

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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May 19, 2017



Lynn Yates, Richard & Lyda Rice, Michelle Richter, Stacey Homra, Kelly Johnson, family of Bobby Craven, Debbie Wheeler Williams, Phyllis Lee, Tom Kelly, Kristi Rezabek, Ronnie, 3-in-1 kids, parents, & volunteers, Pastor & Church, Mary Ellen Moore, April Black, Jimmy Brasure, Jim Ketterman, Susan Parr, Kim Murray, Marina, Joyce Tibbs, Bobby Riddell, Louise Mercer, OW Linton, Cynthia Smith, Nancy McConnell, J. Don Howard, Lexi Prusetti, Janis & Steven Moore

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Nursery

May 21 Bridget Pirtle
May 28 Jennifer McConnell
June 4 Nancy McConnell
June 11 Pam Wade

Children's Church

May 21 Jordan & Kelly Barnes
May 28 John Lane & Jennifer McConnell
June 4 Greg & Carmen Barclay
June 11 Linda Barclay

Acolytes

May 21 Hannah Varden
May 28 Elizabeth Pirtle
June 4 Miriam Varden
June 11 Hadley Barnes

Wednesday Night Volunteer

May 24 Susan Rushing
May 31 Brenda Mahan

Altar Flowers

May 21 Joanie Cavaness
May 28 Joanie Cavaness
June 4 Janet Gossum
June 11 Janet Gossum

Happy Birthday!

May

Phyllis Kelley	Annie Ruth Pirtle
Philip Andrews	Vicki Stickland
Mary Katherine Miller	David Whitesell
Frank Woolf	Lillian Elizabeth Connor
Jentry Lane McConnell	Babette McConnell
Greg Barclay	Emma Crittendon
Dr. Dale Yates	R.K. Kane
Martha Vowell	Cory Johnson
Betty McFarland	Ben Mullins
Ava Simpson	E.J. Wood
David Blurton	Anne Peterson
Kerry Simpson	Janice Whitlock
Charles Cavaness	Beth Johnson

UMM

Next meeting is June 3rd at 8am.

UMW

UMYF

Swim and Scripture starts on June 7th
at 5pm!

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:

May 24- Beef Chimi Changa, Rice, Beans,
Chips/Salsa, Dessert
May 31- Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, Dessert

VBS

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 19th-23rd. We are needing empty paper towel rolls and ribbon donations for our craft.

We also need volunteers to work the week of VBS! Please contact Pam Dame if you are wanting to volunteer.

Summer Feeding Program

Kickoff Celebration

Friday June 2nd 2017

Willingham Center

4:30-6:30

Free Hotdogs

Bounce House

Games

Prizes



Families with children 0-18.

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Fulton County Cooperative Extension

Contact for more info: 236-2351

Birth Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Casey Workman, Hickory, announce the birth of their daughter, Rosalie Alice, born at 8:00 a.m. May 3 at Baptist Health in Paducah. She weighed nine pounds, six ounces and was 20 inches long. She joins big brother Oliver who is two and half years old.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Whitesell, Fulton; Joyce Workman, Hickory and Sammy Workman, Hickory.

Great-grandparents are Patsy Chaney, Murray, and Marie Throgmorton Galloway, Kevil.

The mother is the former Sarah Whitesell.

Master Key System

A few months ago, it was brought to the attention of the trustees that church staff members had been placed in some uncomfortable situations. On several occasions, unknown individuals gained access to the building. While these were not examples of persons entering the church with malicious intent, we have chosen to act before such an unfortunate incident could occur. We have decided to update our somewhat antiquated locking system. The new locks for the church and the Willingham Center will all be on the same master system. Under our new policy, Pastor Nancy and Ashlee will only be able to issue keys on a temporary basis. Those needing a key on a more permanent basis will need to obtain an application from the church office. These request will be considered during regular meetings of the church trustees. I want to assure you that this action is in no way intended to limit church member's access to our wonderful facilities. The trustees have not forgot our call for open minds, open hearts, and open doors.

-John Parr, Trustee Chair

You're Invited!

The ladies of our church are invited to a "Sunday Sip" in honor of Anne Peterson, given by Joan Homra, Lisa Sears, and Judy Jones on June 4th from 2 to 4 at the Homra home.

Anne, who has been a faithful member along with her late husband, Bob, has served on numerous committees in our church, has been a member of UMW, a Sunday School teacher and has given her time and talents to this church in many ways.

We are happy to honor our longtime friend and will miss her greatly. We hope to see you on June 4th.

Farewell Cookout

There will be a farewell cookout for Tori Mick, our wonderful youth pastor, on June 17th at Robert and Susan Rushing's home. More details to come. If you would like to give towards a love offering for Tori Mick to show how much we appreciate what she has done for our youth, please drop it by the Church office or put it in the plate on Sunday.

Help Wanted

We are in need of four additional counters. Counting happens on Monday mornings at 8:30am and takes 1-2 hours depending on the complexity. Per the financial policy, we must have two counters present each time. If we can increase the number of volunteers in this ministry, you will only have an obligation once a month to assist. Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry. Contact Ashlee if you feel led.

NEW!!

Noon Day Prayer Gathering starts Monday, June 12. We will gather each Monday and pray for the church, our world, and concerns lifted by the church. Join us. Our Prayer Team is also designing new prayer cards to be used as we lift up petitions from the community.

Walk-n-Talk Bible Ministry is starting up for the summer! Next Wednesday, May 24 at 6:15 p.m. will be the first meeting of this gathering around a bible verse and discussion that will take place while walking in our community. Julie Riddell will lead this first gathering. Meet outside the 2nd Street entrance and hear the scripture for the week read and then walk (at your own pace) with others as the scripture is discussed and contemplated. We are anticipating a 30-40 minute time of getting our heart rates up and our spirits refreshed. (Note: After the conclusion of Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals on May 31 the Walk-n-Talk group will meet at Unity Park starting on June 7).

From the Pastor's Desk...

AWAKEN

I recently ran across this list called 12 Signs of Spiritual Awakening. It is one of those Internet list not credited to anyone. But I have to admit it is one that I really like:

- An increased tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.
- Frequent attacks of smiling.
- Feelings of being connected with others and nature.
- Frequent overwhelming episodes of appreciation.
- A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than from fears based on past experience.
- An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.
- A loss of ability to worry.
- A loss of interest in conflict.
- A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.
- A loss of interest in judging others.
- A loss of interest in judging self.
- Gaining the ability to love without expecting anything in return.

I love the idea of losing some of these interests and gaining some of these abilities. And for us, as Christian disciples, in this season leading up to Pentecost we are to be looking for signs of spiritual awakening within our community and specifically the Spirit itself.

In my own prayer life I am praying for evidence of the outpouring of divine power or being Holy Spirit lead in my life and ministry. Will you join me? If we pray for that outpouring together we might actually start to awaken to renewed ministries and ways of being with our neighbors.

Pentecost in our liturgical calendar is the celebration of the beginning of the church. It sometimes has even been called the birthday of the church. I like to think of it as the recognition that we must be Spirit lead to truly fulfill the mission of the church. When we awaken to the Spirit we are able to be as Christ has called us to be—loving, grace-filled people of God.

Come Holy Spirit, come!

Peace and Love in Christ, Pastor Nancy