



The Spirit



Pastors: James E. Whedbee, Melissa R. Smith, Daniel M. Ogle

Habitat House Blitz Day August 7

Fountain City United Methodist Church is partnering with two sister churches, Fountain City Presbyterian and Central Baptist Fountain City, to build a Habitat For Humanity house this fall. We are very excited to join together in this venture that will provide quality housing for a local family. You can help in several ways to make this project possible:

- Give financially toward the build: FCUMC is responsible for raising \$10,000. This is 1/3 the cost of the house. Please mark your gift as "Habitat House."
- Volunteer: Beginning on Saturday, August 7, we will need both "skilled" and "not as skilled" volunteers to work on the house. You can sign up in the narthex beginning this Sunday or email Edwin Deyton at edeyton@gmail.com to get registered.
- Pray: Begin to pray specifically for Kim Dixon and the other 5 members of her family who will live in this home.

The dedication of this house is expected to be around October 25. Thank you in advance for helping to make this Habitat house a reality.

Kenny Lockhart, FCUMC Habitat House coordinator

You Are Invited!

"So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, good-bye!" No matter how you say it (and we don't like saying it); but July 18, 2010, is Andrew Duncan's last Sunday at Fountain City UMC. After serving well and faithfully as our Director of Music Ministries for seven years, Andrew is "moving on out." We will miss him – and, especially, Rachel, Natalie and Matthew.

Following the youth choir concert on Sunday evening, July 18, there will be a reception in the multi-purpose room. So come enjoy the concert and stay for the party. You are invited to bring cards expressing your appreciation to Andrew.

Issues Continue with Newsletter Delivery

We continue to have problems with the delivery of the Spirit, our biweekly church newsletter, in the 37918 zip code. The last newsletter that was mailed on Wednesday, June 30, was not delivered until Saturday, July 10. We are continuing to work on this problem and hope to have it resolved soon. Meanwhile, the Spirit is posted on our church's website (www.fountaincityumc.org) on the day of publication.

If you are not currently receiving the newsletter by email, you may choose to do that, which will also save postage. Please contact Helen Jordan at the church office (or email at hjordan@fountaincityumc.org) if you prefer to receive the newsletter in this way.

Thank you for your patience in this matter.

Worship With Us!

July 18, 2010

Traditional Services
(8:30 & 11:00)

"A Woman's Place – and a Man's Too"

Luke 10:38-41

Sermon by Jim Whedbee

The Journey
Contemporary Service
(11:00)

"Radical Response" Series

"Half Dead, Fully Alive"

Luke 10:25-37

Sermon by Daniel Ogle

July 25, 2010

Traditional Services
(8:30 & 11:00)

"Living a Life of Prayer"

Luke 11:1-13

Sermon by Jim Whedbee

The Journey
Contemporary Service
(11:00)

"Radical Response" Series

"Making a List, Checking it Twice"

Mark 10:17-27

Sermon by Melissa Smith

PASTOR CORNERED

One of the most common questions I have gotten from FCUMC folks over the last couple weeks is this – have you and Erin gotten settled yet? It’s a great question, and one that both of us wish we could answer differently than we have to answer it. With working our jobs, working overtime to learn names, working to connect people, and especially working to figure out just who in the church is related to whom (the short answer, I think, is that everyone is related to everyone) the common refrain that we give is this - we’re slowly digging out.

We have packed and now are in the process of unpacking two homes, two cars, a Penske moving truck, and perhaps most troubling, more wedding presents than we know what to do with. And as much as we both wish it were not so, the sad truth is that pulling your clothes, your towels, your kitchen supplies, and most importantly your books out of boxes and placing them where they are supposed to go takes time. It takes way more time than you think it should. Being settled, actually being able to come home without seeing a pile of stuff to be put away and just fix dinner, review the day, watch television and go to bed, would be great. Maybe we’ll get there. It just might be a while.

But as I read about Jesus, I don’t notice an overwhelming desire to be settled – that doesn’t seem to be his goal. Almost two-thirds of Luke’s Gospel is set while Jesus is on the move, making his way towards Jerusalem. We know that the Apostle Paul was always on the move too, going from place to place to start new churches so he could tell more and more people the story of Jesus. It seems the only time he ever settled in one place was when he found himself in a jail cell! And the Israelites, the chosen people that God called, were rarely settled. They escaped Pharaoh in search of the Promised Land and finally found it, but once they did they were always dealing with some crisis or concern, and eventually they got kicked out.

