



June 26, 2025

# CAPITAL CITY METHODIST

## What's Happening Sunday, June 29

Fifth Sunday Combined Worship

3rd Anniversary Celebration of GAP

(God Answers Prayers)

10:00 am

Asbury Hall

This Sunday, we will thank God and Celebrate the 3rd Anniversary of our GAP Ministry.

Last Saturday Rev. Richard Smith and I met with a woman who was living in her car but had found a job and needed a little help until she earns enough money to move into an apartment. She kept telling Richard and me how grateful she was to us for taking time to meet with her, to listen, to pray for her, and to help her with food.

Each time she told Rev. Smith thank you, he said, "Don't thank me. I can only do this because we have a generous and loving congregation."

GAP Ministry, while founded by Rev. Smith, is not a ministry of Richard and a few volunteers. It belongs to all of us who care for our GAP Friends and who are committed to caring for the unhoused people of our community.

Our congregation:

- gives financially to this ministry
- assembles bags of food for our GAP friends each month
- knits and crochets hats, gloves, and scarves
- donates items for the GAP Store and to help furnish new apartments
- helped Connie Jones with "The David Project" for unhoused children
- welcome and smiles each time a GAP friend visits us

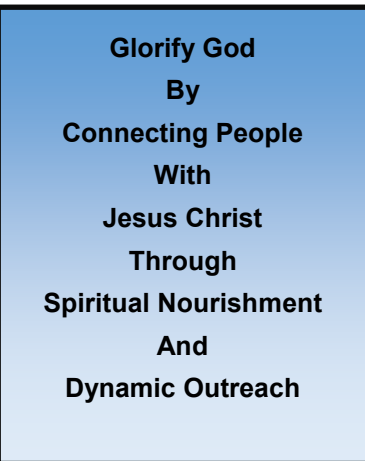
One of our GAP friends said it best as she left the church after spending time with Richard: "You all are angels – everyone in the church."

So, let's worship together, celebrate and thank God that we have been blessed to care for the unhoused of our community! I'll see you this Sunday, June 29, 10:00 am in Asbury Hall!

Thanks for being a congregation who seeks to be the hands and feet of Christ to everyone!

Blessings!

Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley



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On Fifth Sunday you are encouraged to give a special offering to The United Methodist Home for Children and Youth. You will find special offering envelopes on the worship table as you enter Asbury Hall.

# From the Pastor's Desk

## The Christian Year

Dear First Friends,

While some in FUMC are familiar with the Christian year and the Christian liturgical calendar, I realize that many are not. I want to take the opportunity to share a bit about the Christian year here, in hopes of making our attention to it more meaningful.

The Christian calendar is a way of organizing each year so that Christians rehearse and remember the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, as well as the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth and growth of the Christian church, repeatedly throughout our lives. It allows the story of scripture to “get inside of us” and to influence us as followers of Jesus.

The Christian year does not coincide precisely with the calendar year by which we make most of our plans. Rather, it begins in late November or early December with the season of Advent. During Advent, we prepare to remember the coming of Jesus into the world and we await his coming again to bring God’s kingdom to fulfillment. The liturgical color (the color that is used in paraments, banners, and stoles) is blue, a color associated with Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as with anticipation and hope.

The season of Christmas celebrates the coming of Jesus into the world. The liturgical color is white, signaling celebration, joy, and light. While our culture celebrates Christmas for many (and seemingly increasing) weeks prior to December 25, Christmas for the liturgical calendar begins on December 25 and continues throughout the well-known “twelve days of Christmas.”

The season of Epiphany begins with the observance of the visit of the magi from the East to the infant Christ. It is a time to reflect on the spreading of the gospel beyond the Hebrew world in which it was born into the world beyond Jesus’ own religion. The color is green, representing revelatory experiences.

Purple, the color of Lent, represents humility and penitence. Lent is the season prior to Easter when Christians reflect inwardly on their lives as followers of Jesus and the ways in which we need to become more holy—more faithful and intentional in our love of God and neighbor. This opportunity for growing self-awareness and repentance (changing our thoughts and our behavior) readies us to appreciate more deeply the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and the immensity of God’s love for us “while we are/were still sinners.”

