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Dear First Friends,

As special seasons for gratitude are approaching, I find myself as grateful as ever for the ministry of First United Methodist Church and for the privilege of serving as your pastor.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the September 25 All-Church Gathering during which we overwhelmingly approved (with one slight alteration) our Ministry Action Plan for the coming year. It feels good to now be “out of the gate” in putting the plan into action. Please watch and listen for updates of our unfolding work over the coming months, including an update in this newsletter.

Thanks to your generosity in supporting my Continuing Education, I attended the 2022 Leadership Institute at the UM Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, September 28-30. For me, the experience offered fresh learning on Deepening Discipleship, Asset-Based Community Development, Staffing and Congregational Care Ministry, as well as inspiring and encouraging messages from Adam Hamilton and other powerful speakers. I look forward to putting what I learned to good use over time and to sharing some of it soon from the pulpit. As I have said, I always approach Continuing Education from the standpoint of what I can bring back for you and for our ministry together.

I was so inspired by the youth who led music during our GNN Worship Service on Sunday, October 16. Their leadership and talent were, and are, a sign of hope and encouragement for us as a congregation. They are the *now* of the church, and I am so grateful for them!

I hope you are feeling encouraged, as I am, by the spirit of serving others that is represented in our recent celebration of 20 years of Mission in Honduras, the United Women in Faith’s soup fundraiser for women and children in need, the United Methodist Men’s upcoming Pancake Breakfast for charitable organizations, our preparation for this year’s Ruth Spurrier Shopping Event, and our participation in the Interfaith Food Drive for the Food Pantry.

As I look ahead, I am really excited about our upcoming Go, 4th! Potluck, fellowship and games at Happy Jack’s Pumpkin Farm on Sunday, October 23, at 5:00pm, as well as our 5th Sunday Combined Worship Service at 10:00am on Sunday, October 30, in the Sanctuary. I look forward to seeing many of you at both of those events.

As November nears, I encourage you to be present on Sunday, November 6, as we observe All Saints Sunday in both of our worship services. All Saints is always a deeply meaningful day for the church as we remember those who have passed into the fullness of eternal life during the last year and give thanks for the firm hope of resurrection.

Advent will be here November 27. We will begin both with morning worship and with an Advent Workshop and Hanging of the Greens in the day.

May we know the blessing of growing God’s kingdom as we **seek to glorify God, follow Jesus, serve others and welcome everyone.**

Faithfully yours,
Pastor Tom



Mark your calendar—**All Saints Sunday** will be observed at both the Good News at Nine and 11 o’clock worship services on November 6.

Caring for Parents Meet Monthly

Our next Caring for Parents' meeting is Thursday, October 27, at 7:00 in the Todd House Parlor. All who are sharing in the care and decision making of their parents are invited as we fellowship, encourage and learn from each other.

Our November meeting will be on Thursday, November 17, at 7:00 and includes a guest leader from the Alzheimer's Association, Diane Vance.

Upcoming Triple L Plans for November and December

Our Older Adult Fellowship, Triple L (Living Longer and Loving It) will have its annual trek to Harrodsburg's Beaumont Inn for a buffet lunch on Friday, November 11. We meet at Walgreen's West parking lot at 10:30. Cost is \$16.95 for the buffet (plus tax, gratuity and drink). Bring \$5 that day to help with the gasoline cost. We have 20 reservations so sign up by calling the church office or contacting Rev. Tonya Kenner.

The December gathering will be December 15 with a carol sing with our church music leaders, Chris Powell and Josh Golden. Meet for lunch at 11:30 with a get-acquainted and carol sing to follow. Contact Rev. Tonya Kenner or the church office to add your name to the lunch list (\$5).



October and November

Our October Go, 4th! is the potluck at 5:00 at Happy Jack's Pumpkin Farm, 966 Hickman Hill Road, on Sunday, October 23. Bring a side dish or two to add to the fried chicken. Paper products and drinks are also provided. Bring your own chair!