Being settled can be great, particularly when it means that you aren’t stepping over coffee tables on your way between rooms and that you actually know where most things in your house are located. In many ways, because our church has gone through so much transition in the last couple months, the thought of being settled is an appealing one. But we also know that our goal can’t be only to be settled. Our goal is to look forward to the ways in which we can move - the ways in which we can seize the opportunity to make a difference in our community, the ways in which we know more about Jesus than we did yesterday and the ways in which we can find new ways to reach new people so that they can become the new creation that God wants them to be.

In many ways summer often feels like a settled state in church. The activity in the church slows down a little bit. With school letting out, families take long-needed and well-earned vacations. Church staff and key volunteers can get the chance to catch their breath after a frantic and frenzied year. But as summer starts to wind down and August, with the reopening of schools, looms, we don’t get to feel settled long. As a staff we have begun the process of looking ahead to our fall schedule and programming. As a church we continue to look for ways to be more faithful, to make more of a difference, and increase the footprint of the Kingdom in Fountain City.

Erin and I are delighted to be here at FCUMC and look forward to the day when our home no longer looks like a commercial for Two Men and a Truck. And we hope and pray that as summer turns to fall, that all of us feel a little unsettled, excited and surprised at what God is doing in and through us.

— Daniel

Follow the Nicaragua Mission Team during their trip, go to fcumcNica2010.blogspot.com, or link from our website, www.fountaincityumc.org.

July Drivers

Morning: Harry McLeod
After Church: Chuck Johnston

Intercessory Prayer

Mary Bolton; Tom Harrington

Emergency On Call

July 16-18: Daniel Ogle
July 23-25: Jim Whedbee

Medical Transportation: Jean Payne

Stephen Ministry: Gail Clift

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Back to School Bargains – A Great Opportunity to Share

Even though the first official day of summer just passed and the dog days are ahead, it won't be long before blue jeans, tennis shoes, back packs, and school supplies are on sale. When you are shopping for your families, pick up a few extra items to share. This year the Fountain City Ministry Center is collecting new shoes and blue jeans for boys and girls ages pre-K through 12 years old. Children's shoes and jeans, sizes four through sixteen, are needed. The new school clothes will be distributed in August at the beginning of the new school year. Please drop off your items at the bins outside Wesley Hall.

For more information about how you can support the Fountain City Ministry Center or about their services, visit their website at www.fcministry.org.

Yea! Team FCUMC

Congratulations to our Co-Ed Softball Team for completing the Knoxville City Co-Ed Softball Tournament as Runners-Up. The tournament ended last week. (The horns were still blowing Sunday during the World Cup Finals.) Coach Dale Harold led the team to a stirring conclusion. Five of our players were nominated for the "Purple Bat" award. This prestigious award is given to team members who sacrifice skin, bruises, and strains in quest of victory.

When Wallflowers Dance

Becoming a Woman of Righteous Confidence

"Sometimes it is just one foot in front of the other. Throw your feet over the side of the bed. Strap on the shoes that make you feel pretty. And decide to move in the direction of the woman you've always wanted to become," from When Wallflowers Dance.

Mark your calendars! Monday Morning Bible Study begins August 23, 9:30 a.m. We will study "When Wallflowers Dance" by Angela Thomas, a seven-week DVD study on righteous confidence. You may sign up in the church office or online at the church web site. Childcare is available if arranged prior to the event.

Celebrate with Dot!

Please celebrate with us! You are invited to join Dot Avers and her family as we celebrate Dot's 80th birthday, Sunday, August 1, 3:00-5:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Come and meet the family, enjoy cake and punch, and share in this happy occasion.

July Salt & Light

Fran Lynch, Holston Conference Missionary

Fran is a full-time missionary assigned to the Willow-Anvik Church and community ministry in Alaska. In addition to coordinating the outreach program of Willow UMC, Fran also spends one week per month in Anvik, a Native American village located on the Yukon River. This remote area is accessible only by airplane, dogsled, or boat. Our Salt & Light offering will allow children and youth to participate in Fran's ministries through summer camp scholarships.

Calling All Men

August 13 & 14 at Cokesbury UMC

"We do not struggle alone, and we are not the first to struggle with the problems we face. Others have run the race and won, and their witness stirs us to run and win also." The Holy Spirit is always there for us: we just have to call on Him to help. We believe you can have strength in numbers; come and be a part of men of faith helping each other in their godly journey. This two day event offers opportunity for service, exceptional small group topical discussion, worship, food, and fellowship. For more information or to register, go online to www.CallingAllMen.net.

Need After-School Care?

