



the Connection

The Month at a Glance

UMM Prayer Breakfast

Every Monday

8:00 a.m.—Fellowship Hall

Movie Matinee

Tuesday, November 8

3:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall

United Women in Faith

Wednesday, November 9

9:15 a.m.—Fellowship Hall

Game Night

Thursday, November 10

5:30 p.m.—Fellowship Hall

GriefShare/Compassionate Friends

Surviving the Holidays

Sunday, November 13

2:00 p.m.—Room 6

Susanna Wesley Circle

Tuesday, November 15

1:30 p.m.—Friendship Room

Community Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 22, 6:00 p.m.

Community Church

Church Office Closed

Thursday-Friday

November 24-25

Happy Thanksgiving!

In the Spirit of Thanksgiving

Recently, during a routine exam, Dr. Collins discovered a bruit in one of my coronary arteries. No bruit was found during the ultrasound exam she ordered. However, a blood clot was found in an internal jugular vein. In accordance with Dr. Collins' direction, I was taken immediately to the ER where a CT scan of my head was ordered. The scan found numerous clots in the venous sinuses of my brain. Any of those could have caused serious bodily damage; some could have been fatal. The ER treated me with blood thinners and discharged me on oral blood thinner for the rest of this year. This long-term treatment should dissolve these clots before they can cause damage. All this was discovered because Dr. Collins thought she heard something that wasn't supposed to be there. Truly, God was sheltering me under His wings when I didn't even know it. There is no possible other explanation for my being able to write this today in a coherent manner.

So, I thank my pastors and members of this church who have prayed for me. You have helped me start on this long road to recovery. The road is not easily traveled, but I have hope for the future because God is providing it. You, the church, are essential to my success.

This brings me to warn you, the congregation, that this church that I love and have cared for is in financial trouble. We have lost valuable members through moving, death, and other reasons known to them. We will not be able to maintain all the programs and services we offer without your financial assistance. We need people and resources to operate. Please help financially or by bringing in new members to replace those we have lost. Our present – and our future -- depend on us working together. I promise to do my part as long as I can. Thank you for caring.

Bill Goldsmith

Christmas Décor Fund



In looking ahead to the special seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas, our church family has the opportunity to bless others with our donations. This year, if you would like to donate to our church Christmas Décor Fund in memory of ..., in honor of ..., or in celebration of ..., all donations will be used to help brighten the holidays of our church family who are homebound. This will be channeled via our church Servant Ministries as they prepare food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

On Sundays, November 13 and 20, members of the Worship Committee and Flower Guild will be at a table in the Fellowship Hall after each service so you can fill out the form and give your donation at that time. If you are away or cannot come on those Sundays, you can pick up the form from the table by the church office. Put your completed form and cash or check in an envelope labeled “Christmas Décor Fund” and leave it at the church office or drop it in the outside locked box by the door to the Administration wing. A special bulletin recognizing the names will be printed in December. Deadline for donations is November 22.

Please mark your calendars for Monday, November 21, as Christmas Décor Setup day. All volunteers will meet in the Choir Room at 9:00 a.m. and spread out from there with decorations for inside and out on the property. This is always an exciting time to decorate our church for the approaching Christmas season beginning with Advent Sunday.

The Worship Committee

Movie Matinee

Join us Tuesday, November 8, at 3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for an afternoon of cinema, fellowship and popcorn! Our movie is “The Resurrection of Gavin Stone.” Bring your own soft drink.



The United Methodist Men Prayer Breakfast Group meets every Monday morning at 8:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All men are welcome!



The Church Library

Our Library is open 8:00 a.m.—Noon, Monday—Friday and is staffed Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00—11:00 a.m.

Thank you



United Women in Faith would like to thank all who donated school supplies or money to purchase shoes for those children in need at Crab Orchard and Pine View Elementary Schools. We received requests for **80** pairs of shoes for pre-school through 8th grade. We were able to purchase all 80 pairs at a generous discount from French’s in downtown Crossville.



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith

All women are invited to join United Women in Faith on Wednesday, November 9, as we welcome Allison Brendel from the Roane State Community College Food Pantry. They will gather in Fellowship Hall at 9:15 a.m. Please bring Thanksgiving/Christmas food items to help their food pantry with their holiday food baskets for their students. Consider bringing stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, gravy mixes, pie dough mix, pie filling including pumpkin pie mix, canned vegetables, instant potatoes and/or anything else that makes a holiday meal special.

If you are unable to come to the meeting, but would still like to donate food items, you may put them in the collection box under the table in the Education wing. The box will be there starting Sunday, October 30.

For more information, please call Billie Mitchell at 217-246-5750.

Christmas Stars



United Women in Faith is once again coordinating the Christmas Star Program to bring the light of Christ into a child's life at Christmastime. On Sunday, November 30, we will be in the Narthex, and you will have the opportunity to pick a star (or two, or more) for a student at Crab Orchard or Pine View Elementary Schools. These stars may be for siblings of those students, too.

