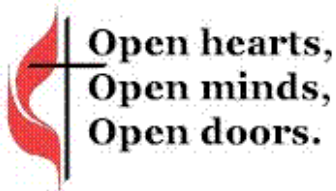


# Westview United Methodist Church Newsletter



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The People of the United Methodist Church

April, 2005

## The Good Views

### From the Pastor

"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!...The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it...Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." Psalm 118

It was simply the best of times this Anniversary/Homecoming/Palm Sunday. It was a church family reunion in the best spirit of the tradition with everyone doing their part and giving the best they had to offer. It touched my heart to see the warmth and affection with which you received Rev. Max Mayo as our guest preacher. He was obviously deeply touched by the experience of returning to Westview to be with the church family he spent five years of his ministry with. We were all moved by his sermon and his sharing updates on each member of his family.

I was impressed by the many little things various church leaders attended to as the church building was decorated and food and activities were prepared for the day. At 2:00 p.m. people were still gathered around a group of musicians enjoying their music and clapping and the children were still bouncing on an inflatable carnival toy outside. People, we must have set a record for the Passing of the Peace, as I observed the peace being passed well after 3:00 p.m..

On April 3<sup>rd</sup> I hope that many of you will join me in attending the Columbia District Praise and Worship service in Columbia, TN at Central High School where Bishop Wills is the featured preacher.

Also, in April the women of the church will want to take advantage of the annual women's retreat on April 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Bouchard Ancestral Home in Bon Aqua. The focus of the retreat will be on forgiveness, healing, and renewal in our encounters with the Living Water offered by Christ. Rev. Diana Hough and friends will lead this time of rest and inspiration for the hard working women of the church.

Finally, I hope you will support the efforts of the mission team planning to go to the UMCOR depot on May 9-14<sup>th</sup>. Contact Pastor Wedgewood if you are interested in being on the mission team. Additionally, under the leadership of the Outreach committee, we plan to prepare a number of disaster kits to send with the mission team to the depot.



## Our Church Calendar: Programs and Activities @ Westview

### *Mission Statement:*

*"We envision Westview United Methodist Church as a place that equips disciples to change lives."*



April 3, 2005  
Daylight Savings Time Begins  
Set your clocks

### Weekly Meetings

#### Sundays

12-2 p.m. Youth Fellowship  
2:00 p.m. Joyful Noyz Youth Praise band practice

#### 2nd-5th Sunday

12-2 p.m. Children's Fellowship and 12 p.m. Children's Choir

#### Tuesdays

9:00 a.m. Preschool parents Bible study (Everyone is welcome)  
9-3:00 p.m. Preschool in session  
6:30 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study  
7:30 a.m. AA meeting

#### Wednesdays

3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Art Academy  
5:30 -7:00 p.m. Sprouts and Confirmation Class  
6:30-7:30 p.m. Adult Choir practice

#### Thursdays

9-3:00 p.m. Preschool in session  
6-7:00 p.m. Spiritual Weight Management  
7:30 p.m. AA meeting

## April

### Saturday, April 2

8:00 a.m.–12:00 noon Community trash pick up sponsored by the Chamber of Chamber of Commerce  
3:00 p.m. Special Session of TN Annual Conference

### Sunday, April 3

4:00-6:00 p.m. District Worship at Columbia Central High, Bishop Wills

### Monday, April 4

7:00 pm Staff meeting

### Tuesday, April 5

7:00 p.m. Trustee meeting

### Monday, April 11

6:30 p.m. Finance Committee  
7:15 p.m. Administrative Council

### Saturday, April 16

9:00-3:45 p.m. Annual Women's Retreat

### Saturday, April 23, 2005

8:30 a.m. -4:00 p.m. Pro-Active Parenting Seminar with Jim Williams, Forest Hills UMC

## May

### Sunday, May 1

After second service Plant Sale and Fellowship Meal

### May 9 -14

Mission Trip – UMCOR Depot, Baldwin, LA

### Thursday, May 12

6:30 Laity Club at Westview

### Sunday, May 15

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Youth led Worship and recognition of our graduates



## Summer Employment Opportunities

Are you are a college-age young adult and looking for a summer employment opportunity? Do you like the outdoors? Do you like sharing your faith? Do you like working with elementary-age children? Serving at camp this summer might just be the position for you.

