

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Mailing address: P.O. Box 1386 Fulton, KY 42041
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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 4, 2017



Lynn Yates, Richard & Lyda Rice, Michelle Richter, Jimmy Brasure, Kristi Rezebek, Susan Parr, Kim Murray, Jim Ketterman, Kelly Johnson, Tom Kelly, Joyce Tibbs, Mary Ellen Moore, April Black, Three-In-One Children, Parents, and Volunteers, Leslie Marcum, Melody Crider, Greg & Debbie Williams, Mike Hutchens, Buddy McCloud, Martha, Miguel, and Elijah, Stacey Homra, Leslie Williams Marcum, Syrian Refugees and all those fleeing famine and violence in Sudan

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Nursery

May 7 Adrienne Joyner
May 14 Nancy Nix
May 21 Bridget Pirtle
May 28 Jennifer McConnell

Children's Church

May 7 Greg & Carmen Barclay
May 14 Nancy McConnell
May 21 Jordan & Kelly Barnes
May 28 John Lane & Jennifer McConnell

Acolytes

May 7 Jentry McConnell
May 14 Myranda Parr
May 21 Hannah Varden
May 28 Elizabeth Pirtle

Wednesday Night Volunteer

May 10 Kay Williams
May 17 Pam Dame
May 24 Susan Rushing
May 31 Brenda Mahan

Altar Flowers

May 7 Donna Hacker
May 14 Donna Hacker
May 21 Joanie Cavaness
May 28 Joanie Cavaness

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 10- BLT, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, and Dessert
May 17- Chicken Alfredo, Salad, Garlic Bread, and Dessert
May 24- Beef Chimi Changa, Rice, Beans, Chips and Salsa, and Dessert
May 31- Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, and Dessert

UMM

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

The Mother's Day Breakfast will be Saturday, May 13th from 8:30am-10:00am.

UMW

The UMW would like to give you an opportunity to Honor/Memorialize your mother for Mother's Day. For a gift of \$5.00 or more any mother can be honored or remembered. Please submit the name of the person to be honored/remembered, who the gift it given by, and the money to the Church office or a member of the UMW.

Day Circle will meet on May 12, 2017 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your cutting scissors as you will be cutting out the material for the teddy bears.

Happy Birthday!

May

Phyllis Kelley	Annie Ruth Pirtle
Philip Andrews	Vicki Strickland
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

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, Rick and Elaine Hawes, and Betsy West as we honor these church family members.

Attention Graduates!

It is that time of year again! Graduation is right around the corner. As we prepare to honor our graduates, we want to ensure that we include all seniors who will be graduating from high school or college who attend Church here or are members here. Please let the church office know if you have a graduate ASAP.

Also, the Church office needs a picture and a short bio of each graduate turned in by May 8th. It can be sent to Ashleefumc@gmail.com or dropped off at the Church office.

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.

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END OF YEAR CELEBRATION will be May 10, 2017 at 4:45 pm for the children, their families, and our volunteers. The children will sing; there will be fellowship and food for all. This will conclude our program for the school year.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,
Our family has been so overwhelmed and blessed with the love and support shown to us when our grandson Philip passed away. The many cards, calls, texts, and most of all prayers have touched us deeply. Though Philip's life was measured in hours not years, we rejoice that he is in the arms of our

Savior.

God Bless you,
Babette & Ty

Thank You Thank You

Thank you and all the Bereavement committee for providing our family and friends a wonderful lunch after Mamaw's service. We know it took a lot of work, and the food was awesome- I know the ladies and men of the UMC know how to cook! We were so thankful that we were able to gather her friends and family and celebrate her life. Your hard work helped make the difficult time a little bit easier.

Thank you again!
Sincerely,
Emily Madden



IN CONCERT
JUNE 16, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.

ADMISSION: \$15.00 IN ADVANCE - \$20.00 AT DOOR
 CALLED OUT PERFORMING AT 6:15
 BARRY PATRICK AND GUESTS PERFORMING AT 6:30

FULTON CITY HIGH SCHOOL, 700 STEPHEN BEALE DRIVE
 FULTON, KY 42041
 Children under 12 admitted free

CONCERT FOR THE BENEFIT OF
FULTON COUNTY TRANSIT AND
FULTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS.

Contact Person: Kenny Etherton Contact Phone: (270) 472-0662 Ext: 7
 Contact E-mail: transit5@bellsouth.net

For your convenience
TACO SALAD, DESSERT AND DRINK \$7.00
 School Cafeteria - 5:00 to 6:30

Graduation

Tori Mick, our wonderful youth pastor, will be graduating from Memphis Theological Seminary on Saturday, May 13th at 10:00 am. She will be receiving her Master's Degree. The graduation will be held at First Baptist Church 2835 Broad Avenue, Memphis, TN 38112. Please congratulate Tori when you see her on this amazing accomplishment!

From The Pastor's Desk...

The Times They Are A Changin'

We have had a great deal of changin' happening on the Fulton First UMC staff. The change has come for different reasons but it all seems concentrated in a short period of time. Stacey Hicks our Willingham Center Director had to end her employment with us because she was greatly needed by her family to be the primary support to her sister recently diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer. Tori Mick will leave us in July as she is graduating this month from her Master's program and will be transitioning to a full-time Youth Pastor position in Louisiana. And just announced this past weekend to the Choir, Josh Gatlin will be leaving us in late July because a church Music Director position is

available for him only 20 minutes from his and Lauren's home.

These three individuals have been such a vital part of ministry in this community. All three are talented at what they do and we are sad to see them go. I personally have come to depend on each of them greatly! But we all know that things do change. Tori and Josh will be able to share their talents with another group and we are thankful. And Stacey is of course doing some of the most important work of her life as she cares for her sister and her sister's family in this difficult time.

Please be assured that the PPRC (Pastor Parish Relations Committee) is already working to ensure that we are able to find the right persons to fill the holes that have and will be left when staff members leave. In fact, in the coming weeks we will have a site visit by our new projected CYMT Youth Intern, Kat Keller of Dyersburg, TN. We look forward to meeting this new member of our ministry team.

The PPRC is also pleased to share that Mike Grissom (former Custodian that left for a full-time job) is coming back! Mike, a South Fulton native, in his short time with us did much in the way of organizing and fixing things throughout our campus that we just wanted him back. His new 36 hours a week position will be as Operations Facilities Manager and Custodian. He will also give some time to the reception of people to our Willingham Center. This will give us time to vision what leadership is most needed for the Center to live into its future. Mike starts back on May 15.

And we are grateful that Josh plans to be with us and to assist with the recruitment of a new Music Director. We have him for a couple of more months as we pray and seek the right person to lead our praise of God.

And, let it be known that I and the PPRC Chair, Ty McConnell received word from the Cabinet for the Memphis Conference a couple of weeks ago that I am projected to be reappointed to Fulton First UMC for the coming appointment year. I am thankful for that opportunity and have been blessed in this first year with you all.

Please join me in praying for all those transitioning and for those that will come among us for ministry with our community.

Peace and Love in Christ, Pastor Nancy