



FROM THE PASTOR

May 1, 2019

For Everything There Is A Season

In the book of Ecclesiastes we find this verse in chapter 3 verse 1, "For everything there is a season, a time for activity under heaven." In the United Methodist Church every Spring brings the unknown for pastors and churches alike. As I announced this past Sunday I have been projected to move to Brainerd UMC in Chattanooga. It was a surprise to be going to Brainerd, but Kellie and I are looking forward to the opportunity. The season we have had at First Church has been wonderful and we will miss you.

As I am writing this Daniel is on his way to Lexington to move into a new apartment and Hannah and the boys will follow on Friday - not a season I am looking forward to, but it has to happen.

We go through many seasons in our lives. They all bring changes that are good or painful or both. The one constant is that Jesus never changes. He is always present and nothing is a surprise to Him. We cling to Christ as the seasons come and go. You will be in excellent hands with your new pastor and his wife, but even more you are in the hands of Jesus.

Please pray for all the transitions of pastors churches. Also pray for us as we try to buy a house. Know that we will be praying for you.

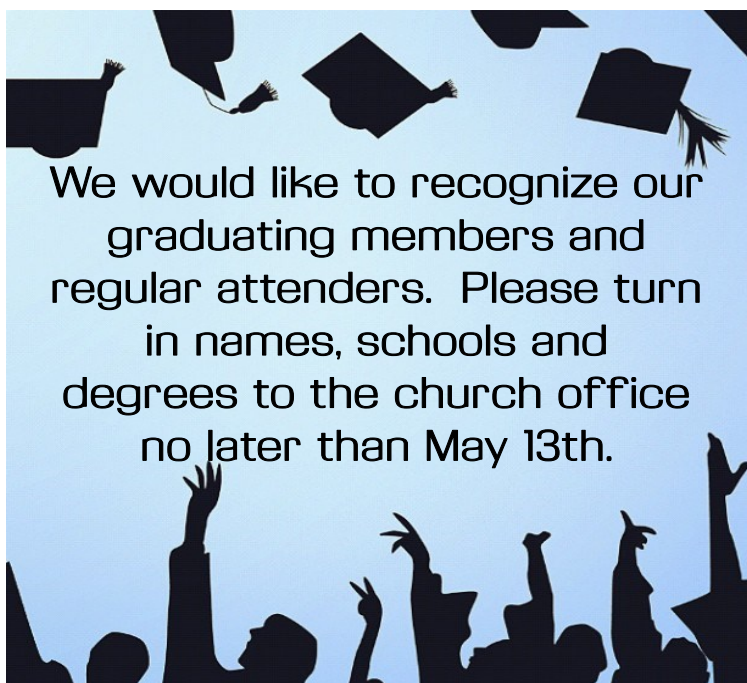


Rev. Tim Bracken



Our Staff

- PastorRev. Tim Bracken
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wednesday night
DINNER



5~8~19

Breakfast
for
Dinner

Adults \$5.00

Kids \$2.00
(12yrs & under)

Please make reservations by Monday.

THANK YOU

Dear FUMC Family,

Thank you for your love, prayers and many acts of kindness during our time of loss. You warmed our hearts and brought us comfort. You are a special blessing!

Sincerely,
The Swearingen Family

CARING PLACE COLLECTION

During the month of May



we will be collecting
CANNED FOOD ITEMS
especially fruit.

Please bag your donations and place them in the collection barrel located in the Narthex.

ARTS & CRAFTS COLLECTION

Do you have any craft items you would like to donate for the Rummage Sale?

Please box them separately and mark as CRAFT ITEMS. They can be brought to the church; check in office where to take it.

OR

Call Kathy Farner at 423-464-5439.

Arrangements will be made to pick them

up so that we can measure, sort, bag and tag them before the rummage sale.

Thanks for your help!



BEREAVEMENT GROUP LUNCH

The Bereavement Support Group will meet on May 15th at Panera for lunch at 11:30 AM. If you have lost a loved one or friend, please feel free to join us. For more information or carpool requirements, contact Evelyn Brunson, 473-8694.

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

5/19/19

We will be honoring our graduating seniors: Alex Haws, Ella Ingram, Maggie Maples, & Hailey Poe-Jones.

Please join us in the Commons following the worship service for a lunch banquet to celebrate.

YOUTH SUMMER KICK-OFF

Splash into Summer!

