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Semicolon



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Dear First Friends,

I find that summer is much like a semicolon. A semicolon indicates a pause in thought, with the assurance that there is more to follow. It is a more pronounced pause than a comma, and certainly does not represent the finality associated with a period.

Even as there is plenty to keep our lives busy, summer offers a bit of a breather where church is concerned. We continue to worship, grow, and serve, but we put fewer activities on the calendar and even give some of them a complete break.

I am grateful for and encouraged by the ways we seek to glorify God, follow Jesus, serve others, and welcome everyone in First United Methodist Church. We have a Ministry Action Plan that is continuing to guide the work of our ministry teams. Bible studies, music ministry, various small groups, Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, open gym on Sunday afternoons, our GAP Ministry, our youth mission trip to Oklahoma, food pantry volunteers, generous giving to local and global needs, and a host of other ministries clearly define our commitment to ongoing discipleship and to growing God's kingdom here in Frankfort and in the world.

I am especially excited and encouraged that around 70 adults, youth, and children were drawn to our *Engage!* series this past Lent, a clear indication of our desire for spiritual growth and community-building. Not only that, our GAP (God Answers Prayer) Ministry with unhoused persons has grown from a place where people can come and receive a listening ear, prayer, guidance, and a Kroger card, to a place where they can receive all of this plus do their laundry, shop for needed items free of charge, receive snack packs for when they are hungry, and secure needed furnishings when they find housing. And there is more growth to come!

As we arrive at summer's semicolon, it is a perfect time to relax, take a few breaths, give thanks for all that has been and say yes to all that is yet to be.

On July 30, we will join in a single worship service at 10:00am in Asbury Hall with a potluck following. On that day we will bless backpacks and present Bibles to our third graders.

Our new Sunday School year will begin August 7. Consider joining an adult Sunday School class or bringing your children or youth to Sunday School.

Engage! will resume on September 10, with a meal and spiritual growth options for all ages on Sunday evenings. Be on the lookout for more information via FUMC communications.

Perhaps the most pronounced semicolon we are experiencing as a community of faith is the recent closing of our Wesley Center Day School. The WCDS had a tremendously successful run. A number of variables, including but not limited to finances, simply presented too great a challenge to continue to provide the quality of care we were accustomed to, and known for, providing.

But this is a semicolon, not a period. Many of the rooms in the Wesley Center are being repurposed to provide more accessible and functional classrooms for our vital Sunday School ministry. But that's not all! We are as committed as ever to serving the Frankfort community through the people and facilities of FUMC, and I invite you to join your prayers with mine that we will catch a clear vision of how God is calling us to serve.

It is always a pleasure and a privilege to endeavor to glorify God, follow Jesus, serve others, and welcome everyone with all of you.

Faithfully yours,
Pastor Tom

Triple L Resumes with Glitter Bugs

Our older adult fellowship group, Living Longer and Loving It (Triple L) meets on Thursday, August 17, with lunch at 11:30 in Asbury Hall followed by a presentation from the GlitterBugs, a dance group which Arba Kenner is a dancer. Time to plan for the fall will also be included. A lunch donation is requested. Please contact Rev. Tonya Kenner or the church office if you plan to attend.

Anna's Friends Meet August 19

Our summer break is over! Anna's Friends, our widow/widower fellowship group will head to Louisville on Saturday, August 19, to shop at the Mahonia and eat lunch together. Mahonia is a plant and gift shop. Lunch plans are evolving but plan to join us at Walgreen's west parking lot at 9:30. We will return by 2:30. Contact Judie Blake or Rev. Tonya Kenner if you plan to attend.

Go, 4th! Plans for August 27

A movie and discussion is planned for our August Go, 4th gathering. You are invited to Asbury Hall at 4:00 to view "The Letter," a film by Nicolas Brown concerning a letter written by Pope Frances on the global climate change crisis. Following the 80-minute documentary, we will have table discussions. Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

Fall Plans Developing

We will begin another Engage series on Sunday nights beginning on September 10 with meals at 5:00 followed by learning and fellowship groups for all ages. Watch for details!



... To Steve Pewitt and his family in the death of his mom, Ann Brown, on June 28.
... Ginny Smith in the death of her husband, Ted Smith, July 10.
... John Moreland and family in the death of his sister.



