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The Neighborhood Watch

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A Note From Pastor Bill and Becki:

After living in Georgia and Florida as a young child, my family moved to Sylacauga, Alabama in 1969. I consider that my hometown and my mother, Betty, still lives there today. At the age of 15, God called me to be a preacher. I graduated from the University of Alabama in Huntsville in 1979. In 1983, I received my Master of Divinity from Emory and completed my Doctor of Ministry from Columbia in 1990. I love being a preacher and it has been my privilege to serve in the North Alabama Conference.

I married my wife, Becki, in 1995. We have three children. Will is married to Brittany and will be accepting his first church this June! They will live in Lacey's Spring, Alabama. Wesley lives and works in Huntsville. He is employed by the Appleton Corporation. Mary E is a dental hygienist and she is married to Colin White. They live in Hokes Bluff. We love spending time with our family. I need to tell you that we are dog lovers too! We have Angel, Sam, and Coco. That's a story for another time!

We send our greetings to you and look forward to our time at FUMC Trussville.

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(Please feel free to send cards, letters and emails welcoming them to Trussville.)

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Upcoming Events/Information

The Discovery SS Class is hosting our 5th annual Yard Sale to support our missions for the year on Saturday, May 7. Questions? Call Michelle at 640-8001 or email Ann at Annie.Mayhew@bbva.com

The Transition Ministry-sponsored **free Health Program** that was to take place on Sat., May 14th **will be rescheduled** for a later date.

Join us as we feed the homeless! On Thursday, May 12th, we will begin preparing food at 3:30 pm and we'll leave the Church at 5:15 pm. We appreciate your prayers and support.

On Tuesday, May 24th, t**he Leisure Group** will be taking a trip to the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. We invite you to join us on this fun spring outing, as we enjoy the beautiful gardens and have a delicious lunch at the Gardens Cafe. Please contact Marie Gospodareck at 655-6911 or 835-9189 for information or reservations. This will be our last Leisure Group outing until the fall.

Sunday, May 22nd at 5PM—**Join us for the Birmingham Community Band Concert.**

All women are invited to join us in a church-wide bible study, "A Woman Who Doesn't Quit" by Nicki Koziarz. We will start on Wednesday, June 15th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Classroom and will finish the study on July 27th.

In this study, Nicki will walk us through the book of Ruth, and the focus will be on perseverance. We will uncover 5 life-giving habits that help us to persevere when things get difficult, complicated, and messy. These habits do more than just motivate; they help us to fight when resistance arises. They teach us to pursue discipline and the desire to determine our daily direction. The direction of our lives needs to be far less about to-do lists and accomplishments and instead focus on becoming the people God can count on. Participant books will be available on June 15th, and the cost will be $15.00. If you would like to participate, please contact Freda Shirah at (205)515-7518 or email at dshirah630@charter.net or Barber Clark at (205)441-5273 or email at barberclark905@gmail.com by June 1st.

Stephen Minister Commissioning

On April 17 and 24 we commissioned our first six Stephen Ministers. Donna Hall, Becky Best, Martha Cusimano, Curtis Garner, Jason Hatley, and Phil Nicholson have each had 50 hours of intensive training to prepare them for this role in ministry to our church and community. I urge each of you to continue to support these ministers with your prayers and in any other way you are able, especially with kind words of encouragement. I further urge you to think positively, and pray earnestly, about becoming a part of this great ministry of our church. We will begin another training class in September, and we would like to at least double the number of participants.



From left to right they are Jason Hatley, Donna Hall, Becky Best, Martha Cusimano, Phil Nicholson, and Curtis Garner.

A **Thanks** to the ladies of United Methodist Women who made it possible for us to provide a reception for the new ministers. There were a lot of events in our church on April 17 and you came through for us. We are grateful for your caring service.



