



The Spirit

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Sisters in the Spirit ... Everlasting Bonds!

Sisters in the Spirit is ministry programming for girls focused on growing relationships with each other and with Christ. Throughout the year, we will offer opportunities for girls to grow in faith and relationship.

In October, we will begin a six-week mother/daughter Bible study for 4th and 5th grade girls and their moms. If you are interested in participating, or would like more information, please contact Holly Vance at hollytvance@comcast.net or Sherri Smith at ssmith@fountaincityumc.org.

Can You Hear Me Now?

Have you ever had your worship experience distracted by having difficulty hearing the pastor? Several months ago when our heating and air conditioning (HVAC) system was upgraded, many of you told us the sound of the air "rushing" out of the diffusers was overpowering the sound system in the sanctuary, making it difficult to understand the pastors. After making adjustments to the HVAC system, we were confident that the sound issues could be behind us, maybe. Still we hear comments about a sound issue, unrelated to the HVAC, in one or all of the services. We appreciate your comments and want you to know that we are listening and working the issues.

Over the years, the sound system has been upgraded one piece at a time; however, the improvements have not been able to overcome the wear and tear of normal operations plus the damage to the system resulting from lightning strikes. Our existing sound system consists of equipment that may be up to 50 years old. Thanks to a special gift for the sound system enhancement and some funds from the capital campaign, we are able to address our sound issues in both the sanctuary and the multi-purpose room.

We are currently in the process of improving our sanctuary and gym systems by replacing the existing equipment with power conditioners, amplifiers, digital signal processors, a digital mixing console and distributed power units. In the gym, we will be installing acoustical sound panels and a video projector with a long throw lens. We are grateful for your patience and ask that you continue to bear with us through the upcoming transition period. John Patterson, your church administrator, would like to hear your comments relating to the sound system. Please call the church office at 689-5175, extension 109.

Worship With Us!

September 27, 2009

Traditional Services (8:30 & 11:00)

Music Dedication Sunday

"Reason to Sing"

Ephesians 2:1-10

Sermon by Jim Whedbee

Contemporary Service (11:00)

**the
Journey**

"Why the World
Needs the Church"

Ephesians 2:11-22

Sermon by Melissa Smith

Wednesday Fellowship

September 30, 2009

Fellowship Meal Menu (5:30)

Stir-Fried Chicken Breast with

Asian Style Vegetables,

Steamed Rice, Egg Rolls,

Oriental Slaw, Assorted Desserts

Light Side: (same)

Kid's Menu: Chicken Nuggets,
Fries, Fresh Fruit & Veggies, Yogurt,
Chocolate Chip Cookies

Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

Adults \$6, Children (5th grade and
under) \$3; Families of 3 or more
\$16, Seniors (65+) \$5

Make your reservations online, on
the worship attendance card, or
call the church office before noon
on Tuesday, September 29.

▮ A NOTE FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

A couple of years ago, I had the opportunity to travel to St. Louis and attend a conference about worship, music, and arts. This event was organized by a group with a crazy acronym: FUMMWA, or the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts. Several composers and arrangers were present at the conference, and I looked forward to meeting and talking musical “shop” with them.

I was also very interested in the opening service of worship that was to be held at an historic Methodist church in the downtown area. This service was called a hymn festival, and it was assembled and led by an organist by the name of Michael Burkhardt. Let me share with you the experience of that evening.

After arrived at the downtown church, which was a large, old, traditional-looking brick building, I wound my way up the steep staircases, narrow doors, and finally entered the sanctuary which was packed full of fellow FUMMWA'rs. The sanctuary was older and more dated looking than I expected (this was, after all, a location chosen by the organizers to highlight worship - I guess I expected more glitz!). There were no stained glass windows or beautiful wooden arches - just a plain vanilla sanctuary with a small pulpit for the minister, and a well-maintained pipe organ. The worship bulletin was clear, if a bit homemade-looking.