### Elementary Camp Counselor

The Tennessee Annual Conference is receiving applications for Elementary Camp Counselor. As a counselor, you will be responsible for a small group of 3rd-6th grade children each week. The committee is looking for a person deeply rooted in Christian faith and practice and who has a sense of the importance of making disciples for Jesus Christ; knowledge of the structure and polity of the Tennessee Camp Program; knowledge of needs, abilities and behavioral patterns of children; ability to make independent decisions; demonstrated communication skills; demonstrated cultural sensitivity; ability to use discernment, judgment and initiative. The person needs to be able to lead elementary children in Bible study, crafts, nature experiences, music, swimming, and sports activities. The applicant must be at least 18 years of age, have a high school diploma and at least one year of academic training or the equivalent of two years of camping experience. The counselor will be required to be in residence at Camp Cedar Crest during the summer. There is opportunity to be off on Saturdays. Please contact Susan Groseclose, 1-800-403-5795 or 615-329-1177 or email [sgroseclose@tnumc.org](mailto:sgroseclose@tnumc.org) for a job description and an application.

### Communications Director

The Tennessee Annual Conference is receiving applications for Youth and Elementary Camp Communications Director. As the communications director, you will be responsible for taking digital pictures of campers and staff throughout the day and uploading these photos onto the conference website each evening. In addition to this responsibility you will take group pictures and get them developed each week, purchase supplies, and assist with group activities, as needed. The committee is looking for a person deeply rooted in Christian faith and practice and who has technology skills and experience. The applicant must be at least 18 years of age, have a high school diploma and at least one year of academic training. The communications director will be required to be in residence at Camp Cedar Crest during the summer. There is opportunity to be off on Saturdays. Please contact Susan Groseclose ([sgroseclose@tnumc.org](mailto:sgroseclose@tnumc.org)) or Beth Morris ([bmorris@tnumc.org](mailto:bmorris@tnumc.org)), 615-329-1177 or 1-800-403-5795 for a job.

## A Moment for Mission

Sapalo Bartolmeu Dias, a young man from Angola, remarked, "I got in, got on, and now I'm getting out." He said this after five years of theological studies at Africa University in Zimbabwe. He continued, "I want to be a mediator—to challenge those who feel peace only can be achieved through war and violence. It also can be achieved through dialogue, mutual understanding, fellowship, oneness in spite of differences and the application of the gospel in day-to-day life."

Mr. Dias is one of more than 1,200 students who have graduated from Africa University, the first private university in sub-Saharan Africa. Africa University evolved from a dream affirmed by the 1988 United Methodist General Conference. Our denomination offered funding and other support, and the university was chartered in March 1992, almost 13 years ago. Persons of Mr. Dias' caliber continue their education in a school supported by apportionments from local churches like ours.

## 2004-05 Art Academy

We have had our final day of Art Academy for this year 04-05. There will be an evaluation of this year's program and we will determine if we want to have a program for next year. 05-06. If you have helped this year or would like to be part of a possible program for next year, please attend our meeting on Wed. March 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 p.m.. If you cannot attend but would like some input, notify Brigitte Sanders, 7999714, Karen Saunders, 7998990, or Beverly Scales, 7992809.



## **Columbia District Praise Service Features Bishop Wills and Christian Artist, Paul Saik**

Sunday, April 3, 2005, the Columbia District Board of Laity is sponsoring a district-wide gathering for praise and worship at the Central High School Auditorium from 4pm-6pm.

The Rev. Dick Wills, our new bishop will deliver the keynote address with Christian artist, Paul Saik, vocalist and pianist along with a talented group of youth, The Ebenezer Echoes, from Ebenezer UMC in Nolensville under the direction of Kimi Brown. Hymn singing, praise and worship will be enjoyed by all as well as another youth organization from Epworth UMC, with their STIX MINISTRY that is very beautiful and uplifting.

A love offering will taken for the Columbia District Volunteers in Mission to support projects in our local communities as well as surrounding states restoring homes effected by natural disasters and personal loss. Bishop Wills comes from Christ UMC in Fort Lauderdale, Florida where he served from 1986 until his election to the Episcopacy. Bishop Wills has published his story of spiritual renewal in his life and leadership in his book, *Waking to God's Dream: Spiritual Leadership and Church Renewal*.