SOUL CAFÉ

MAY 2016 MENUS

(Menus are subject to change without prior notice)

5:00 PM Take-Outs Available-Please Call Ahead

Only $6.00 Per Person

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN TUESDAY AT NOON

Chef Shawn's Menu for Wed., May 4

Maw's Meatloaf or Poppy Seed Chicken Casserole

Buttermilk Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad Bar, Banana Pudding, Tea/Water

Children's Menu: Peanut Butter and Jelly & Fruit Cup

Chef Shawn's Menu for Wed., May 11

Baked Spaghetti or Chicken Alfredo

Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Caesar Salad, Chocolate Éclair Cake, Tea/Water

Children's Menu: Grilled Cheese & Veggie Straws

Chef Shawn's Menu for Wed., May 18

"Cookout in the Gardens"

Hamburger/Cheeseburger or Hotdog

Potato Chips, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Coleslaw,

BBQ Bread, Assorted Cobblers with Ice Cream, Tea/Water



PLEASE NOTE: BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIR OR BLANKET!

*****No Meal for Wed., May 25th*****

The **Deadline** for the June Newsletter will be **May 13th.** Thank you.

Recent Memorials & Honoraria

Honoraria For:	By:	Fund:
Franklin & Frances Phillips	Danny & Ann Phillips	Chair Fund
Cosby Family	Shirley Cosby	Chair Fund
Harbin Family	Suzanne Harbin	Chair Fund
Abbey Holland	Jon & Kim Holland	Chair Fund
Bill & Pat Smith	Clara Nelson	Chair Fund
Ted Nelson	Clara Nelson	Chair Fund
Children & Youth	Consignment Sale	Chair Fund
Youth Ministry	Jesse & Linda Shaddix	Chair Fund
Emily Clark	Harry & Barber Clark	Chair Fund
Friendship Class	Bill & Pat Smith	Chair Fund
Chancel Choir	Bill & Pat Smith	Chair Fund
Andrew & Hayley Harbison	Herman & Phyllis Jordan	Chair Fund

Memorial For:	By:	Fund:
Charles Nelson	Clara Nelson	Chair Fund
Shannon Estes	Terry & Marsha Estes	Chair Fund
Owen & Margaret Lawless	Danny & Ann Phillips	Chair Fund
Emma Berry	Ron & Kathryn Riggins	Chair Fund
Grace Riggins	Ron & Kathryn Riggins	Chair Fund
Jim Duke	Unity Sunday School Class	General Fund
Jim Duke	Don & Jan Evans	General Fund
Jim Duke	David & Barbara Wayne	3,3,3 Fund
Jim Duke	Charles & Dot Duke, Larry & Gladys Wilhite, Donnie & Freida Perry, John & Rita Nielson, Maybell Apel	General Fund
Jim Duke	Nell Mehaffey	TEAM
Jim Duke	Eleanor Hardwick	TEAM
Jim Duke	Barbara Curry	General Fund
Jane Hagood	Harry & Barber Clark	Chair Fund
Samuel E. Thomas	Frances T. Owen	Chair Fund
James E. Thomas, MD	Frances T. Owen	Chair Fund
John "Buddy" Owen	Frances T. Owen	Chair Fund

Combined Worship Service

Sunday, May 29, 2016

9:00 a.m. - Fellowship Time

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service

Christian Life Center

Christian Sympathy to the family of:
Jack Hutcherson

Children's Ministry Happenings...



Bazillion Book Drive

Trussville FUMC and other local churches in the North Alabama Conference are teaming up for the **Bazillion Book Drive,** a NAC initiative to put books in the hands of children birth through 3rd grade living in under-resourced communities.

Statistics show that children not reading by 3rd grade have little chance graduating from high school. In under-resourced communities 80% of children are not reading at grade level! The Bazillion Book Drive initiative wants to help change the lives of these kids.

Our church will be collecting NEW children's books now and throughout May. Collection bins will be located by my office and in the children's building. Book by book we can make a difference.

To learn more about this conference initiative go to: http://www.umcna.org/bazillionbookdrive

Music & Arts Camp 2016



This summer we invite you to join us for our first **Music & Arts Camp June 27-June 30, 9am-1pm each day.** Children in completed grades 5k-5th will be able to select two from a variety of rotations including Rhythm, Art, Ceramics, Singing, Handchimes, & Drama. Registration is now open. Sign up today by going to https://kideventpro.lifeway.com/myChurch/?id=31168

Cost is $25 per person and includes supplies, lunch and t-shirt. We are so excited to have Pat Glenn, Diane Thompson, Fran Richmond, Judy Spain, Judy Sapp, Kelley Clegg Neal, Karen Marrolli, and Andrew Harbison lead us and share their talents with us.



