

# CAPITAL CITY METHODIST

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.” –Hebrews 12:1-2

Dear First Friends,

Sometimes when I sit down to compose a newsletter message, I have a firm sense of what I want to say. I have an image, or an idea, or a hook that is expected to support or to carry every word (or at least every paragraph). That hasn't happened this time. I had hoped that a nice, topical message would emerge. Something not too heavy. Or too deep. Something light from the pen (or keyboard, shall I say) of a pastor still new to his congregation.

But nothing of the sort has come to me. My thoughts are random. They come and go as they have for many weeks now. Some stay a while. They fly away and then come again.

Still, I feel the weight and the importance of the now. Of this season. There is much that occupies my heart and my mind these days. It is mostly good—perhaps all of it is good—it's simply there is so much of it.

Let me say that I could not have been appointed to a better church. I mean that sincerely. There is obviously, to borrow Saint Paul's phrase, “so great a cloud of witnesses” here. The foundation of First Church's ministry could not be stronger. As for you, you are a delightful and dedicated people. Getting to know you is a joy. The FUMC staff has been nothing but helpful to me. Our facilities, both historic and modern, are a treasure and a tremendous asset. Worship, both traditional and contemporary, is beautiful and deep and meaningful. Faithful ministry to one another, to the Frankfort community, and to the world—the sum of which I am only beginning to know—abounds.

I know times have been rough, as is the case for many faith communities, but I hope you know what you have here. Our future is not about a journey from bad to good, but about one from good to better. It is not about going from not enough to enough, but about going from enough to abundance.

I feel your yearning to be together more. I feel your desire to be refreshed and fed through Bible Study. I share your delight and excitement and feelings of encouragement over welcoming Josh Golden as our new Director of Music and Worship and Chris Powell as our new Director of Contemporary Worship. I am really jazzed (and a little overwhelmed) by the Strategic Plan, and I know many of you are eager to know more about it. There are plenty of tweaks and pivots to come. Knowing just which ones, and when, and how, and in what order is something only the Holy Spirit can show us.

Remember, the race of faith is a marathon, not a sprint. Jesus goes before us, behind us, and beside us.

Be of good courage,  
*Pastor Tom*



August 18, 2022

**Glorify God  
By  
Connecting People  
With  
Jesus Christ  
Through  
Spiritual Nourishment  
And  
Dynamic Outreach**



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## First In Serving Him to Fish!

Our fourth and fifth graders are invited to be First In Serving Him on Sunday, August 28, by helping take up an offering at each service for bed nets for No More Malaria. A ten-dollar net can protect a family for a year. Please bring an offering to support this mission to eliminate malaria!

Following our offering, the FISH group will enjoy fishing and lunch at Joe and Abbie Meyer's. Families are welcome to come. Meet there at 12:15.

## Opportunities to Be the Church for the Community

We will be hosting the NAACP annual banquet on Friday, August 26. Another event is planned for the Bluegrass District on Saturday, August 27, as we host the Anti-Racism Training. We are also hosting the Kentucky Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church with Saint John AME. The conference will be Wednesday, September 14, through Saturday, September 17. We would like to add some of our members for hospitality. If you are interested in serving one day or evening, please contact Rev. Tonya Kenner. We are thankful to be able to serve in this way.

## Women's Bible Study Resumes

Our Thursday morning Bible study resumes on September 1 at 10:00 in the Todd House Parlor. We will begin with a study of the book, Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life by Episcopal priest, Tish Harrison Warren. Books have been ordered and will be available in the church office for \$17. This eleven session study helps us reflect on everyday moments and routines as a way to become aware of God's presence. Join Rev. Tonya Kenner and other women to get a new understanding of spiritual practices and discover holiness in every day.

## PrayGround "Monitors"/Little Church Leaders Needed

Our children at Good News at 9 worship are able to use our PrayGround as a way to keep hands quietly busy while we worship. There are coloring sheets and quiet toys in the area. It is amazing to watch the children play and worship at the same time. We are looking for a few "monitors" to take turns on Sunday to be there in case the children need someone. As always, children are welcome to remain in worship at GNN and 11 but if there is a need or desire to leave, children are welcome to go downstairs to childcare after the children's time at GNN.

At 11:00, we continue to offer Little Church after the children's time. If you are interested in being a GNN monitor or an 11:00 Little church leader, please contact Rev. Tonya Kenner.



**Kids Night Out**  
Infants to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Saturday, September 24  
5:00 to 8:00 pm.

Bring your supper and be ready to play, make crafts and hear a story. Donations for the children's ministry will be accepted.

## Financial Report

Giving Through Aug. 14, 2022	\$536,883
Needed to meet budget	\$639,602
Mortgage Balance	\$1,6571

## Birth

Zachary and Sarah Smith are the proud parents of Henry James Smith, born on August 6, 2022. Grandparents, Charles and Valerie Smith are overjoyed with this precious gift from God. The proud great grandmother is Betty Issac Smith.