Paul Saik's passion is leading people in worship and his music has touched many people as he has performed in numerous churches throughout the country. In 1998 Paul began his operatic career and quickly proved to be a talented tenor. In May 2000 he won Opera Birmingham's W. Cassell Stewart Vocal Competition. He made his international debut in Beijing, China.

In the summer of 2003, Paul retreated to Lake Junaluska, N. C. And performed as an accompanist and soloist for the Lake Junaluska Singers and felt God's call back to his first love.., sacred music. He has accepted the Christian Artist Fellowship at Brentwood UMC and moved to Nashville of December 2003.

### **Pro-Active Parenting Seminar with Jim Williams Saturday, April 23, 2005 8:30 a.m. -4:00 p.m. Forest Hills UMC, Nashville \$20 per person includes training materials, lunch, and childcare**

Jim Williams, a member at Brentwood United Methodist Church, is a nationally known speaker. His knowledge of parenting comes out of his own experiences as a parent with two children and one who has lived through the tragic death of his son. You will be inspired, informed, and learn some new ways of being an effective parent of children or youth. The seminar will include an understanding of pro-active parenting, disciplining children and teens, communicating with children and teens, handling anger in the home, and other proactive parenting skills. In addition to the day's seminar, Cokesbury will provide a display of parenting resources for purchase.

The day's schedule is:

8:30-9:00 Registration

9:00-12:00 Seminar

12:00-1:00 Lunch/Cokesbury display

1:00-4:00 Seminar

Childcare for infant-5th graders will be provided upon request. Parent(s) needs to bring snacks and lunch for child(ren). Forest Hills UMC uses Safe Sanctuary policies and practices in caring for children, including screened and trained workers, minimum of 2 workers per group of children, and a check-in/check-out procedure.

For directions to Forest Hills UMC, [www.mapquest](http://www.mapquest). The church is located off I-65, Old Hickory Blvd exit west and is one block past Granny White Pike on the right. The church phone number is 615-373-3131. This seminar is sponsored by the Tennessee Conference Committee on Family Ministries and the United Methodist Publishing House. For more information contact Susan Groseclose at 615-329-1177 or 1-800-403-5795 or [sgroseclose@tnumc.org](mailto:sgroseclose@tnumc.org). For a registration form go to:

[http://www.tnumc.org/index.cfm?PAGE\\_ID=1354&EXPAND=1351](http://www.tnumc.org/index.cfm?PAGE_ID=1354&EXPAND=1351)

## Plants A Poppin'

There's been a touch of spring in the air, and that means Westview's annual plant sale is not far off. In fact, it's been set for Sunday, May 1 after second service. And our crew of gentlemen chefs will prepare a Fellowship Meal that day, so how can you lose? Make plans to stay for a delicious meal and shop for a few (or a bunch) of new plants for the yard. The plant sale has become a good fundraiser for the church. For that to be true once again, all those with green thumbs are asked to be alert to plants that are poking up in the yard, ready for dividing. It's not too soon to start digging and potting. Use old flowerpots, throwaway containers, whatever will hold dirt and occasional watering. Please label each with the plant's name. Perennials, annuals, shrubs, houseplants are all welcome. Even cuttings, bulbs and envelopes of seed have sold in the past. If you've never shopped the Westview plant sale, you've missed a good thing. See you there this year. For more information, contact Kim Tenney or Eva Harris.

## The Family Fellowship Weekend at Beersheba Springs July 15-17, 2005

We are delighted to announce that Rev. Steven Christopher will be conducting our Bible Study for the weekend. Rev. Christopher is the current pastor at Liberty United Methodist Church and Douglass Chapel in Gallatin, TN. He has also served pastorates at Madison Street United Methodist Church in Clarksville, TN and Forest Grove United Methodist Church in Joelton, TN. His shining example of biblical knowledge is inspiring and encourages his listeners to passionately seek the word of God for a deeper understanding of our history and purpose as Christians.

We had an extremely successful event last year which is mostly attributed to the ever improving accommodations at Beersheba Springs. This year we have reserved rooms in the Turner Mountain Lodge and the East Side (next to the dining hall). Both of these accommodations are air conditioned and have attached baths and furnished linens. Rooms in the newly renovated Upper Neal section will be available with attached baths and furnished linens, but these rooms are not air conditioned. We have also reserved original rooms in the Assembly Ground. Registration brochures will be available in April which provides additional details about the weekend, prices and a registration form. All reservations will be honored as they arrive at the Conference office so please send your registration in early to reserve your preferred accommodations. Many churches are unaware of our Family Fellowship Weekend and we need your help to spread the word. Please share your favorite memories of past weekends at Beersheba with your Sunday school classes, other church members and all of your friends. If you know of a church that would like more information about this fun and inspirational event please contact Melissa Meyer at (615) 230-5738 or [mmassoc@comcast.net](mailto:mmassoc@comcast.net).

