

OCTOBER 2018

REFLECTIONS

First United Methodist of Monticello



SEEING THROUGH THE MUDSLINGING

“God’s power was at work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and sat him at God’s right side in the heavens, far above every ruler and authority and power and angelic power, any power that might be named not only now but in the future.”—Ephesians 1:20-21
CEB

With the midterm elections only a month away, my heart is heavy. Our nation, state, and city have become more polarized. Civil discourse has degenerated into below-the-belt blows. Corporate backers stir up the baser human instincts of anger, fear, and despair. Instead of painting a vision of what could be, mud gets slung. We know candidates not for what they stand for, but for what and whom they stand against.

What breaks my heart the most is how people treat one another on social media. The internet puts enough of a cushion between people who disagree that they feel free to post comments about opposing candidates and their supporters that are vicious, inflammatory, and even cruel. Tragically, those who make some of the most incendiary comments claim to be Christians.

I know some of our national, state, and local leaders personally. I have yet to find one with horns and a barbed tail, and I have yet to find one with an untarnished halo. It’s interesting that Luke’s story of Jesus’ birth begins with two very flawed politicians (Caesar Augustus and Governor Quirinius). Luke was reminding us that Christ was born into a political world. Jesus the Messiah (which means “anointed king”) revealed to us that true power comes in humility. God’s power lifts up the lowly and knocks the so-called high and mighty off their feet. He taught us that even our greatest political adversaries are God’s children, worthy of love and respect. Paul reminds us that “We aren’t fighting against human enemies but against rulers, authorities, forces of cosmic darkness, and spiritual powers of evil in the heavens” (Ephesians 6:12).

The next major election will happen in two years. I invite you to join me in praying that candidates will build people up instead of tearing opponents down, and that they will have a positive vision of what we can do and who we might become as a nation, state, and town.
Grace and Peace!



LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE AT THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE RESSURECTION

brings together clergy, church staff and volunteers who share a passion for renewing churches.

Tuesday, September 25th Br. Hammett, Lori Fallon, Mary Donaldson, Kathy Borchardt & Kevin Grant traveled to a three day training at the Leadership Institute in Leawood, Kansas. Each attended different workshops in different areas of ministry. They returned bringing practical leadership principles and inspiration to share with all of us. Their souls were renewed for the ministry of HIS church.

Greeters for October

- October 7 Margo & Joel Stevens, Kolton Beer & Bill Wisener
October 14 Stacey & Barry Davis, Kolton Beer, Ember & John Davis
October 21 Kim & Tony Fletcher, Judy Murphy, Margo & Joel Stevens
October 28 Dalene & Mike Stephenson & Suzanne & Mike Zieman

Join the children for Sunday School class! They are learning:



The Ten Commandments

The Twelve Disciples

The Lord's Prayer

Books of The Old & The New Testaments

Memory Verses



UMW Meetings

All ladies of the church and community are invited

Circle #3 will meet Tuesday, October 2 at 6:00 PM at the home of Julie Smith. The Wilma Hankins Circle will meet Tuesday, October 9 at 10:00 AM in the Wesley Sunday School classroom. Libby Annulis Circle will meet Tuesday, October 9 at 6:00 PM in meeting room across from church office. Circle #5 will meet at 6:00 PM on October 17 in Family Life Center.

Plans are in the making for a fabulous Holiday Bazaar sponsored by the UMW. Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 10th 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Serving lunch from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Shop and dine in our Family Life Center!

Schedules

ACOLYTES

- October 7 Danner Loyd & Lillie Green
October 14 Jason Lee & Ryker Harvey
October 21 James Sims & Alex Martinez
October 28 Mallory Fallon & Thomas Holland

LITURGIST

- October 7 Diane Pennington
October 14 Susan Musick
October 21 Lori Fallon
October 28 Lori Fallon



Psalm 104:19

He made the moon for the seasons; The sun knows the place of its setting.

SCOUTS

Cub Scout Pack 69 has about 50 Scouts currently in grades kindergarten through fifth grade. If you know anyone interested please call Jonathan McMahan 870-723-0996 or Renee Holland 870-550-1281.

