Wagner Roger and Sandy Carley Mildred Sparkman

To the General Fund

In memory of Charles Hurley:

Doug and Mabel Greene

In memory of Jim Dodd:

Pat Dodd

In memory of Ann Cooke:

Pat Dodd Cliff and Janet Lynch

To the Youth Fund

In memory of Sarah Grace Tellifero:

Doug and Mabel Greene Mildred Sparkman

To the Gad-A-Bouts

In honor of Pearl Rhinebeck:

Veva Thompson Sunday School Class

To the Building Fund

In memory of Ann Cooke:

Scott and Sharon Taylor Jane S. Green Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Cooke