## Remember Our Military Friends Protecting our Country

They appreciate cards and packages from home. There is a basket in the narthex where we collect items to be shipped to our military friends listed below. Please contribute items that will not melt.

**CPL Jason Gulley**  
910 Mandarin Trail  
Jacksonville, NC 28540

**PVT Jessica Spivey**  
L.R.M.C.  
C-MROT Box 2003  
APO A-E 09180

**SA Hawkins, Daniel D.**  
440 Roberts Ave.  
PM B #1529  
Pensacola, FL 32511-5151

**Renner, Scott LCPL**  
USS Harry S. Truman  
VMFA 115/ORD  
Unit 78520  
FTO AE 09503-8520

**Captain Adam B. Mangrum**  
Home

**Cadet Katherine Ivey**  
Squadron 5  
USAF Academy, CO  
80841-4940  
Graduates June 1, 2005

**Lance Corp. McDaid, Matthew**  
2-5 Golf Co., 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon  
UIC 40365  
FPO AP 96426-0365

**Scott Rice**  
SGT SCOTT RICE  
194<sup>th</sup> EN BDE (TA)  
Tallil AB  
APO AE 09331

**Danny Gray**  
100 Crews Ave., A15  
Alamogordo, NM 88310

**PVT Eric Fold**  
RN#118  
C Co. 1/50<sup>th</sup> IN  
9420 Treadwell Drive  
Building 3405  
Fort Benning, GA 31905

**PFC Joseph A. Clinard**  
B-3-69 AR 1BCT  
FOB Brassfield-MORA  
APO AE09383  
In Kuwait, going to Iraq

## Part-time Administrative Assistant

Applications are now being accepted for the position of Part-time Administrative Assistant at Westview United Methodist Church. Call 7990250 or email to [westumc@comcast.net](mailto:westumc@comcast.net) for an application and further information.

Dear Westview United Methodist Church Members,

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your church secretary during the last 2+ years. I have enjoyed meeting many of you in person or speaking with you on the phone. Many of you I know by name only. I am relocating back to the Nashville area so am resigning my duties here at the church.

My prayer is that I leave with you the memory of a Light that shines through me by a God we've never tangibly seen and that He will provide for you a new secretary who will be an asset to your church.

In Christ,  
Karen

*He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation."*  
**Mark 16:15**

**It helps us in times of need to remember how much God touches all of our lives.**

You are invited to write and share a witness of faith and spiritual experience in our monthly newsletter. Give your account to Janie Wells in writing or send it to [janiew@comcast.net](mailto:janiew@comcast.net) or the Pastor.

I hope that you will share spiritual moments either in writing or email. I will take one more opportunity to share with you what happened to me on Palm Sunday.

As I watched the horrible tragedy in the news of the courthouse shootings in Atlanta, I began to have flashbacks of being in those same buildings for hearings during Joann's trial this time last year. It was such a tragedy and such a reminder. During the following week I began to shake again like I did before and during the trial. It frightened me since I thought I was over that part of the experience. My grandson even said, "Grandma, you are shaking". Saturday I watched the horrific story of the little girl in Florida, whose life was taken by a convicted sex offender just as Joann's life was taken. Saturday evening I began to scream and cry and yell as loud as I could at God. I was very angry at what is happening in our world and mad at God for the first time. I basically threw a grownup temper tantrum.