Financial Report

Giving through 7/09/23	\$417,620
Needed to meet Budget	\$536,117
Mortgage Balance	\$1,313,244

New Sunday School Class Rooms Coming!

On May 26, our beloved Wesley Center Day School closed. During June, volunteers sorted through day care furniture, toys and "stuff." We kept what we felt our church would need in the future, sold what we could to local daycares, and donated the rest to the Mountain Mission. What was left behind, were eight rooms that had been well used for 17 years by our daycare children.

A small crew of volunteers began to clean and restore these rooms for future uses. Each room had been painted by daycare staff in aqua and powder blue. The walls, cabinetry and furniture had been damaged with gooey gluey Velcro dots, reams of tape, scores of stick-on hooks, and an amazing amount of hot glue. As the Velcro dots were removed, they took off small circles of drywall wall board. Each object left behind residue that had to be removed before walls could be repainted or furniture could be used again.

Thanks to long hours by dedicated volunteers, the rooms and furniture were restored. In mid-July, additional volunteers stepped up to repaint each room. The **Pre-K/K/1st Grade** Sunday School class and the **2nd-5th Grade** classes rooms were the first ones to be finished. Along the back hallway, three new, accessible adult class rooms are planned for the **Chapel Class**, the **Upper Room** and **maybe Class Acts**. The **Broderon's Men's Class** is considering moving from the Todd House second floor to the small Sunday School room on the first floor of the Wesley Center (across from the Choir Room).

Now is the time to invest yourself in Sunday School! If you've been missing the fellowship and spiritual nourishment that Sunday School offers, please come check out the new rooms and find a Sunday School home. Take a tour of the new rooms and explore your Sunday School options! Don't worry about interrupting a class, just come on in and know that you'll be warmly welcomed.

Ladies of all ages – Save the date – Tuesday, August 29

Our United Women in Faith are planning a picnic and shower for the GAP ministry, Tuesday, August 29. There will be more information about the picnic, but here is the information about the shower. People are having yard/garage sales and that is a good place to pick up some of these items, you can also check Goodwill and other like places for good, usable items. You might also have some of these items sitting in a closet waiting for someone who needs them.

Three or four boxes of kitchen items have already been collected and delivered to persons transitioning to housing from homelessness through our GAP program. What we want to do is get ahead of the program and have 2 or 3 boxes ready for whenever they are needed.

If you aren't able to come to the picnic, but want to contribute, bring your items to the church office or to the Wesley Center sometime in August.

Here are some suggestions of what is needed, and we have divided the list by ages so that we don't all bring the same things:

- If you are 25 and under – and we would love to see some of our younger gals, teenagers and younger
Miscellaneous: plastic wrap, aluminum foil, waxed paper, quart and gallon plastic bags, small storage containers, shower curtain hooks
- If you are 26-45
Cleaning Supplies: spray cleaner, dish liquid, sponges, broom, dust cloth, paper towels, dish towels (dish cloths will be provided by First Needles) garbage can, garbage bags, toilet bowl brush
- If you are 46 - 60
Cooking Utensils: spatula, potato masher, paring knife, measuring spoons, measuring cup, manual can opener, soup ladle or large spoon, small cookie/biscuit pan, 1-1/2 – 2 quart pan, 8-10" skillet, pot holders, salt and pepper shakers
- If you are 61 and over
Dishes: Plates, soup/cereal bowls, cups (mugs) – 4 each, glasses – 6
Silverware: knives, forks, spoons – 4 each, 2 serving spoons
Other: baking dish, small/medium size mixing bowl
- For anyone - extras: Bible, basic cookbook, clock radio, small table lamp

Honduras Medical Mission Open for Applications



The Honduras Medical/Dental/Vision Mission is now open to receive applications for the February 2024 mission. The mission team will depart on Saturday, February 10, 2024, and return on Saturday, February 17, 2024. Applications are available at the church office, or ask Cleland White, Jim Burris, Dr. Roger Strunk, or Dr. Arba Kenner.

For the first time, the mission will have two locations in the city of Tegucigalpa, Honduras. One will be at the original location of the first mission in 2003, the church in the Fuerzas Unidas barrio. The other location is at the Solid Rock Church where the mission has been held the past three years. Missioners will be given the opportunity to rotate between locations. This is an opportunity unlike any other this mission has offered.