Each star will have the name/age/gender of the child and will have clothing sizes or a "want" such as a toy or other gift.

You will have two weeks to shop for and wrap your gift(s). All gifts are due back on Sunday, December 4. If you have any questions, please call Karen Saunders at 401-603-8454.



We are partnering with Tennessee Tech Wesley Foundation in Cookeville to place young adults and older adults into meaningful relationships with one another. Interested in learning more? An informational meeting will be held Sunday, November 6, at 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Worship Attendance

<u>Date</u>	<u>8:00</u>	<u>9:15</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>Online Views</u>	<u>Total</u>
10/02	69	135	101	131	436
10/09	63	132	114	229	538
10/16	62	133	106	141	442
10/23	65	134	112	80	391

Year-to-date average weekly attendance for all services [in-house and online] for 2022 through 10/23 is 460. Thank you for your faithfulness.



Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday, November 5!



Aldersgate

The Aldersgate Class has its Sunday School class at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the Friendship Room. Chuck Scott and Drew Landrus share the teaching responsibility. For more information, feel free to contact Chuck at chuckandpatscott@comcast.net or Drew at senseiagl@comcast.net.

Christian Characters

This class meets at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the Friendship Room. They are currently studying *"The Thirteen Apostles"* by J. Ellsworth Kala.

Friendship

The Friendship Class meets at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the Friendship Room. Don Kenne summarizes the International Sunday School Series for each Sunday and usually picks a section to concentrate on and expound.

Huestis

This class meets at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings in Room 6. They use the Faith Connection curriculum that covers different Biblical topics each quarter. Jim McKissick and David Rupert are the current facilitators.

Wolcott

The Wolcott class meets at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in Room 7. It is a Bible study that is interactive and personal. Presently, they are studying the book of Luke.

Upcoming Study



Join Pastor Sharon in "A Walk with Wesley" to learn more about United Methodism. The study will be held the five Wednesdays in November from 2-3:30 p.m. Register to attend on the table across from the Church Office.



Operation Christmas Child

Please return your filled shoeboxes to the Church Sanctuary on Sunday, November 13.

Every shoebox is an opportunity for Evangelism, Discipleship and Multiplication. Many children who will receive a shoebox live in orphanages and have never received a gift before. Pray, shop, pack with love, and pray again. The shipping cost this year is \$10.

Snack Train



We are striving to build relationships with our young friends at Tennessee Tech Wesley Foundation. We will be collecting snack items for students that they can eat while studying, discipling or just hanging out! Snacks can be dropped off at our church office. Check out our "Snack Train" display in Fellowship Hall. Contact Pastor Sharon for more information.



11/01	Harry Price	11/10	Deane Kanuckel	11/19	Bill Okamoto
11/01	Karen Saunders	11/11	Carol Bruno	11/20	William Pride
11/01	Doyle Winters	11/11	Linda Rowe	11/20	Mary Reithmiller
11/04	Drew Landrus	11/12	Jo Ann Rhoden	11/20	Sharon Saferite
11/05	Bill Goldsmith	11/13	Donna Goss	11/21	Harry Buysse
11/05	Ona Groves	11/13	Ruth LaFontaine	11/21	Sue Hamm
11/05	Nancy Dralle Smith	11/13	John McRae	11/21	Betty Jean Mrnka
11/05	Terry Zensen	11/13	Barb Mercer	11/21	Sarah Piland
11/06	Barbara Alexander	11/13	Jim Rowe	11/22	Joan Hartley
11/06	Sue Hannah	11/13	Jake VanTrump	11/22	Mario Martinez
11/06	Dennis Jones	11/15	Edwina Snell	11/23	Mary Knowles
11/06	Sue Tewalt	11/16	Larry Gagnon	11/23	Martin Runyan
11/06	Ray Williams	11/17	Ann Anderson	11/23	Sandy Weir
11/07	Tom Bowman	11/17	Charlotte Burns	11/24	Sue Morris
11/07	Wilson Jackson	11/17	Bob Garwood	11/25	Arvilla Frankenberg
11/07	Harriett MacFadyen	11/17	Bob Holyfield	11/25	Pat Olin
11/07	Ann Passmore	11/17	Karen Price	11/26	Don Edwards
11/08	John Rhoden	11/17	Dorothy Roise	11/26	Lemoine Roberts
11/09	Les Cecil	11/17	Joyce Turner	11/28	Bill Wascher
11/09	Jann Nielsen	11/18	Jerry Badgerow	11/30	Florence Dobson
11/10	Ann Cox	11/18	Bill Steves		



11/05	Frank & Shirlene Chewing
11/07	Bill & Gail Murray
11/11	Bob & Harleen Dickinson
11/11	Dave & Pat Carpenter
11/16	Brooks & Mae Wimberly
11/21	Marv & Trudy Hetrick
11/23	Bruce & Lorraine Bennett
11/29	Don & Marcy Spielvogel
11/29	Cline & Jo Sharber



**Don't see your birthday or anniversary?
Contact us!**

Game Night

Join the group Thursday, November 10, at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for some social time and GAME PLAYING!