This is for our youth and their families, as well as youth mentors, volunteers & hosts



Friday, May 31st

4:00—8:00 PM

at the home of the Duncan's
1861 Bancroft Road McDonald, TN

Transportation:

Youth who need a ride will need to meet at the church at 3:30 PM. There will NOT be a return bus to the church. Parents must pick up at the Duncan's by 8:00 PM or make transportation arrangements.

Dinner:

*BBQ will be provided.
Look for an email/info soon to sign up for sides and desserts.*

FUN:

There will be swimming, water slide, fishing, and games!

Don't forget:

Swimwear, towels, sunscreen, fishing gear.



"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

- Olivia Weatherford
- Grayson Moser
- Alicia Black
- **LONG TERM PRAYER**
- Connie Bancroft
- Sarah Bandy
- Clifford and Patsy Barger
- Judy Barger
- Charlotte Caraway
- Debbie Trentham Case
- Buddy Chance
- Bill Cooke
- Emma Cummings
- Kara Davidson
- Lorrie Duke
- Sharon Everson
- Gary Farner
- Melinda Flowers
- Helen Bolen Green
- Sean Hale
- Bonnie Headrick
- Gary Holden
- Brenda Holder
- Russell & Patty Johnson
- Janna Jordan
- Shannon Knowles
- Teresa Lee
- Janet Lynch
- Gloria Martin
- Betty McLain
- Peggy McLain
- Alesia McNelley
- Chris Offrey
- Carolyn Owens
- Kym Phillips
- Tom Phillips
- Wendy Pistrang
- Sharon Racek
- Don Ritzhaupt
- Nalini Samuel
- Olivia Smith
- Judy Stack
- Nicholas Stark
- Kylene Stump
- Rachel Suderland
- Lila Switzer
- Stuart Switzer
- Janice Tate
- Addison Thompson
- Terri Twyford
- Kim Van Dusen
- Jim and Sarah Wagner
- Jennifer Wilhite

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 5

- 8:00 AM Sunrise Service
- 9:20 AM Confirmation Class
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:45 AM Easter Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Confirmation Retreat
- 5:00 PM First Youth

Monday, May 6

- 6:30 PM Cub Scouts

Wednesday, May 8

- 5:30 PM Last Dinner
- 6:15 PM Last Bible Study
- 6:15 PM First Youth
- 6:15 PM Chancel Choir
- 7:15 PM String Band

Thursday, May 9

- 10:30 AM UMW Executive Meeting

Saturday, May 11

- 9:00 AM Bread of Life

CDC - 7:00 AM–6:00 PM

PDO - 9:00 AM–2:00 PM

OUR PRESENCE

	Sunday School	Worship
04/21/2018	n/a	330
04/28/2018	37	174

OUR GIFTS

Budget Receipts 0421/2018	7,033.00
Receipts to Date:	180,046.08
Expenditures to Date:	210,441.92
Receipts/Expenditures + or [-]	n/a
Budget to Date:	n/a
Budget Receipts 04/28/2019	4,147.35
Receipts to Date:	184,193.43
Expenditures to Date:	211,881.79
Receipts/Expenditures + or [-]	n/a
Budget to Date:	n/a



OUR SERVICE - MAY 5

Prayer Team: Kellie Bracken

Monthly Prayer Focus: Sacred Road

Ushers: John Wilkins, Head; Curt Duncan, Doug Greene, Bob Carmon, Ken Adcock

Altar Flowers—sign up outside the church office.

First Kidz Church begins at 10:30 AM every Sunday in the Christian Life Center. *(It does not meet the first Sunday of the month.)*

Sonshine Kidz is for preschoolers ages 3,4, & 5

Nursery is available for children 3 yrs old and younger. *Located in the CLC.*

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 12—Mother's Day, Confirmation Sunday
- May 13—Seekers Circle, PDO Graduation
- May 14—Friendship Circle, May Dooley Circle, Youth Council Mtg, CDC Graduation
- May 16—Gadabout Outing
- May 19—Senior Recognition Sunday
- May 21—Rose Circle, Arnold 5th Grade Banquet
- May 22—Last Wednesday Night for Youth
- May 25—Bread of Life
- May 27—OFFICE CLOSED
- May 29—Bracken Reception
- May 31—Youth Summer Kick-off



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Return Service Requested

Gifts to the Church

To Holston Home for Children

In memory of Chloe Littrell:

Bob and Sandra Donaghy

In honor of Joann Casmey's birthday:

Sarah Wagner

Charlotte Adcock

Lila Switzer

Sharon Lederer

To Faith Promise

In memory of Phill Clariday:

Doug and Mabel Greene

In memory of Van Swearingen:

Doug and Mabel Greene