In Deep Sea Discovery, kids will get to know God is always with them, explore God's presence in their lives, and serve God by serving others. Through Deep Sea Discovery, kids will grasp that God is with them wherever they go! Hands-on service projects, games, and sea science will help kids experience a VBS adventure like no other, and they'll leave each day ready to set sail to serve others and tell God's story.VBS begins at 5:30 nightly with a Snack Supper and ends at 8 pm. Open to children entering 4k-5th grade. WE ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS. Register your children and to volunteer at http://www.vacationbibleschool.com/TrussvilleFUMC

InsideOut this summer…

Summer is almost upon us and I need your help. Each summer, we take our summer kids program out of its four walls into the community. InsideOUT goes into neighborhoods on Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m., sharing the love of Christ with games, a lesson, snacks and other fun activities.

I need three host homes to commit to one Wednesday night each during this summer. Neighborhoods with lots of kids work best, as our goal is to go out and SHARE His love with others. As a host home, you commit to helping distribute flyers in your neighborhood and providing snacks. Possibly your Sunday school class or other church group would be willing to help you.

Available dates: July 6, July 13, July 27, August 10, and August 17.

If you are interested in hosting, please give me a call at 655-3259 or email me at beth@fumctrussville.com.

Blessings,

Beth Burden , Director of Children's Ministries

Music Notes…from Karen



Approaching the end of an Academic Year (yes, I often still think in these terms) always gives rise to reflection. One of the most rewarding things I have seen during my first year here at FUMC Trussville has been the enthusiasm with which our children have met the new Children's Choir. This year we have sung a variety of songs from a variety of cultures, learned to sing in rounds, and have discovered that the "Do-Re-Mi" song from *The Sound of Music* can actually help us to read and remember pitches! Another cause for celebration: one of our Children's Choir members, **Elaine Bryant**, was selected to sing the National Anthem at the Barons home game on the afternoon of May 22. Please join me in congratulating Elaine on her accomplishment and support her by going to the game if you can!

Other musical happenings this month include: the Grace Vision **Praise Team** (led by our Director of Modern Worship, Andrew Harbison,) at **Trussville CityFest at 5:00 pm** on **Saturday, May 7,** and the spring **Bell Choir Concert** on **Sunday, May 15 at 5:00 pm**, directed by Kelley Clegg-Neal.

This summer will bring new ways to participate in our Music Ministry, as the Chancel Choir gets several well-earned weeks off from their regular rehearsals. Summer **"Drop-In" Choir** is currently scheduled for **June 26, and July 17,** so if you've ever wanted to try out singing in the choir, mark your calendar for those dates! All you have to do is "drop in" at 8:00 am and/or 10:30 am for a quick rehearsal of a familiar song, which we'll sing as the anthem in the service. It's that simple! You may enjoy it so much that you will want to join the Chancel Choir full time! All adults and youth are welcome.

I hope that everyone enjoys the beautiful spring days, and that you'll consider making a joyful noise with me this summer.

Karen Marrolli, DMA

Director of Music Ministries



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Pentecost Sunday - The birthday of the Christian Church is celebrated on Pentecost Sunday. This year it will be Sunday, May 15. The liturgical color of red is used to symbolize the Holy Spirit. Everyone is asked to wear something red on that day to celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit by Jesus to the world.

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To our Sunday school classes: we report the Sunday School attendance each Monday. A big **"THANK YOU"** to those who are responsible for submitting their class attendance numbers to the office. If you have not submitted your numbers…**we need you!** Please **call** the church office, **drop a note** in the office door or **email** your numbers to: secretary@fumctrussville.com so we can report them accurately **each Monday**.



Spring Handbell Concert

May 15, 2016

5:00 p.m.

Christian Life Center

Trussville FUMC

Featuring

Grades 1—3 Handchimes

Grades 4—7 Handchimes

Chancel Chimes

Palm Sunday 2016 was a special day for Handbells at Trussville FUMC. All four handchime and handbell choirs rang the Prelude together! Join us on May 15 at 5:00 p.m. in the CLC for an evening of joyful handbell music from our Children & Adult Handchime & Handbell choirs.