After we eat, First Spark Youth will lead our children in games and activities. Feel free to come anytime from 4 to 6:30 to go into the Patch to pick a pumpkin (\$7 per person).

In November, our Go, 4th! Will include a potluck and Advent learning and activities. We meet on November 27 at 5:00 in Asbury Hall. Bring a crockpot of soup or sandwiches or desserts to share. Following our meal, we will do some crafts for ourselves and projects to help our church enter into Advent.



Fifth Sunday Worship
in the Sanctuary
One service
October 30 at 10:00
No Sunday School that day
Special offering for United
Methodist Homes
for Children and Youth



Deadline Extended

The deadline for submitting a devotional for the 2022 Advent Booklet has been extended to November 1. If you've got a great Christmas or Advent memory, why not share it with your church family? Not sure how to turn that memory into a devotional? No worries - Elly Gilbert (Elly.gilbert@gmail.com) and Ginny Smith (virginiasmithauthor@gmail.com) will be happy to help you. Send us your memories, your poetry, your meditations on a scripture, lessons you've learned, prayers you've prayed - send us anything that will lift our spirits during this most blessed season. Instructions are here bit.ly/FUMCAdventDevo, or contact Elly or Ginny. We want to hear from you!

Financial Report

Giving through Oct. 9, 2022	\$620,547
Needed to meet budget	\$794,657
Mortgage Balance	\$1,510,056



Ministry Action Plan (MAP) Approved

We are pleased to announce that the Ministry Action Plan (MAP) that sets goals for our church from September 2022 to September 2023 was approved on Sunday, September 25, by the church-wide gathering. The plan generated a lively discussion before a single amendment was approved to the Introduction's *A Church United* section.

The approved amended MAP was approved by Church Council on Monday night, and is available for review on the church website. You can find it on our website using the dropdown menu bars in the upper right hand corner of the opening page. Select ABOUT US and then click on the NEWSLETTERS tab.

Already our church is hard at work on accomplishing the plan's goals.

Some of the ongoing activities accomplished in September and October: weekly Sunday School classes have met; FISH, Triple L, and Anna's Friends have met; weekly church bulletins have been prepared; our Prayer List has been updated and prayer warriors have prayed for each service.

Some of the Fall accomplishments to date: financial updates have been added to our bulletins and newsletter; Gallery Hall has a new exhibit documenting our Honduras Mission; responses have been received to the Servant Ministry brochure; a survey on Music Ministry service opportunities; the Methodist Men have planned a pancake breakfast for October 29 and a Fall Bible Study; a Women's Bible Study is ongoing; our choir held a retreat to prepare for Advent; the Endowment team received training; a survey of software and hardware in use by the church is ongoing and staff have been trained on the existing software; and emergency AED's (automated external defibrillator) have been updated.

The Strategic Planning Committee is currently developing a system to accurately track all of our accomplishments. In addition to regular reports to Church Council, the Strategic Planning Committee plans to report accomplishments using the newsletter, emailed News Blasts, and Ministry Moments. There's a lot happening at our church! Stay tuned to keep abreast of accomplishments and alert for opportunities to volunteer.

Fall Interfaith Food Drive—Sunday, November 13

On Sunday, November 13, join with your congregation to provide food items or a check to support the work of the Emergency Community Food Pantry of Franklin County. The Food Pantry distributes food every weekday, except holidays, to food insecure individuals and families. The Food Pantry is entirely run by volunteers and community donations.

Let's fill up the pick up truck parked in front of the church on November 13. Volunteers will be available to help unload your donations. Listed below are items the food pantry needs at this time.



Canned vegetables	Crackers	Macaroni & cheese
Canned fruits	Boxed cake mixes	Peanut butter
Canned soups	Cookies	Boxed meals
Canned fish or meats	Cornbread mix	Hamburger/tuna helper
Canned pork and beans	Pasta	Rice (1-pound bags)
Canned beans	Pasta sauce	Instant potatoes

***Monetary donations are always. Please make checks to the Emergency Community Food Pantry of Franklin County with Interfaith Food Drive in memo.