Easter proclaims with full-throated confidence that God has raised Jesus from the dead. The good news of God’s love for the whole creation wins out over every competing narrative and every power, even death. When we follow Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit, our effort is never in vain. Easter, too, is a season, lasting not merely for a day but for fifty days. As I like to say, it takes more than a day to get the craziness of resurrection worked out. Like Christmas, the color white signifies celebration, joy, and light.

Finally comes Pentecost, the name of the Jewish festival during which the Holy Spirit descended upon believers from many places, with each one both speaking and hearing in their own language, despite the presence of many languages. The color red symbolizes the flame of fire that rested on each one, as well as the power and energy of the Holy Spirit that allowed the early church to spread the good news everywhere.

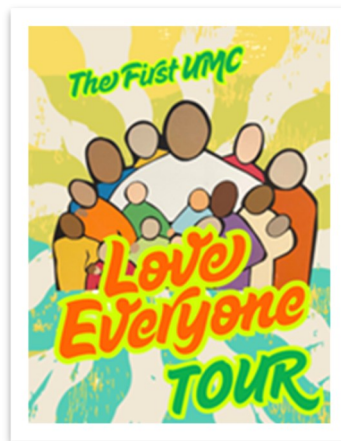
Pentecost reminds us that the good news is for *everyone*. The Season after Pentecost, also known as Ordinary Time, lasts all the way until Advent. It is the longest liturgical season, and it is a time for us to grow in faith, remembering that our lives as Christ-followers are much more than a moment’s conversion or decision, but rather a lifetime journey of growth in grace. As the season moves along, the color red is often replaced with green or multi-color visuals. As we continue to live into our theme of *EVERYONE*, Pentecost and Ordinary Time remind us never to underestimate the power and the love that are available to all and that can be found in everyone.

You may notice that the lectionary prescribes scriptures for every Sunday of the liturgical year, and that we often sing songs and hymns that are tied to the liturgical seasons. Again, all of this allows us to rehearse the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, as well as the coming of the Holy Spirit, throughout our lives.

I hope this brief explanation of the Christian year, and our efforts to give more attention to the same, will inform us as we seek to be the hands and feet of Jesus in downtown Frankfort, spreading love to *everyone*.



Faithfully yours,  
*Pastor Tom*



## The LOVE EVERYONE Summer Tours Begin July1!

*Let God's people praise the Lord with dancing and make music to God with timbrel and harp. For the Lord takes delight in his people!*

(Psalm 149:3-4)

We will be sharing God's love across our community. We need people (of all ages) to help participants make their drums, get to know them, and bring the joy of your smile to them! ! Please join us when you can!

**PLEASE NOTE:** Children (1st – 5th grade) and all youth are welcome to be dropped off at the church and picked up when we return. Adults who do not want to drive to the sites are also welcome to ride the church bus.

### Our Tour Dates are Below:

**Dress Rehearsal:** Sunday, June 29, 11:00 am, Asbury Hall

#### **Tour Stop 1:** Tuesday, July 1

- Stewart Home
- We will be spending time and making new friends with the residents and staff at The Stewart Home, making and playing drums and sharing God's love with EVERYONE! Please gather/drop off at the church at 4:30 pm
- Making Drums and Drumming at 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

#### **Tour Stop 2:** Friday, July 11

- Good Shepherd
- Meet at FUMC at 9:00 am
- Drumming at 10:30am - 12pm

#### **Tour Stop 3:** Friday, July 11

- We will be at the Summer concert making drums and tambourines with the children while we share God's love with EVERYONE!
- Please gather/drop off at the church at 5:30 pm or stop by the kids area on the Old Capitol Lawn anytime during the concert!
- Making drums and playing: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

#### **Tour Stop 4:** Friday, July 18

- Capital Mobile Home Park, 10:00 am
- Meet for ride or drop off kids/youth: FUMC, 9:00 am

#### **Tour Stop 5:** Friday, July 25

- The King's Center
- Meet for ride or drop off kids/youth: FUMC, 9:00 am
- Making drums and playing, 10 am—11:30 am

#### **Tour Stop 6:** Friday, August 1

- "Just for Teens and College Aged Young People"
- Led by Greg Hardison
- More info coming soon

## Sunday School in July



### Children: The Music and Life of David

We will be exploring how music shaped David as a boy, youth and king and making and playing instruments together each week!