Surviving the Holidays

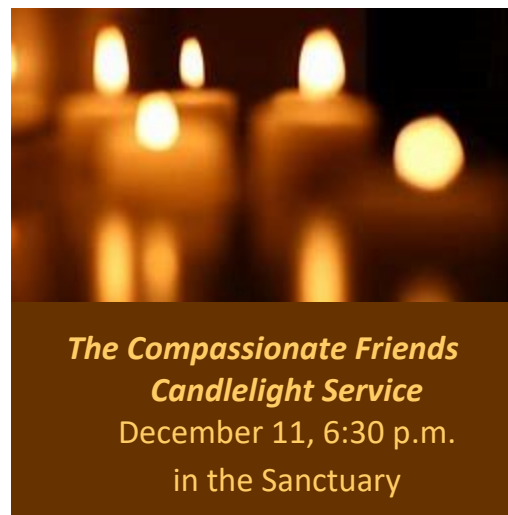
The holidays are upon us. For many, the holidays are a happy time of the year when families and friends congregate and celebrate. But when a loved one has died, the bereaved usually find their energy levels have fallen and the holidays a time to be especially difficult. The first of every holiday after the loss of a loved one can bring up feelings of emptiness.



The Compassionate Friends and Grief Share will be holding a joint meeting on Sunday, November 13, that will be open to all in the congregation who have lost a loved one. They will be viewing the video "Handling the Holidays" which will share some specific tools on how to deal with the expectations of family and friends during these times. It will help to navigate the first year, and subsequent years, following the death of your loved one.

On Sunday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m., The Compassionate Friends will be holding their Worldwide Candle Lighting uniting family and friends around the globe in lighting candles for one hour to commemorate and honor the memories of the sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, and grandchildren who left too soon but are not forgotten. This year, included as part of this service, will be a time for anyone in the congregation who has lost a loved one to have the opportunity to remember them by lighting a candle in their memory.

If you have lost a child, sibling, grandchild, or spouse, please join The Compassionate Friends and GriefShare for these two events. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. If you have any questions, please call Sharon Saferite at 931-287-0042.



The Mitten Tree

Help us decorate with your gifts of new mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for children. The mitten tree will be up December 4 through December 11.



Friendly Visitors Ministry

This ministry allows a caregiver to run errands or to take a needed break from the stress of caring for a loved one who is unable to be left alone. If you have a need for this assistance, call Sue Hamm at 317-319-6241 to schedule a time.

There are two amazing places you can be...
The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts
The safest place to be is in someone's prayers.



Congregational Care

Blakeford at Green Hills, Nashville, TN: John McRae

Cumberland Ridge: Jean McMahan

Dominion Senior Living: Mary Nell Benson, Ed Keyes

Good Samaritan Society: Hazel Eggers, Ceil Huff, Chan Smith, John Snyder

Morning Pointe of Lenoir City: Joy & Kyle Morrison

Uplands Village: Keith Pontius

Assisted Living, Ohio: Gene Albee

The Waters of Johnson City (Hospice Care):

Kay Robinson

Recently ill, hospitalized or at home: Carol Agnew, Jack Andrews, Grace Austell, Judy Bird, Ann Chard, Peggy Cook, Karen Doughty, Terry Enlund, Ron & Suzanne Gill, Bill & Carole Goldsmith, Audrey Goodin, Bob Gundy, Janet Hadd, Lois Handlon, Joan & Richard Hartley, Bill Hawes, Betty McDermott, Sharon Mellard, Jim & Barbara Mercer, JoAnn Mintz, Bill Murray, Bob Ochsenrider, Wilma Roth, Sharon Shallcross, George Smith, Norma Smith, Pam Sorrell, Bob Spencer, Kay Suttles, Bill Wascher

Please remember all of our homebound members in prayer and continue to keep the brave and proud people and soldiers of Ukraine in your prayers.

For Pastoral Care

Rev. Sharon Austell (615) 848-8519

Have you dropped your land line?



Make sure we have your cell number in case we need to contact you!

Christian Condolences to...

- + The family of Virginia Benio, on her death
- + The family of Marilyn Ripley, on her death
- + The family of Rosemarie McConnell, on her death

Let Us Know!

By law, hospitals cannot, and do not, call us to let us know that you are a patient, even though they may ask which church you belong to when you go in.

Also, **we must have your legal name** (the one you sign in with at the hospital) in order to find you.

If you are in the hospital, please have a family member or friend call one of the pastors or the church office to let us know where to find you.

To Request a Prayer



Prayer requests may be made through the church office, the pastors, or through intercessory prayer chains. Prayer request forms are located in the chapel and on the table across from the church office. There is also a link on the "Contact" menu on our website, www.ffgumc.org.

November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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