If you would like more detail, there is a missioner's manual available with lots of information about the mission trip. The manual is available at the church office or from the persons named above. At each location the mission will provide a pharmacy, medical services, dental services, vision services, artificial hands, and health education courses. The place the team stays is the Humuya Inn where the team has stayed for many years.

Transportation in Honduras will be by Sebastian and his experienced drivers who have provided the transportation since the first mission. The mission team will fly in and out of the new airport, Palmerola International Airport (XPL) located about an hour's drive from Tegucigalpa.

Several preparation meetings are scheduled between now and February. There is a job for you! You can go and serve. You can help be a fund raiser. You can pray regularly for the mission. Or you can do all these jobs.

August Birthdays

1 Bill Derrington Sandra Magel	10 Mary Claxton Kate Higgs Joe Meyer, Jr. Patty Yeast	22 Judy Thomas
2 Paul Chambers Robbie Clements Emily Keeter	11 Grayson Scott	23 Ramie Hutchison Wil Rhodes Perrin Whitt
3 Jack Brewer Parker Ernst Kindra Stark Emma Watts	12 Kimberly Smith	24 Charles Bush, Jr. Bill Crumbaugh Connie Jennings Audrey Shepherd Tim Simpson Elizabeth Strunk
4 John Fricker Chloe Nance Brayden McMurray	13 Stephanie Barnes Bobbie Brown Mary Ann Burgess Sandy Jackson	25 David Goins Barbara Mathis
5 Brian DeMers Eric Kennedy Joe Meyer, III Bill Willis	14 Sarah Brunson Roy Nance Marla Smaltz Jackie Wright	26 Keith Doane Easton Powell
6 Ron Faulkner Larry Lowe	15 Steve Woodruff Bob Whitaker	27 Nancy Howard Fran Salyers Pat Smith
7 Wendell Butler Palmer Drake Sylvia Elam Justice Heltzel Ted Howard Susanne Jones Bill Matz	16 Jeremy Alvis Aidan Barbour Van Eads	28 Judy Stallons Jana Sturm Sue Willis
8 Shirley Tolliver Ashli Watts	17 Raylan Grogan Leanna Kinman Mike Robinson	29 Charles Lockyer Rick Rogers Brenda Rue
9 Jonathan MacDonald	19 Cathy Quarles	30 Duncan Barbour Rondia Burdine
	20 Stephanie Stafford	31 Keith Hawkins Jennifer Reynolds
	21 Hannah Covington Nancy Graham Garrison Graves	

Thank You for Abundance Orchard's Success

Vacation Bible School focused on how God provided food for people in the Old Testament. Our weekend included opening music, meals, snacks, Bible stories, crafts and recreation. Twenty-five children were part of the learning with lots of awesome volunteers. We celebrated our weekend with a potluck and filling Blessing Bags.

Thank you to these volunteers:

Opening: Chris Powell, PK Compton

Meals/Snacks: Olivia Thomas, Stephen Thomas, Donna Jackson, Paul Kenner

Crafts: Abbie Meyer, Stephanie Stafford, Jackson Starkweather, Jacob Starkweather

Recreation: Leanne Scott, Adam Scott, Grayson Scott

Bible Story: Tim and Alison Simpson

Age Group Leaders: Stephanie Sorrell, April Trent, Carolyn Eads, Mary Pat Dobbins, Graham Clements, Aaron Goins, Mallory Toppass, Easton Powell, Emma Watts, Liam Stafford, Helen Hall Abney, Jaida Snow, Elly Gilbert, and Audrey Gilbert,



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Fifth Sunday School Year Celebration

Our Fifth Sunday Worship on July 30 will be a single combined service in Asbury Hall at 10 am. It will include the Blessing of the Backpacks and third grade Bible presentation. Students are invited to bring their backpacks. There is also a special offering that day for the Kentucky United Methodist Homes for Children and Youth. Following worship there will be a potluck dinner in Asbury Hall. Please join for this celebration and worship.

The new Sunday School year will begin on August 6 with classes for all ages.



Back to School Kids Night Out

Saturday, August 12

5:00—8:00 pm

Ages 4—5th Grade

Bring your supper and a drink

Snacks and Activities provided

Contact Rev. Kenner



You're Invited to

Jack Brewer's 80th Birthday Reception

Sunday, August 6

Following the 11 am worship service