

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Mailing address: P.O. Box 1386 Fulton, KY 42041
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Church – 270-472-3514 Willingham Center – 270-472-3510
Rev. Nancy Johnston Varden, Pastor

The Visitor

Early Church – 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School – 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service – 10:50 a.m.

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June 30, 2017



Lynn Yates, Dee McClay, Leslie Marcum, Milee Milner, James Hooper, Joyce Tibbs, Family of Kim Gray, Tom Kelly, Kelly Johnson, Linda Hedge, Sylvester Westbrook, Jennifer Faulkner Robertson, Louise Mercer, Joe, the Steinman Family, Kristi Rezabek, Jim Ketterman, Jimmy Brasure, Susan Parr, Kim Murray, Stacy Homra, 3-in-1 Children, Parents, and Volunteers, Michael Mulhern, Carolyn Dodd, Josh Hankins, Greg & Debbie Williams, Richard & Lyda Rice, Michelle Richter, Pastor & Church, Ronnie, Sierra Family and Carmen Family, Persecuted Christians, Mike Jones Family, Buddy McCloud, Janis & Steve Mooney, Zach Mercer

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Nursery

July 2 Amy Barclay
July 9 Kelly Barnes
July 16 Annalise Bing
July 23 Savannah Copeland

Children's Church

July 2 Dave & Amy Barclay
July 9 John Lane & Jennifer McConnell
July 16 Nancy McConnell
July 23 Greg & Carmen Barclay

Acolytes

July 2 Jentry McConnell
July 9 Avery Nanney
July 16 Caroline Barclay3
July 23 Myranda Parr

Altar Flowers

July 2 Joan Homra
July 9 Joan Homra
July 16 Linda McDade
July 23 Linda McDade

UMW

Circles will resume in the fall.

UMYF

Swim and Scripture on July 5th @ the Branch's!

Happy Birthday!

June

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| Virginia Varden | Shawn Simpson |
| Hudson Reid Barnes | Michael Gossum |
| Matthew Moss | Hal Warren |
| Karl Ivey | Jane Morgan |
| Joan Warren | Robert Rushing |
| Terri Hodges | |

Background Checks

Per our safe sanctuary policy AND the Memphis Conference, anyone who is working with our Children or Youth and is over the age of 18 must have a background check on file.

These must be repeated every TWO years.

This includes Nursery, Children's Church, UMYF, Rotation Station, VBS, DayShore, and 3-in-1. If you work in these areas, please contact Ashlee this week to ensure you have had your background check completed!

UMM

On July 13 we will invite, as our guests, our youth and Kat to the Railroaders baseball game. She will throw out the "first pitch" of the game. We will not have a breakfast meeting in July, but we will resume our first Saturday meeting schedule in August.

Special Shout Out

One of the oldest members of our church, Bill Homra will be celebrating his 85th birthday on 7/7/17!!

-From the Homra Family

Thank You!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your kind words, gifts, and encouragement as I move to Baton Rouge. Thank you also for the wonderful gift and party. You all have been so kind and generous and I truly appreciate everything. I trust ya'll will share the same warm welcome for Kat when she begins in the coming week.

Love Always,
Tori



The DayShore Camp is different from any other Lakeshore event because it's hosted at individual churches. The event includes arts, crafts, recreation, worship and study!

Activities will include:

- Archery
- Arts and Crafts
- Basketball and other games
- Christ-centered lessons
- Daily group worship
- Gaga Ball
- Silly songs
- So Much Moore!

DayShore will be at Fulton First UMC July 17-21st. Registration applications may be picked up in the Church office. Cost is \$50 per student. Scholarships are available on an as needed basis.

I Need to Know Who Will Be Attending ASAP. Please call me today 270-472-3514 or email me ashleefumc@gmail.com.

RSSS HERO

Thanks to John Dunker from the Rotation Station Sunday School! He magically connected some wires, and now we can watch DVD AND VCR Bible movies on our big screen TV! Thanks from all of us at RSSS!

Thank You

Thank you so much to everyone who gave of their time and energy to help with vbs last week. We had a great time. I feel children and adults alike were blessed. All the organizing and preparation does no good without wonderful volunteers helping. The children and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts.
-Pam

Memphis Conference UMW Social Action Day

SATURDAY, 26 AUGUST 2017

9:00 AM REGISTRATION, REFRESHMENTS
9:30 AM WELCOME, INVOCATION, AND
INTRODUCTION OF WORKSHOP LEADERS
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM WORKSHOPS

HUMAN TRAFFICKING: MARISSA CASTELLANOS, LEADER
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH: DR. DEBRA SELBY, LEADER
BULLING/TEEN SUICIDE: KIMBERLY YEITER, LEADER

COST: \$10.00 (Includes box lunch)
REGISTRATION DEADLINE-----TUESDAY 22
AUGUST 2017
Make check payable to:
Memphis Conference UMW

HOSTED BY
ALDRSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1050 NORTH PARKWAY, JACKSON, TN
Registration Forms Available in the Church Office

Holiday Closures

Due to Independence Day and Vacation/Personal time for the staff, the office will be closed Monday July 3rd and Tuesday July 4th.

The Willingham will be closed July 4th in observance of the holiday.

Visioning Meeting

There is a visioning meeting on July 11th at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is open to all Church members and everyone is encouraged to attend as we continue discussion on where God is leading the ministries here at Fulton First.

Prayer Meeting

There is a prayer meeting every Monday at 12 noon. It is currently being held in the Church library. This is open for everyone.

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them. -Matthew 18:20.

From the Pastor's Desk..

I am thankful to be on vacation as you read this reflection. Rest. Sabbath. Time away is vital for our spiritual and mental health. A few years ago I heard a wonderful scholar and friend Norma Wirzba discuss the Sabbath Way of Leadership. Wirzba told this story, “More than 20 years ago, I worked in a homeless shelter in Chicago’s Near East Side. After a couple of months, the program was going poorly. One day, Charlie, our staff supervisor, called a halt to our work. We shut the shelter down for an entire day so that the staff could face each other and hear the stories of who we were, why we were there and what we hoped to accomplish.

This Sabbath time in the midst of chaotic days was utterly transformative. Homeless folks the next day asked, “What happened?” because staff now got along and worked toward a common purpose. Staff members figured out on their own to help each other because in our “Sabbath meeting” we learned about each other’s strengths and growing areas. We began to see each other as gifts to be received and cherished. Charlie now admitted it was a pleasure to come to work.

Charlie, a former priest, understood the Sabbath. He modeled the sort of Sabbath leadership that finds ways to delight in the world and our life together. Leadership can be the occasion to discover and unleash buried gifts. It can direct each of us into the delight of each other, and ultimately our collective rest in God.”

Sabbath is important for us all to find and make time for in all aspects of our lives. I will be out of the pulpit for the next two Sundays and I am thankful that Tori Mick (July 2) and Rev. Ben Boone (July 8) are stepping in to my part in our corporate worship together. I will miss you all. I will be praying and thinking about you as you gather. But be assured that God is also stirring in my spirit and mind creative ways that we are called to be in community together during this Sabbath time with family and friends.

Peace and Love in Christ, Nancy