The Net Program is an after-school ministry of FCUMC for Gresham Middle School students. The Net provides a safe, nurturing, and spiritually enriching experience for all participants. The Net has a few full-time and part-time student openings still available. If you have questions about enrollment, please contact Andrew Cooper, ext 107.

Youth Events

- July 21, 6:00 p.m.: Dinner and a Movie
- July 22, 9:00 a.m.: Splash Country
- July 26, 12:00 p.m.: Fountain City Ministry Center
- July 28, 6:00 p.m.: Dinner and a Movie
- July 30, 6:00 p.m.: Smokies Baseball
- August 4, 6:00 p.m.: Dinner and a Movie
- August 5, 12:00 p.m.: Lost Sheep Ministry
- August 6, 10:00 p.m.: End of Summer Lock-in
- August 11, 6:00 p.m.: Dinner and a Movie
- August 12, 10:00 a.m.: NASCAR Speedpark

IN MEMORY AND HONOR



Capital Campaign: In Memory Of: *Rose Jenkins and Amy Goodman* by Cecil and Polly Kelly
In Honor Of: *Betty Adams and Edna Hueser* by Betty Wildman



Choir Fund: In Honor Of: *Ila Satterfield* by Faye Conner



Fountain City Ministry Center: In Honor Of: *Pat and Warren Prator* by Tom Harrington



General Fund: In Honor Of: *Caroline Bryan* by Walter and Laura Tappan



The Net: In Memory Of: *Amy Goodman* by Ron and Roz Irwin

T.R. Harrington by Tom Harrington

In Honor Of: *Nancy Faulkner and Mary Emma Scott* by Dot Phillips



Nicaragua Mission Trip: In Honor Of: *VBS Leaders and Volunteers* by Sherri Smith



Scholarship Fund: In Memory Of: *Wanda Bennett and Rose Jenkins* by Ruth Sloan
In Honor Of: *Cecil Kelly, Rudy Colson, Dot Eldridge and Ruthie McLeod* by Ruth Sloan

Sisters In The Spirit: Ministry For Girls

July 20, 1:00 p.m.: Swimming With The Sisters

July 29, 4:00 p.m.: Bubbles & Beads Sisters' Spa Day

August 3, 11:00 a.m.: Paintin' Party at Poka Dot Art

August 10: Cupcake Camp

Contact Sherri Smith, ssmith@fountaincityumc.org
for more information

HOLY BAPTISM



Caroline Elizabeth Bryan was baptized Sunday at the 11:00 traditional service, July 11, 2010. We rejoice with Caroline and her parents, Jason & Jenny, and big brother Jack.

STAFF PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Webmaster

Kelley Flatford is now the new Webmaster for FCUMC in addition to being the Spirit Newsletter editor. Kelley assumed her new duties July 1. She will be working closely with Andrew Duncan during this transition.

Staff Parish Relations Committee wishes to thank Kelley for her willingness to take on these extra responsibilities.

Goodbye, Marci

Marci Villanueva, our receptionist, has accepted a position with the Holston Conference office in Alcoa. Marci has served in our church office for over a year and has been a valuable member of our staff.

Her last day at FCUMC as receptionist will be July 15. Thanks, Marci, for your faithfulness, humor and willingness to work with us southerners.

Net Director Hired

The Net Ministry Team and SPRC are pleased to announce the hiring of Audrey Deyton, our new Director of the Net. She is a member and is very involved in missions here at FCUMC. Audrey has worked with elementary and middle school youth in various roles, most recently as an instructor with Premier Athletics. We welcome Audrey to the staff.

Interim Music Director Selected

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Leslie Graves will be serving as our Interim Director of Music Ministries. Leslie, who is also our pianist, is eager to serve in this way once again. The chancel choir received the news with applause, and we will be blessed by her ministry.

Carol Sewell

Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chair

CHURCH CALENDAR JULY 16 - JULY 31

Friday, July 16

Nicaragua Mission Trip leaves

Middle School Mission Trip returns

- 9:00 AM Aerobics (Gym)
- 9:30 AM Mugs & Muffins (Wesley Hall)*
- 5:00 PM Ellis/Wilsie Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (M, W, Th, F, Sa)

Saturday, July 17

- 4:00 PM Ellis/Wilsie Wedding (Sanctuary)

Sunday, July 18

- 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)+
- 12:05 PM CPR Training for ECM Staff (Wesley Hall)
- 7:00 PM Youth Choir Concert (Sanctuary)
- 8:00 PM Andrew Duncan Farewell Party (Gym)