The time came for the service to begin, and Mr. Burkhardt moved to the organ bench and played a majestic, exciting introduction to the hymn “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty.” As the introduction was played, everyone rose to their feet, music in hand, ready to join voices in singing the first verse:

*“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him
for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near!
Praise him in glad adoration!”*

I wanted to sing, but I could not... in fact, I don't think I was able to get the tears out of my eyes until the third or fourth verse. The sound of some 600 music ministers joining together in this hymn of praise was absolutely stunning, and it had caught me completely off-guard. God had caught me completely off-guard. This act of worship had caught me off guard. The emotions I felt in that service were stronger than any youth rally or college experience I had ever attended. The care and attention that had gone into the hymn choices and spoken words of the service opened my heart and refreshed my soul. Music was a vehicle for beautiful, challenging, stunning worship of God that evening.

In my office there is a little memento of that service, pinned to a small bulletin board by my desk. It is a scrap of cloth with the image of a harp printed on it that was given to us as we left the service that evening. It is a reminder to me that God asks us to put care and attention in everything that we do. It is a reminder that God loves me. We have a reason to be here after all. We have reason to sing!

- Andrew Duncan
Director of Music Ministries



PRAYER FOCUS

Matthew 9:9 “...‘Follow me and be my disciple’, Jesus said...”



Lord Jesus, You are not saying “follow my teachings,” or “follow my example,” even though those are important for me to do. You are calling me to a personal walk with You. Give me a heart to lay aside my desires and follow You, my personal Savior and Lord. I want Your will to be the desire of my heart and I want to be Your faithful disciple.

In Your loving name I pray, Amen.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Love & Logic for Parents Begins Sunday, September 27

Just a reminder that a five-week series of Love & Logic for Parents begins this Sunday from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Wesley Hall. We are fortunate to have Elizabeth Kose, a certified Love & Logic instructor, available to share her training and experience as she leads these classes. Cost is \$50 (\$40 if you attended the overview session). Partial scholarships are available. Childcare for elementary-age children and younger can be arranged by calling LeRoy Hatcher at ext. 111 or Jennifer Smiddy at ext. 115.

Church Picnic - An "In-Climate" Success!

Thanks to Keith Borroughs, Doug Shipman and company, David Parker and his bluegrass band with Andrew Duncan on the accordion, Mark Seals for running the sound system, all the FCUMC cooks, and all set-up and clean-up volunteers. Through everyone's combined efforts, our indoor "In-Climate" picnic was great fun. By rough count about 150 members, guests, and visitors enjoyed the great food, fellowship and music. Mark your calendars now for September 19, 2010, when our next fall picnic is scheduled.

Disciple I Begins September 27

Disciple is our most comprehensive and intensive Bible study offered at the church. Sunday, September 27 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. will be the first class session for Disciple I. In this 34 week study you will meet together with 12 other Christians weekly for an intensive time of study and reflection on scripture.

Childcare is provided upon request for all sessions. Books can be purchased in the church office, cost \$35, and scholarships are available. For more information contact Tom Addington at 938-8554 or rebadding@aol.com.

Opportunity to Serve

Stephen Ministers provide a caring support for those going through stressful life situations such as divorce, death, illness, and life changes such as retirement, and children leaving for college. If you would like an opportunity to serve in this way please contact Gail Clift at 922-9408. A new training class will begin soon.



*Do you have ready your donation
for the 45th Bazaar?*

Have you signed up to work a booth so far?

*If everyone donates at least **one** item,
the gym will overflow;*

*And we will raise money for missions
for all the passions we know.*

*So you have one month to create, make,
donate and bake;*

*Search for items in your home - books, new to me
items, antiques, collectibles & more...we will take*

What is your passion? Only you know.

What's your donation? The Bazaar needs YOU so!

Sign up on the Board outside Wesley Hall;

*If you have questions, Julie Knoefel
(405-7251) is who to call.*

*Pray, donate, work, eat lunch and shop,
Together we will make money for missions -
which means a lot!*

Saturday - November 7 - 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch in Wesley Hall 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Safe Sanctuary Training

Monday, September 28 at 6:00 pm. Please bring three references to this one-hour training session, which will be held in Room 138. Childcare is provided.