**PLEASE NOTE:** Children's ages will combine for the summer, so they should be dropped off in April Trent's Sunday School room each week (Room 115 Wesley Center)!

### Youth:

Our youth will have the opportunity to lead and teach our children as we explore the life of David together and the role of music in our lives!

### College Aged Youth:

Selah Sessions with Greg and Missy Hardison: A time to pause, reflect and explore music together.

(S)top, pause, chill.

(E)xhale, breathe and center yourself.

(L)ook, at friends and nature.

(A)sk, God to help.

(H)ear, Listen for God to speak.

## Meet at Downtown Concert Series

### Friday, June 27

Join us for the Downtown Concert Series this Friday, June 27. The concert starts at 6:30 p.m. Look for the FUMC flag, bring a chair and enjoy the concert together!

### Friday, July 11

We will be at the Summer concert making drums and tambourines with the children while we share God's love with EVERYONE!

## Sunday School Resources

Adult Sunday School books and devotional materials are now available in the room next to the front elevator in the Wesley Center. The books are shelved alphabetically by the authors' last names. Advent and Lent books are in separate sections. Feel free to visit and see all the great books that are available for Sunday School and individual readers.

## Exciting News!!

In addition to her work with GAP Ministries, Rev. Tonya Kenner has volunteered to coordinate and lead Anna's Friends (A group for those who have lost a spouse) and Triple-L (Living Longer and Loving it) group for adults. We are so excited and blessed to have her leadership and passion for these groups! Thanks Tonya!

## Anna's Friends Lunch

(a group for anyone who has lost a spouse)

Mark your calendars for an Anna's Friends lunch, Saturday, July 19. More info will be coming soon!




## Smiling Faces Wanted! Join the GNN Greeters Team

Do you have a smile and a warm "hello"? Then you're exactly who we're looking for! GNN is seeking friendly faces to join our **Greeters Team**.

Greeters play a vital role each Sunday by welcoming everyone at the front door of the **Wesley Center**, handing out bulletins as people enter **Asbury Hall**, and collecting attendance sheets after the service. It may seem like a simple task, but it makes a big difference in helping others feel seen, welcomed, and valued.

We'd love to have **you** be part of this important ministry!

**Interested?** Please contact **Jana Sturm** at

 502-227-0400



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## July Birthdays

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| 2  | John Browning<br>Kaylee Burgess<br>Christa Hall<br>Leon Townsend<br>Jan Wright | 15 | Beau Barnes  | 28 | Sara Bell<br>Elaine Brawner<br>Greg Burton<br>Michael Gaddis<br>Barbara Lambdin                |
| 3  | Melissa Hall<br>Shelley Mauer  | 16 | Erika Hancock  | 29 | Virginia Crumbaugh   |
| 4  | Judie Blake<br>Pam Jackson<br>Betty McNees<br>Russell Fuller                   | 18 | Patsy Blevins<br>Kay Scott<br>Carter Watts<br>Sean Weber                           | 30 | Gretchen Gillig<br>Phil Lawson<br>Kathy Moreland<br>Adler Nation<br>Luke Tolson<br>Andrew Wink |
| 7  | Jim Neal   | 19 | Logan Hurley<br>Randy Thomas   | 31 | Adam Scott<br>Zane Jaques  |
| 8  | Gayle Alvis<br>J. D. Harville<br>Bruce Smith                                   | 20 | Sheilah Kurtz<br>Hannah Neal<br>Henry Thomas<br>Jacob Tracy<br>Ethan Williams-Hale |    |  |
| 9  | Laveta Browning<br>Sabrina James   | 21 | Alexis Wilson  |    |  |
| 10 | Gayle Deaton<br>Ben Gillig<br>Hannah Strunk                                    | 22 | Rusty Wilhoite<br>Jett Wasson  |    |  |
| 11 | Jane Bush<br>Brendan Smith<br>Suzanne Spencer                                  | 23 | Connie Jones<br>Paul Mauer<br>Alan Meeks   |    |  |
| 12 | Henry Fuller<br>Michael Nunley   | 24 | Tyler Baker<br>Corinne Brewer<br>Henry Lawson                                      |    |  |
| 13 | Debra Chadwick<br>Maggie McDonald<br>Shelia White                              | 25 | John Gilbert   |    |  |
| 14 | Luke Scott   | 26 | Caroline Barnes<br>Heather Risk  |    |  |
|    |  | 27 | Lindsey Briggs<br>Allen Jackson<br>Ryan Sturm                                      |    |  |