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The TFUMC Methodist Men will meet next Sunday, 5/8/16, in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 am. The Friendship Class will prepare breakfast. Our guest speaker is Rob Pate. Rob Pate was born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama. A four-year starter in football, basketball, and baseball and the winner of the Class 5-A Bryant-Jordan Achievement Scholarship, he accepted an athletic scholarship to play football for the Auburn Tigers. As a four-year starter for the Tigers, he was a member of many All-Conference teams, a two-time Academic All-American All-District selection, a four-time SEC Honor Roll recipient, and the Pat Dye Leadership Award winner. He lives in Birmingham, Alabama, with his wife of sixteen years, Dana, and their five children. He is a partner at Basden Eye Care in Auburn, AL. Pate also co-hosts the popular Eyes on Auburn show and is a columnist at AuburnUndercover.com.

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"Seamless" – Angie Smith. Meeting in the Women's Study Room on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Dates: 3/15/2016 through 5/3/2016.
Facilitator – Suzy Usry – suzyusry@hotmail.com – 205-317-5188

"Sermon on the Mount" – Jen Wilken. Meeting in the Women's Study Room on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dates: 4/6/2016 through 6/8/2016.
Facilitator – Shirley Fagan – sfagan@onealind.com – 205-915-7945

"David – Seeking a Heart Like His" – Beth Moore. Meeting in the Women's Study Room on Thursdays from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. Dates: 3/3/2016 through 5/12/2016. Facilitator – Freda Shirah – dshirah630@charter.net – 205-515-7518

"A Woman Who Doesn't Quit" –Nicki Koziarz. Meeting in the Pioneer Classroom on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dates: 06/15/2016 through 7/27/2016. Facilitator – Freda Shirah – dshirah630@charter.net – 205-515-7518

Youth News
First United Methodist Church Trussville



Hello! My name is Drake Roberts and I am the Director of Youth Ministries at First United Methodist Church Trussville. We have a lot of awesome things in the works in our student ministry as we look to help the Youth of this church and community grow and flourish as children of God! If you have any questions...or want to become a part of the work God is doing here, please call or e-mail me anytime and we will see how we can get you plugged in!

Contact info: drake@fumctrussville.com * 256-404-3598

YOUTH MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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1-3 We were blessed to honor our Confirmation Class on April 10th during Confirmation Sunday. Whether it was the 11 students worshiping with us in house or our confirmand FaceTiming in from Hong Kong...we congratulate all of these awesome students on the journey they have completed and the journey that awaits them.

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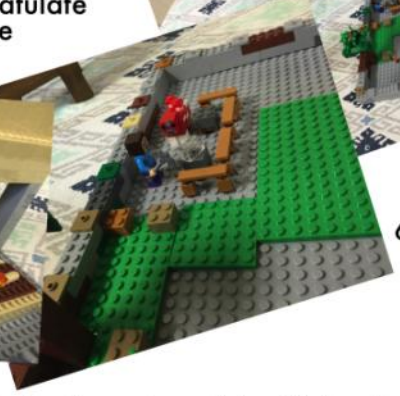

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4-8 During the next month for Wednesday Night Worship our Youth will be learning about the tabernacle as a place of worship and how that relates to where we are today with Christ in our lives.

Check out the pics above of our youth's Lego tabernacle and visit us upstairs to see the rest of our journey as we transform our worship space into a small scale tabernacle!

Junior High Extreme Adventure Camp @ Sumatanga

June 26th - July 1st

If you are a junior high student looking for a camp to head to this summer...look no further than Sumatanga's Extreme Adventure Camp. This camp is for anyone who likes outdoor adventure experiences like rock climbing, hiking, lake swims, and more. This camp also offers the best in big group games. On top of all of that, we will be experiencing incredible worship and fellowship in the wonderful atmosphere at Pool Camp!

Check out www.sumatanga.org for registration info. Also, feel free to contact Drake at the church. Financial assistance is available if needed.

SENIOR SUNDAY MAY 22ND

We hope everyone plans on joining us on Sunday, May 22nd for Senior Sunday as we will be honoring our Seniors during all three worship services.

There will be a reception for all of our Youth Seniors during the Sunday School hour for the students and their families.

If you are not receiving any information through e-mail or Facebook and would like to be added to those lists...please e-mail Drake at the church. E-mail and Facebook are our primary modes of communication. The new Facebook page is private but we will add you upon request. Thank you for your help as we continue to make our communications as good as they can be!