CHURCH CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER 25-OCTOBER 3

Friday, September 25

- 10:00 AM MOPS Steering Team (Room 137)*
8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

Saturday, September 26

- 10:00 AM Basketball (Gencay) (Gym)
5:30 PM Open Door Community Meal (Gym)

Sunday, September 27

- 8:30 AM Worship (Sanctuary)+
9:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages (Church-wide)
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)+
The Journey Contemporary Worship (Gym)+
4:00 PM Disciple I Bible Study (Room 138)*
5:00 PM *OffeRing* Youth Handbells (Bell Room)
6:00 PM Love & Logic Overview (Wesley Hall)*
Youth Growth Groups (Various Rooms)*
Discerning the Voice of God (Room 106)*
Sunday Night Bible Study (Room 137)
Tween Team Studio (Choir Room)
7:15 PM College-Age Bible Study (Offsite)

Monday, September 28

- 8:30 AM Preschool (M-F) (Preschool Hallway)
9:00 AM Aerobics (M,W,F) (Gym)
9:30 AM Esther Bible Study (Wesley Hall)
3:30 PM The Net (M-F) (The Net Room)
4:00 PM Middle School Yoga Class (Gym)
5:00 PM Weight Watchers (Choir Room)
6:00 PM Safe Sanctuary Training (Room 138)*
7:00 PM Cub Scout Den Meetings (Various Rooms)
CMT - Children's Ministry Team (Wesley Hall)*
8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

Tuesday, September 29

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Room 137)
9:00 AM Staff Meeting (Room 208)
10:00 AM Bridge (Youth Room)
Knitters (Room 137)
4:00 PM *OffeRing II* Youth Handbells (Handbell Room)

Wednesday, September 30

- 4:00 PM Youth Choir (Choir Room)
5:00 PM *Genesis* Children's Handchimes (Handbell Room)
5:30 PM Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal (Gym)
6:30 PM Middle School Youth Group (Youth Room)+
High School Youth Group (Net Room)+
Tollers Adult Handbells (Bell Room)+

Wednesday, continued

- 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Live Children's Activities
(Upstairs Children's Wing)+
Parenting Partners (Room 201)+
Understanding Poverty (Room 138)+
Pastors' Bible Study (Room 137)+
The Bible & Prayer (Room 117)+
Caregivers (Room 204)+
Short-Term Disciple Study (Susanna Wesley)+
7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)*
7:45 PM *The Journey* Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)*
8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

Thursday, October 1

- 4:30 PM Children's Yoga (Gym)
6:00 PM Adults Yoga (Gym)
Lay Leadership Meeting (Room 137)
7:30 PM Volleyball (Gym)

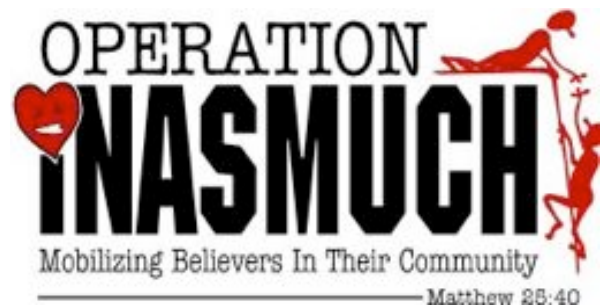
Friday, October 2

- 5:00 PM Middle School Fall Retreat begins (Offsite)
8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

Saturday, October 3

Middle School Fall Retreat continues

- * Childcare provided for children from birth to fifth grade
+ Activities provided for children from birth through 3-year-old Sunday school



One-Day Missions Blitz in the Fountain City area, October 24, 2009

More information next week!

Emergency On Call - September 25-27

Melissa Smith

September Drivers

Morning: Harry McLeod
After Church: Steve Ferguson

Medical Transportation: Jean Payne

Stephen Ministry: Gail Clift

Intercessory Prayer

Mary Bolton; Tom Harrington

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Love to Play? Love Kids? Love Jesus?