Jail Ministry Has Restarted

Upon the lessening of danger due to the Covid virus, God's outreach ministry to the women of the Franklin County Regional Jail has restarted. The staff at the jail has offered training due to the implementation of the federal regulation known as PREA, the prison rape elimination act. In August three of us underwent retraining and in September six more of us underwent retraining. This was required for us to be allowed to visit the inmates. We now have six volunteers who can visit who are experienced with our Jail Ministry Team and two new members who are trained but must have a background check completed with FCRJ before visiting. Currently we have two supporting members for a total of ten team members. We could use another member from FUMC.

We are excited about what these new volunteers have to offer the team. One is Sandy Wilson from Buck Run Baptist Church who plays the piano for Calvary Baptist Church. The other is Kim Caldwell who regularly ministers at the Federal Prison in Lexington where her husband works full-time as the Chaplain. Kim made a huge life change when she turned her life over to the Lord.

Four of our team members are from FUMC, two are from Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church and four are from Buck Run Baptist Church. We believe that our different experiences and backgrounds help us strengthen each other for this ministry. This is because we learn from each other as we take turns visiting two by two, after the model of Jesus.

Our restart was made more complicated by the presence of fentanyl which you must have heard about in the news. The staff cannot simply scan personnel for the presence of this chemical. A very tiny but lethal amount cannot be detected by scanners. Because of that situation, the rules for what we can take into the jail are much stricter. We have adjusted to these rules and are trying to continue to allow the women a valuable experience in writing cards to their family and friends. Instead of giving them the craft supplies to decorate their cards, we must pre-decorate them. We are thankful for the talents of Phyllis Rogers and Mary Pat Hankla in decorating the cards. The inmates merely enhance them with crayons, which are still allowed, and write their letter with flexible felon pens. This saves time which can be used in additional discussion of the devotional message or other worshipful activity.

Recent visits have been encouraging because of the larger numbers of inmates attending and because of their participation in discussion and writing prayer requests. Please watch for their prayer requests in the church's prayer list that Ginny Smith provides.

- - submitted by Nancey Watkin

Now's the time to support The Christmas Bonus mission

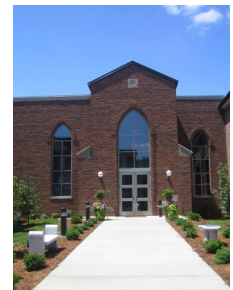
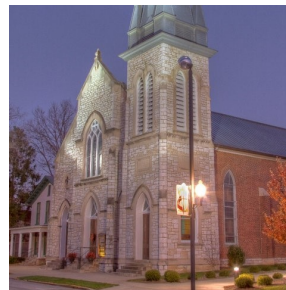
Child care workers are vital to the church's Wesley Center Day School mission. They do loving, caring work, often at salaries lower than they could earn in other occupations.

To recognize the importance and value of that work, the church family strives to provide a Christmas bonus to every full-time and part-time employees of the day school. Please consider being part of this year's effort by contributing in one of these ways:

1. Write a check payable to First United Methodist Church, with "Christmas Bonus Mission" on the "for" line. Mail or deliver it to the church office or place it in an offering plate on Sunday.
2. Send an electronic check to the church through your online banking process. Be sure to designate "Christmas Bonus Mission."
3. Put cash in an envelope clearly marked "Christmas Bonus Mission," then deliver it to the church office or place it in an offering plate on Sunday.
4. Request donations in your Sunday school class or church group and deliver the proceeds to the church office with the requested designation.

Please donate BY NOVEMBER 16. Thank you.

Questions? Call Fran Salyers at 695-3131.



You Are Welcome

By Mark Burrows (2017)

Am I welcome here?

Am I safe to sing or laugh or shed a tear?

