

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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The Visitor

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

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April 21, 2017



Lynn Yates, Michelle Richter, Lyda & Richard Rice, Pastor & Church, Ronnie, Jeffrey Don Howard, Leslie Marcum, Melissa Hankins, Josh, Amy, Ethan, and Ben Hankins, Nancy Nix, Buddy McCloud, Persecuted Christians around the World, 3-in-1 Children, Parents, and Volunteers, Jimmy Brasure, Susan Parr, Kim Murray, Nancy Puckett, James Gray, Jim Ketterman, Stacey Homra, Shirley Martin, the family of Philip Ray, Chelsea's grandpa, Chuck Seratt, Harry Bushart, the family of David Lee, Debbie Wheeler Williams, Kristi Rezabek, Kelly Johnson, Tom Kelly, family of Betty Barnes Workman, Virginia Wilson, Joan Voegeli, Mike Hutchens, Charley Johnson, Egypt Churches that were bombed, April Black, Lannon Moseley, Genece Long & Family, Syria, Joyce Tibbs, Stacey Hicks

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Nursery

Apr 23 Donna Hacker
Apr 30 Mary Margaret Joyner
May 7 Adrienne Joyner
May 14 Nancy Nix

Children's Church

Apr 23 John Lane & Jennifer McConnell
Apr 30 Nancy McConnell
May 7 Greg & Carmen Barclay
May 14 Linda Barclay

Acolytes

Apr 23 Caroline Barclay
Apr 30 Avery Nanney
May 7 Jentry McConnell
May 14 Myranda Parr

Wednesday Night Volunteer

Apr 26 Linda Barclay

Altar Flowers

Apr 23 Sharye Hendrix
Apr 30 Sharye Hendrix
May 7 Donna Hacker
May 14 Donna Hacker

Wednesday Night Meals

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals are well under way!
The meal begins at 5:30pm. Bible study for all ages follows the meal each week. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children, under age 4 is free. (\$20 cap for families)

The menu is:

April 26- Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread, & Dessert
May 3- Ham, Mac and Cheese, Salad, Rolls, Green Beans, Corn

UMM

The next scheduled meeting is May 6th at 8:00 am.

Happy Birthday!

April

Sharon Newton	Natalie Stokes
Hannah Varden	Shirley Hawks
Janet Gossum	Linda Barclay
Lindsay Parnell	Zach Rickman
George Allen	Judy Jones
Brooke Kane	Macie Mullins
Pat Dunker	Mary Margaret Joyner
Tim Hacker	Ben Whitesell
Judy Andrews	Ty McConnell
Louise Mercer	Joyce Tibbs
Dan Voegeli	David Pirtle
Darlene Beadles	Terry Beadles
Adrienne Joyner	Johnny Jones, Jr.
Joan Homra	Chad Green
Mariam Varden	Elizabeth Pirtle

Community Fun Day

The Mission Sunday School class will be hosting a community fun day and lunch on Sunday April 30. This event will be held after regular worship hours (1pm) and is intended for the whole community to attend. If you are interested in helping, please contact anyone in the Mission Sunday School class.

Potluck Luncheon

The Congregational Care committee is inviting everyone to a potluck luncheon immediately after the second church service on Sunday, May 7. Meat and drinks will be furnished by the church. Come and join us and our special guests, Anne Peterson, Jean and Don Pinc, Bill and Nancy Fossett, and Rick and Elaine Hawes as we honor these church family members.

5th Sunday Brunch

The adult 5th Sunday Sunday School Fellowship will be April 30th from 9:45a-10:30a in the Fellowship Hall.

The speaker is Pat McMinn. Pat's presentation will be on the needs of the Fulton County Senior Citizen Center and how you can help. Bring your favorite breakfast dish to share with others at this Sunday morning fellowship! Invite a friend!

*Our next 5th Sunday Fellowship will be July 30. We still need suggestions for future programs. If you have any ideas, contact Leslie Whitesell.

Join us for the 10th Annual Choir Fest to Benefit Reelfoot Rural Ministries



2016 Mass Choir

Sunday, April 23, 2017

6:00 p.m.



Fulton First United Methodist Church

200 Carr Street, Fulton, Ky.

Join us for an evening of worship through music with approximately 125 voices from UM churches in the Purchase District joining together to form a Mass Choir under the direction of Mr. Josh Gatlin, choir director of Fulton First UMC. Six church choirs will perform individual pieces of their choice. Rev. Robert Craig, director of Reelfoot Rural Ministries, will be the guest speaker.

Donations will be accepted through a love offering, with **ALL proceeds benefiting the many ministries of Reelfoot Rural Ministries** located in Obion, Tenn. Refreshments will follow the performance. All are invited!



Sponsored by the District Laity Team

From The Pastor's Desk...

As if the joy and celebration of Easter was not enough, have you looked at the calendar of First UMC- Fulton for the coming two weeks! We are getting involved with our neighbors.

This Sunday we are the host-site for the 10th Annual Purchase District Choir Fest. The Choir Fest benefits Reelfoot Rural Ministries (RRM). The ministry is located in Lake County, TN but supports families in need in Lake and Obion County, TN and Fulton County, KY. Executive Director of RRM, Rev. Robert Craig, will be presenting at the event to tell us more about this UM sponsored ministry to those effected by poverty.

Then, Next Sunday, April 30 we are having two special events. It is a 5th Sunday so we will have a joint Adult Sunday School Class Brunch gathering (9:45 a.m. start) in the Fellowship Hall. Fulton's Senior Center Director, Pat McMinn, will be on hand for the gathering to talk about support for the Senior Center. Join us for food, fellowship, and learning about our Senior neighbors.

And, starting at 1 p.m. on that same Sunday, April 30 we will have a Community Lawn Party for the children of our neighborhood. The Outreach and Witness Team are sponsoring with the help of the Missions Sunday School class an event focused on children and their families. Flyers are being sent to Fulton County, Fulton City, and South Fulton schools as well as to our 3-in-1 students to come and enjoy fellowship and fun on the church lawn. The planning team will have bounce equipment, hot dogs, games, and drinks.

For the next two weeks we have the opportunity to listen and pray for our neighbors in need, our Seniors, and our community children. We are opening our hearts, minds, and doors to serving and learning. This is a perfect way to enter into our Eastertide season. A season originally created for formation for ministry in Christ's name and the Spirit's power! Alleluia. Christ is Risen! Let us rise to meet the call to united in Christ and to flow His love into all the world.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Nancy