Come be a part of Children's Ministry!

You are invited to our Children's Ministry Team Meeting, Monday, September 28, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

We'll be planning for our annual Fallfest, Advent, and Christmas. It takes many hands and loving hearts to serve our children!

"Such is the Kingdom" - October 7

"Such is the Kingdom," a vocal music group for girls in kindergarten through fifth grade from Erin Presbyterian Church, will be here at FCUMC to present a special program on Wednesday evening, October 7 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. This group regularly sings for services at Erin Presbyterian Church, as well as touring other churches and singing at various community outreach events.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Please welcome Jane Manners, who joined at the 11:00 traditional service on Sunday, September 20, 2009. Jane joined by transfer from New Providence Presbyterian Church in Maryville. Her address is 4903 Endecott Way, and her phone number is 687-2903. Erma Prather is her fellowship friend.

Also joining from New Providence Presbyterian are Jane's daughter and her family, Jason, Jenny, and Jack Bryan. Their address is 5605 Briarcliff Road, and their phone number is 687-9760. Erma Prather is their fellowship friend.



IN MEMORY AND HONOR



Capital Campaign: In Memory Of:

Bill English by Chloe Harrington; Norma Bird

In Honor Of: Charlotte Musgraves, Helen Smith by Chloe Harrington



General Fund: In Memory Of:

Bill English by Richard & Christine Simpson; Larry & Dianne Moore



Scholarship Fund: In Memory Of:

Bill English by John & Anna Mays

HOLY BAPTISM



Rhett Daniel Kilday,

Baptized September 20, 2009. We pray God's blessings on Dan and Liz as they raise their son in the faith.

Upcoming Children's Events

- September 28 – CMT - Children's Ministry Team Meeting
- October 7 – 'Such Is the Kingdom', Erin Presbyterian Children's performance
- October 16 – Early Childhood Ministry Pumpkin Playdate
- October 18 – Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Kickoff
- October 23 – Annual Fallfest Family Event

The Spirit Bible Question

Question: In the first dream that Joseph had, what did he see?

Know the answer? Email your answer to aduncan@fountaincityumc.org.

Last Week's Answer: God created chickens on the *fifth* day (or the sixth day, if you consider chickens to be livestock!) (Genesis 1:21-23)

Congratulations to Bill Miller and Bob Nichols!

THE SPIRIT

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OUR PRAYERS

Members in the Hospital as of September 22, 2009
(removed for privacy)

Members Recently Discharged from the Hospital
(removed for privacy)

OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, September 20, 2009

Sunday School	479
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship	184
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	327
11:00 a.m. <i>The Journey</i>	86
WEE Worship (8:30 & 11:00)	56
Total Morning Worship	653
Wednesday Fellowship Meal (9/16)	189

OUR GIFTS

Received 9/14-9/20	\$21,640.32
Year to Date	\$957,442.20
Expenses to Date	\$993,005.01
Difference	(-\$35,562.81)
Salt & Light (September)	\$245.00

OUR SERVICE

September 8:30 Ushers: Barry & Louanne Clabough, Head Ushers; Don & Wanda Crawley

September 11:00 Ushers: Gene Patton & Bill Slocum - Head Ushers; Joe & Dot Eldridge, Mary Brabson, Conrad & Wanda Majors, Robert Smiddy, Doug Shipman, Steve Ferguson, Jimmy Villarreal

September Journey Ushers:
Justin & Caroline O'Hara

September Greeters: David Smith, Angela Lemmons, Larry & Sharon Smith, Karmen Sharpe, Sharon Dobbins, Mary Ellen Whittaker

Upcoming Youth Events

- Sep. 27: Growth Groups at 6:00 p.m.
 - Oct. 2-4: Middle School Fall Retreat
 - Oct. 14: High School Retreat Early Registration Ends
 - Oct. 18: Virginia Creeper Bike Trail Trip (\$20)
 - Nov. 13-15: High School Fall Retreat
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