## Our (Road) MAP Almost Done!

With the arrival of Pastor Tom and the appointment of our new Music Directors, the final edits are being made to the draft Ministry Action Plan. The planning effort reflects commitments to carry our church beyond Covid and into the future.

We are excited to be planning new programs in response to the church-wide survey results. We heard you loud and clear! We're sure you will be excited too!

The draft plan will be available for the congregation to review within the next few weeks. Strategic Planning Committee members will be meeting with Sunday School classes, Bible Study groups, Women's Circles, Neighborhood Groups, the United Methodist Men, and Youth. Ministry Moments are planned for each service and we will schedule general group information sessions.

The Ministry Action Plan 2022-2023 will be available electronically for review and comment. Arrangements will also be made for anyone who needs a paper copy.

Save the Date! Tentative plans are to hold the churchwide meeting to affirm the plan on **Sunday evening, September 25**. If you have questions or would like to schedule a meeting for your group, please contact Abbie Meyer at 502 696-4244 or Meyer.Abbie@outlook.com.

## What's New in the Art Gallery?

Stop by and see Sallie Clay Lanham's beautiful water color paintings. Sallie is an award-winning artist and teacher who lives in Frankfort. She was selected as a Kentucky Arts Council Roster Artist, as the Chamber of Commerce artist of the year, and the People's Choice Award as Frankfort's Best Artist/Author in 2011.

Much of Sallie's work today is teaching and taking commissions for watercolor paintings of homes and pets. Her painting of FUMC is hanging in the exhibit. Prints of this can be ordered.

A reception for Sallie will be on Sunday, August 21, 2022, from 11:00-1:30. Please stop by to enjoy this delightful exhibit!

## Sympathy . . .

. . . to Sue Coles in the death of her husband, Marvin, who passed away recently.  
. . . the family of Mike Mansfield who passed away on July 19, 2022.  
. . . Brandon Fain in the death of his father on August 7, 2022.

NOW COLLECTING

**FLOOD BUCKETS**

FOR

**UMCOR**  
United Methodist Committee On Relief



## Flood Buckets!

We are still receiving items for flood buckets to send to Eastern Kentucky. These buckets will go through our Bluegrass District Emergency Response Team. Items are very specific so please follow the exact request. We are hoping to fill 100 buckets with your help. You may bring donations to the Wesley Center by Sunday, August 21. Monetary donations are also accepted to be used for what is needed to complete the buckets. The packing event is open to all on Wednesday, August 24, at 5:00 in the gym. A pizza supper is offered but feel free to bring your own food if you would rather.

- liquid laundry detergent - (two 25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottles only)
- liquid household cleaner - 12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water, no spray cleaners
- dish soap - 16-28 oz. bottle, any brand
- 1 can air freshener - aerosol or pump
- 1 insect repellent spray - 6 - 14 oz. aerosol spray or pump
- 1 scrub brush - plastic or wooden handle
- 18 cleaning wipes handi wipes or reusable wipes; no terry cleaning towels
- 7 sponges
- 5 scouring pads
- 50 clothespins
- Clothesline - 2 50 ft. or one 100ft.; cotton or plastic
- 24 roll heavy duty trash bags
- 5 dust masks
- 2 pair disposable kitchen gloves - rubber or latex
- 1 pair work gloves - cotton or leather



1	Mary Doris Steve Pewitt	16	Betty Conner Zach Criswell Janice Osborne	26	Phillip Lee Michael Sebastian
2	Sheila Burnett	17	David Abney Ann Estill Houston Hancock Betty Troutwine Zachary Wasson	27	Christina Huntington Whitney Lawson Janyce Stephenson
3	Paul Kenner			28	Rita West Renee Thomas
4	Libbie Drake John Norfleet	19	Bryce Burton	29	Tom Barbour Susan Buffin Samantha Criswell Merle Hansen Bill Salyers Jenny Salyers Josh Toppass James Harry Wilson
5	Yvonne Bailey	20	Jordan Criswell Stephanie West		
7	Kaylne Boyles Grace Higgs Kelly Neal Phillip Shepherd	21	Benjamin Rempfer		
8	Emily Clouse Malicote Phyllis Hail Randy Tillett	22	Nancy Atcher Matthew Clements Jack Gilbert Sam Gilbert James Hilborn Michael Lewis		
9	Shirley Norfleet	23	Tracey Doyle		
10	Vivien Kurtz Ramona Ramey	24	Carrie Bass Joseph Gaddis Caroline Powell Evan Ramey Bethany Smith Ken Walker		
13	Scotty Tracy				
14	Mike Boyles Melody Stephenson D.J. Wasson				
15	Katie Smith Jaida Snow	25	Keith Goins Connor Hanson		