# Summer's Heating Up at GAP



The weather changed overnight from chilly rains to hot, humid ones. As the temperatures climb, so do the needs of our unhoused neighbors. Last month we touched many lives, some old friends as well as new ones. Living in a car or tent in sticky heat while trying to keep their few belongings dry and the mosquitos at bay is a challenge. Cold temperatures allow for short term food storage; hot temperatures mean that leftovers spoil quickly. Staying cool and hydrated becomes critical.

Last month, the Upper Room Sunday School Class packed 91 bags to give to those who visit our church. They were gratefully received by individuals and families that lack adequate food. This month, the class will pack another 75 bags. A brown paper bag filled with food and a Kroger card helps meet the immediate needs of our unhoused friends.

Tonya and Paul Kenner are launching our laundry ministry. They offer to wash a couple loads of clothes and spend time with unhoused individuals who sign up. The washer and dryer in the Susanna Room, left from our day-care days, will be put to good use restoring dignity to individuals who can't afford a laundromat. Eventually, volunteers will be needed to help with this new part of our ministry. Contact Tonya if this speaks to your heart.

Our David Project is nearly ready. Connie Jones and Paula Wylie have been busy setting up a children's room in honor of David Jones. Free age-appropriate books and special storage containers await our GAP kids. Paula paints gorgeous, comforting "pocket rocks" with encouraging thoughts for children to keep as a special treasure. Contact Connie if you'd like to help with this new mission of the GAP program.

## Current Needs for the GAP Store:

- Dog food
- Toilet paper
- Small containers of OTC pain, cold and allergy medicines
- Towels, wash cloths, & sheets (clean used is fine)
- Reusable water bottles

## Current Needs for Brown Paper Bags:

- Individual Meats: SPAM, Chicken, Beanie Weenies\*
- \*We currently have plenty of tuna and peanut butter!
- Fruit cups
- Pudding Cups
- Individual Cookie Packs
- Individual Chips
- Amazon items: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3A9JG9XYMR3YQ?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3A9JG9XYMR3YQ?ref_=wl_share)



## Finance Report for May 2025

May Giving to Budget	\$74,420.19
May Expenses	\$67,892.36
Year to Date Giving to Budget	\$285,453.87
Year to Date Expenses	\$353,665.67
Mortgage Balance as of May 31	\$770,492.86



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### **Dr. Beth Wilson**

- *Director of Music and Worship*

### **David W. Goins**

- *Director of Contemporary Worship*

### **Roy Nance**

- *Organist*

### **Steph Sorrell**

- *Seminary Intern & Technology Coordinator*

### **Diana Gregory**

- *Interim Administrative Assistant*



## Summer Choir

Pop in any Sunday morning to the Choir Room at 10:30am to read through a familiar, easy tune. Then join us for worship; no robes, just come as you are! Below are the beloved anthems we will sing in July:

- 7/6      *God Bless America*, Irving Berlin/arr. Roy Ringwald
- 7/13     *Peace like a River*, arr. Charles Kirby
- 7/20     *Be Thou My Vision*, arr. Carlton Young
- 7/27     *Precious Lord*, George Allen/arr. Roy Ringwald