Boy Scout Troop 67 is currently at 27 Scouts. We are preparing for our next camp out at White Oak State Park in Bluff City. If you know anyone interested in Scouts sixth grade or older, call Terry Crook at 870-723-7781.

Both groups meet every Monday in the fellowship hall between 5:30 - 7:30. Our fellowship meal on Wednesday, October 17, will be Spaghetti and the Boy Scouts will also have popcorn available to purchase.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

November 10th

Family Life Center





FUMY News

Important Reminders:

- October 5- MHS Homecoming
- October 8- **No School**
- October 12- DCHS Homecoming
- October 17- **Mission Day**
FUMY to box up "soles 4 souls" shoes
- October 21- 7:01 am
Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall (devo by Cole)
- October 28 - FUMY Pumpkin Carving & Hayride at Grant family's home (130 Mark Circle)
4 pm - 8pm, All youth are asked to bring a pumpkin to carve or paint!
Friends are welcome



October 2018

September with FUMY full of incredible opportunities! We packed bags for "Feed the Kids", hosted another "soles 4 souls" shoe drive, went to the county fair and had our monthly prayer breakfast. Plus our Sunday nights continue to propel us to "Plus Ultra" or "go beyond" our thinking about God and ourselves. Wednesday nights we are doing a what is God greater than series and having some great small groups! Our last week of September ended with prayer at our schools with "See You at the Pole" AND a "Saw You at the Pole" rally where our own FUMY president Hannah McDougald gave her inspiring testimony. We have got such a great group of youth coming to our church & youth group that it is such a blessing to have so many opportunities for them! Special thanks to *Denise Baldwin, Diantha & Scotty Beer, Greg Fallon, Haley & John Paul Greer, Ashley & Frank Hawkins* for chaperoning with me at the fair! And Special thanks to *Diantha Beer, Julie Smith & Dalene Stephenson* for getting my youth to FUMC and to the SYATP Rally! It definitely takes a village!



October brings another variety of exciting and wonderful opportunities for our youth. Our mission for this month is boxing up and shipping all of the shoes we have collected for the "Soles 4 Souls" mission. Special thanks to everyone that donated shoes. We have great lessons planned on Sundays and Wednesdays plus small groups will meet almost all Wednesdays this month. We will host another prayer breakfast, enjoy our annual pumpkin carving/painting and help with FUMC's Fall Festival on October 31. With all of the hustle & bustle & anticipation of cool weather this Fall, may you find the love of God and God's peace which passes all understanding.

Christ above all,
Lori



Snack Supper List:

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| October 7 | Ashley Hawkins |
| <i>October 14</i> | NO FUMY
(Lori to Charge Conference) |
| October 21 | Diantha Beer |
| October 28 | Pumpkin Carving -
Micki & Kevin Grant's home |



Fall is Here!

FALL FESTIVAL!!!

Wednesday, October 24th
5 to 6:30 PM

We invite all the young and young at heart to join us for a FREE Fellowship meal of hotdogs and festival foods, games, prizes and much more! There will be a costume contest so get decorated and join the fun!

Thanks to Margo Stevens, Katherine Schell & Lisa Tolin for organizing the FUN!!!

Candy donations are appreciated!

FIRST EVER CHILI COOK OFF!
Sign up NOW to enter!!!

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY

Since our last Charge Conference in 2017 we have taken in **twenty four new members!!!** We welcome each new member and look forward to many years on our faith walk together.

Members received since last Charge Conference are: Justin & Natalie Atkins, William Busby, Bart & Judy Bynum, Dave Carpenter, Becca Davis, Lea Anne Forrest, Ashley & Mark Gray, Pryor Harper, Gene, Renee & Joey Holland, Cody Howard, Tommy & Beth Maxwell, Hannah Meeks, Hannah McDougal, Sarah Perez, Krystal & Kyle Shipp, Caroline Wilson, Missy Wilson

CHARGE CONFERENCE 2018

October 14th
3:00 PM
Stuttgart FUMC

Our deepest heartfelt sympathy to the family of: Mildred Blocker, Suzanne Ziemann's Mother; the family of Harold Tilley; the family of Billy Williams.