Will I be loved the way I am? Will friends be near?

Am I welcome here? Am I welcome here?

You are welcome here.

You are safe to sing or laugh or shed a tear.

We love you just the way you are, so have no fear.

You are welcome here. You are welcome here.

November Birthdays

1	Hannah Drake	10	Jim Jackson	21	Betty Gray Jillian Jacobs
2	Rick Wayman	11	Dana Brammer Julie Clouse Robert Eads Gregory Johnson	22	Michele Bushong Rachel Williams-Hale
3	Heather Ayer Kim Coleman Corky Herbert Catelynn Kenner Ron Sheets Kim Willhoite	12	Phil Hill Matthew Meyer	23	Elwood Harris Charlotte Lewis Russ Wright
4	Tina Marinelli	13	Beth Vittetow	24	Mildred Sigler
5	Adam Nance Bill Kendall Elly Toppass	14	Shirley Middleton Julie Garland Cathy Kays Ruth Ritter	26	Kaitly Page Wink
6	Dena Plant	15	Nini Hughes	27	Amy Chambers Trevor Hanson Jace Hurley Phil Plant Rich Powell
7	Beth Gillig Martha Jane Rogers	16	Whit Elam Mary Lois Hilton	28	Anna Simpson
8	Dick Bell Sidney Cobb Barrett Miley Jerry Tolliver	17	Steven Baldwin Mary Pat Hankla Jeff Johnson Connie Kinman Zailey Snow	29	Karen Criswell Cole Cambron
9	Doug Doerting Carolyn Nemeth Diana Nelson Meredith Plant Glenn Stark	19	Margaret Maggard H. K. Rogers Ryan Watts	30	Willa Skaggs Mark White



... to the family of Sarah Williams who passed away on October 15. You may extend your condolences to Julia Hughes. Memorial contributions may be made to United Women in Faith, 475 Riverside Dr, Suite 1500, New York, NY 10115 (formerly United Methodist Women).



Sunday, November 27

- 9:00 Good News at Nine, Asbury Hall
- 10:00 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship, Sanctuary
- 5:00 Go, 4th Soup/Sandwich Potluck and Advent Activities, Asbury Hall

Sunday, December 4

- 9:00 Good News at Nine, Asbury Hall
- 10:00 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship, Sanctuary
- 5:00 Church-wide Caroling Party to our homebound. Meet in Asbury to begin.
We will come back to the church for snacks and hot chocolate when we finish.

Sunday, December 11

- 9:00 Good News at Nine, Asbury Hall
- 10:00 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship, Sanctuary
- 5:00 Progressive Nativity sponsored by First Spark Youth. Begin in the Todd House Parlor.

Sunday, December 18

- 9:00 Good News at Nine, Asbury Hall
- 10:00 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship, Sanctuary
- 5:00 Christmas Music Program, Sanctuary

Saturday, December 24

- 4:00 Christmas Eve Service— especially for families and includes a Birthday Party for Jesus.
Children and youth interested in helping lead this service, please contact Rev. Tonya Kenner.
- 7:00 Candlelight and Communion Christmas Eve Service
- 11:00 Candlelight and Communion Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 25

- 10:00 ONE worship service, Asbury Hall

Sunday, January 1

- 10:00 ONE worship service, Sanctuary

Faith Circle meets on the 4th Monday of the month so come join us October 24 at 10:00 in the Todd House. We look forward to seeing you.

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Diana Gregory

- *Newsletter Editor*

Methodist Men's Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, October 29

Asbury Hall

8-11 a.m.



Tickets cost \$5 for Adults at door; \$4.50 in advance; Children under 12 1/2 price. Advance tickets available from our United Methodist Men. Proceeds support charitable organizations in our community.



Church-wide Potluck

At Happy Jack's Pumpkin Farm

Sunday, October 23 5:00 pm

Please bring a side dish to share.

Fried chicken and paper products provided.

Bring your own chair or blanket.