Monday, July 19

- 9:00 AM Aerobics (M, W, F)
- 11:20 AM Older Singles (Off-site)
- 5:00 PM Weight Watchers (Choir Room)
- 6:00 PM Beth Moore Bible Study (Wesley Hall)*
Staff Parish Committee (137)
- 7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study (Off-site)
- 8:30 PM Men's 40-plus Basketball

Tuesday, July 20

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (137)
- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting (109)
- 10:00 AM Bridge (Youth Room)
- 1:00 PM Sisters in the Spirit Swim (Off-site)

Wednesday, July 21

- 6:00 PM A Praying Life Bible Study (Gym)*
Youth Group, Dinner & A Movie(135)
- 6:30 PM Personally Experiencing Prayers (102)
- 7:00 PM Men's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)*
The Journey Rehearsal (136)*

Thursday, July 22

- 6:30 AM Braves Game
- 10:00 AM Youth to Splash Country
- 6:00 PM Yoga - Adults (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:30 PM Volleyball (Gym)

Friday, July 23

Nicaragua Mission Trip returns

- 9:30 AM Mugs & Muffins

Saturday, July 24

- 5:30 PM Open Door Meal (Wesley Hall)

Sunday, July 25

- 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)+
- 7:15 PM College Bible Study (Off-site)

Monday, July 26

- 12:00 PM Youth to Fountain City Ministry Center
- 5:00 PM Weight Watchers (Choir Room)
- 6:00 PM Beth Moore Bible Study (Wesley Hall)*
- 7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study (Off-site)
- 8:30 PM Men's 40-plus Basketball

Tuesday, July 27

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (137)
- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting (137)
- 10:00 AM United Methodist Women Executive(138)
- 11:00 AM Worship Service for Staff (Chapel)
- 7:00 PM Capital Campaign Executive (137)
Thinking Positively (Choir Room)

Wednesday, July 28

- 6:00 PM A Praying Life Bible Study (Wesley Hall)*
Youth Group, Dinner & A Movie (135)
- 7:00 PM Women's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)*
The Journey Rehearsal (136)*

Thursday, July 29

- 4:00 PM Sisters in the Spirit, Spa Day (Wesley Hall)
- 6:00 PM Yoga - Adults (Fellowship Hall)
Music Ministry Search Committee (137)*
- 7:30 PM Volleyball (Gym)

Friday, July 30

- 9:30 AM Mugs & Muffins (Wesley Hall)
- 7:00 PM Family Fun Movie Night (Gym)

Saturday, July 31

- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

* Childcare provided for children from birth to fifth grade if previously arranged

+ Activities provided for children from birth through 3-year-old Sunday school

Join us for Family Fun Movie Night

Featuring the Disney film: "UP"

Friday, July 30

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

"...a hilariously uplifting adventure where the sky is no longer the limit."

(Rated PG for some peril and action)

e-News

The *e-News* will not be emailed next week.

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THE SPIRIT

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

OUR PRAYERS

Recently Discharged from the Hospital:

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OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, July 4, 2010

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| Sunday School | 366 |
| 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship | 145 |
| 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship | 234 |
| 11:00 a.m. <i>The Journey</i> | 105 |
| WEE Worship (8:30 & 11:00) | 39 |
| Total Morning Worship | 523 |

Sunday, July 11, 2010

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| Sunday School | 443 |
| 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship | 197 |
| 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship | 356 |
| 11:00 a.m. <i>The Journey</i> | 96 |
| WEE Worship (8:30 & 11:00) | 57 |
| Total Morning Worship | 706 |

OUR GIFTS

Weekly Offerings (General Fund)

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| June 21-27 | \$18,758 |
| June 28-July 4 | \$24,287 |
| July 5-11 | \$29,987 |
| YTD Receipts | \$716,770 |
| YTD Expenses | \$668,143 |
| Difference | \$48,627 |
| Salt & Light (July- MTD) | \$55 |

OUR SERVICE

July 8:30 Ushers: Barry & Louanne Clabough, Head Ushers; Jack Ridenour, Sharon Smith

July 11:00 Ushers: John Bolton, Gary Bentley, Head Ushers; Mike Rogers, Sherman & Elizabeth Morton, Ken & Angela Lett, Charlie Durham, Bob & Anne Nichols, Reuben & Lou Ann Holland

July Journey Ushers: Gene, Mandy, Molly, Riley & Rhett Patton

July Greeters: Cheryl Bible, Susy Gray, Sherry Van Meter, Marie Perelman, Susan Norton, Wanda Majors