Memorials were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

George Akin by: Rod & Margaret Norton

Mildred Blocker by: David & Sue Anderson, David & Sandy Funderburg, Buck & Bennie Henderson, Jerry & Rene Johnson, Susan Musick, Rod & Margaret Norton, Mike & Dalene Stephenson, James & Kathy Tumilson

Tom Bullock by: Joe & Helen Guenter

Bob Cockrell by: Joe & Helen Guenter

Kathryn Collier by: Joe & Helen Guenter

Shirley Cox by: Joe & Helen Guenter

Waymon Cox by: Joe & Helen Guenter

Wynoma Day by: Bill & Mary Whiting

Melissa Forrest by: Joe & Helen Guenter

A. O. French by: Bill & Mary Whiting

Dorothy Gartman by: Joe & Helen Guenter

Kittie Hoofman by: Joe & Helen Guenter

Kenny Lawson by: David & Sandy Funderburg

Linda Lewis by: Joe & Helen Guenter

Ruth Moffatt by: Joe & Helen Guenter

Pete Pittman by: Barbara Abston, David & Sue Anderson, Rod & Margaret Norton, Patty Ross, Bill & Mary Whiting

Owen Stanford by: Joe & Helen Guenter

Ray Stephenson by: Joe & Helen Guenter

Harold Tilley by: Susan Musick, Rod & Margaret Norton

Mary Thompson by: Joe & Helen Guenter, Bill & Mary Whiting

Phillip Whiting by: Joe & Helen Guenter, Rod & Margaret Norton

Billy Williams by: David & Sandy Funderburg, Susan Musick, Mike & Dalene Stephenson, James & Kathy Tumilson

Helen Vincent by: Joe & Helen Guenter

Donations were made in loving honor of Kevin Grant by: James & Kathy Tumilson

Honor of James & Kathy Tumilson by: Susan Musick

Honor of Dave & Ginger Wilkins by: Bill & Mary Whiting

Special thanks to A. J. & Nikki Hood for the pumpkins decorating our contemporary service altar table.



We welcome our newest Acolytes:

Eli Coburn, Lillie Green, Pierson Harper, Abby Huskey, Ryne Gosdin & Macy Tolin.



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY OCTOBER 10, 11 & 12

We hope that you have made an appointment to have your picture made for our new Pictorial Directory. If you have not made your appointment, please call Dalene at 367-2471.

Special thanks to LeAnne Forrest, Kathy Tumilson & Sally Kirst who have volunteered to work the desk at sign in. We are still needing a couple more volunteers to work a couple hours on Friday the 12th.

LifeTouch



The Children's Choirs will sing and the Celebration Ringers will ring in early service on October 14.



Infant Baptism

Camden Matthew Whiting, son of Matt & Johanna Whiting will be baptized in the 9:00 AM service on Sunday, October 21st. We wish God's richest blessings upon his life and look forward to his baptism. Camden is the grandson of Bill & Mary Whiting!



DEDICATION OF PRAYER GARDEN

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14
10:15 AM

Everyone is invited to
the Prayer Garden
for a Dedication Service!

First United Methodist Church **HOLIDAY BAZAAR**

November 10, 2017

Family Life Center 317 South Main

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Serving lunch from 11:00 to 1:00
Soup, Cornbread and Dessert.
Shop and dine at the Holiday Bazaar.





WHAT: First ever FUMC Chili Cookoff
WHEN: October 24
WHERE: Family Life Center @ Fall Festival
TIME: 5:00 PM

To enter your pot of chili, call Kathy Tumblison at 723-4054. Winner takes home the Prize!

**CANDY DONATIONS APPRECIATED FOR
FALL FESTIVAL
2018**

**BUCKETS WILL BE PLACED NEAR
CHURCH ENTRANCES
TO ACCEPT DONATIONS**



The Chancel Choir has begun practice for their Christmas Cantata We invite **YOU** to join us on Wednesday's at 6:00 PM as we prepare for this special musical.



The preschool has some exciting events planned for October. They will be traveling to the Pumpkin Patch at the Old Milo Tree Farm, learning about Daniel in the Lion's Den, and using pumpkins in a variety of ways to learn about fall.



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**CONTEMPORARY SERVICE 9:00 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:50 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:50 AM**