## Sunday School Classes Sundays, 10:00-10:45

### **Children's Classes** (Wesley Center, first floor)

**First Care: Nursery** (up to 3 years): Room 115, April Douglas, Brandie Weaver

**First Friends: Preschool/Kindergarten/1st:** Room 120, Holly Brunson, April Trent, Mary Pat Dobbins

**First Followers: 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grades:** Room 110, Elly Gilbert, Audrey Gilbert

### **First Spark: Youth Classes** (Light House)

**Middle School:** first floor, Donna Jackson, Beth McDonald

**Senior High:** second floor, Missy Hardison

### **First UMC Adult Classes** (various buildings on campus)

**Chapel:** Wesley Center first floor Susanna Room, various teachers—Chapel Class members are predominately retired, but active volunteers for church committees, choir, activities, counters, bus drivers and ushers. We meet every Sunday in the Susanna Room at the base of the ramp in the Wesley Center. Teachers rotate among several members of the class. We support the Wesley Foundation and Methodist Children's Home with financial donations. Socially we meet for dinner on the second Thursday evening of each month. Congregants are always welcome to visit or to become members of the class.

**SAGE:** Wesley Center second floor room, 206 -The SAGE class meets in the first room at the top of the stairs in the Wesley Center. We are a women's class ranging in age from 60 and beyond. We study various authors who expound upon the Bible. We enjoy sharing various opinions and discussing what these authors have to say. Feel free to come and visit our class!

**Covenant Class:** Averill House first floor - This class of singles and couples mainly with youth and young adult children picks studies of interest that include discussion with the purpose of applying faith to everyday life.

**Class Acts:** Averill House second floor -The "Class Acts" is a laid-back group mostly consisting of adults ages 30-50, married couples and singles, mostly with children. We are welcoming to all. We meet in the upstairs classroom of the Averill House, and we never get started before 10 a.m. (so don't leave if you're early, we are probably still making our way up). We study various topics of our own choosing. we have been using a series of 4 to 5 weeklong studies which allows us to change topics often, and always study new things we decide for ourselves may be interesting to us.

**Upper Room Class:** Todd House Library - The Upper Room Class is a mixture of men and women, ages 50 and over, singles and couples that enjoy studying God's Word! Currently the class meets the first Sunday of the month. Contact Jana Sturm for more information.

**Friendship Class:** Todd House Dining room-The Friendship Class meets in the Todd House dining area. We are a group of senior adults who love to study the word of God in various ways. Currently class member, Rev. Richard Smith, is leading us in learning new ways to learn with new eyes about how that old, old story of yesterday is still relevant for us today.

**Broderson Men's Class:** Todd House second floor- An open class for men that discusses the various issues of our day and makes application to our role as Christians in this world. We occasionally will focus on a book suggested by a class member but usually refer to comments made by Christian leaders during the past week. Class members take turns leading the discussion.

**Cephas Class:** John Browning Balcony Room, upstairs-The newest adult class of singles, couples and parents of children and youth, the Cephas Class will begin a study on Simon Peter, in August. Simon Peter disowned Jesus three times. Peter boldly stepped out on water to follow Jesus. The Cephas Class believes that Jesus meets people wherever they are and that lives can be radically changed. Current class outreach includes direct support to substance use recovery programs and the Wanda Joyce Robinson Foundation, an organization serving children and youth of the incarcerated.

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- *Pastor*

### **Tonya Kenner**

- *Minister of Christian Education*

### **Jamie Wells**

- *Wesley Center School Director (Interim)*

### **Josh Golden**

- *Director of Music and Worship*

### **Chris Powell**

- *Director of Contemporary Worship*

### **Roy Nance**

- *Organist*

### **Greg & Melissa Hardison**

- *Youth Directors*

### **Jessica Tillett**

- *Administrative Assistant*

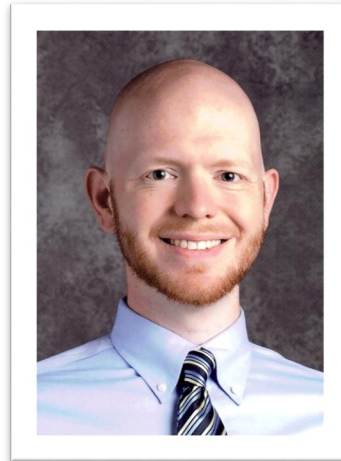
### **Diana Gregory**

- *Newsletter Editor*

## Welcome New Staff Members



Josh Golden



Chris Powell

In services earlier this month the Staff/Parish Relations Committee happily announced that Josh Golden is our new Director of Music and Worship, and Christopher Powell is our new Director of Contemporary Worship. We know everyone will share in the excitement to welcome them both into these new service roles, and we look forward to worshipping together under their leadership. Please support and pray for Josh and Chris as they each begin their work.