When I awoke the next morning I noticed that I was not shaking anymore. It must have been my repressed anger. I felt badly about striking out at God and asked for forgiveness. I asked, "who do I listen to for the truth in life". When I opened my devotional book I read these words for March 20:

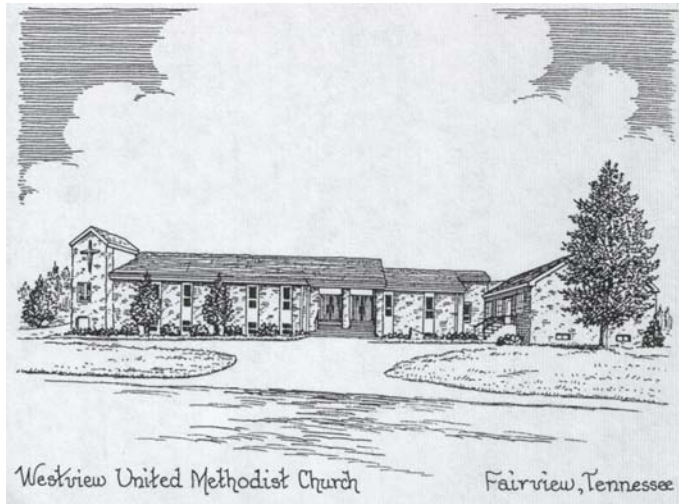
*When the heart is on the point of breaking beneath the meeting surges of trial,  
the sufferer may seek relief by crying out with a loud voice.*

*We'll doubt not, Soul, we will be very still;  
We'll wait till after while, when He shall lift us  
Yes, after while, when it shall be His will.*

*And I did listen to my heart's brave promise;  
And I did quiver, struggling to be still;  
And I did lift my tearless eyes to Heaven,  
Repeating ever, "Yea, Christ, have Thy will."*

I immediately felt calm. I have heard so often the words "The Grace of God." I have understood them intellectually but have never had this depth of experiencing and trusting. God's grace is a wonderful gift to me. Grace is God's love freely offered to me and I do not do anything to "earn" it. It was as if God gave me a big hug and told me He was still there no matter what I did or said the night before.





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## GRACEWORKS DONATION

For use April 3, 10, 17

The Outreach Committee is giving you the opportunity to make a cash donation by Sunday, April 17, 2005 to Graceworks in Honor or Memory of a loved one. The names will be published in the Newsletter and in the following week's church bulletin. Include payments with this form and return it either in the offering plate or to the church office. Write checks to Westview UMC; include Graceworks in the memo section of the check.

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your continuing support of the Graceworks organization.

The Outreach Committee

# SPRING WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday April 16, 2005, 8:30a.m. - 3:00p.m., Lunch provided

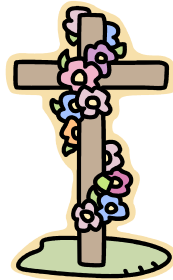


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## *LIVING WATERS*

***"Come and Be Refreshed"***

***JOHN 4: 5-42***



The 2005 Spring Women's Retreat will focus on the forgiveness, healing, and renewal found in our encounters with the Living Water that Christ offers us to quench our spiritual thirst. We will explore the various ways that each of us has experienced the Word.

The retreat will take place at the Bouchard Ancestral Home located at 10824 Tidwell Rd. in Bon Aqua, TN, 37025. We will meet at Westview UMC (7107 Westview Dr., Fairview, TN) and carpool to the retreat location several miles away. A light lunch will be provided.

## ***THINGS TO BRING***

1. Bible and a favorite pen
2. A spiritual journal (if you keep one)
3. Wear casual clothes and a pair of comfortable shoes
4. A soft cushion to sit on
5. Jacket or sweater

## **SCHEDULE**

**8:30** Arrival at WUMC  
**8:45** Carpool to Bouchard Home  
**9:00-9:30** Come to the Waters  
**9:30-10:30** Encountering the Word  
**10:30-10:45** Break  
**10:45-12:00** Eye Opening Encounter  
**12:00-12:45** Lunch  
**12:45-1:45** Ear Opening Encounter  
**1:45-2:00** Break  
**2:00-3:00** Heart Opening Encounter

## **DIRECTIONS**

Take 96 W. from Franklin, TN. to Hwy. 100. Turn left (West) onto Hwy. 100. Go 8.8 miles on Hwy. 100 through most of Fairview, TN. There is one traffic light in Fairview (at McDonalds). Go past the elementary and high schools. (You're close, now) You will approach the Fairview Recreation Center on your right. Directly on your left is Sleepy Hollow Rd. Turn left onto Sleepy Hollow and then an immediate right onto Westview Drive. Park in front of the church.

## **RETREAT LEADER**

Rev. Diana Hough, Pastor of Nolensville United Methodist Church, will be our retreat leader. Diana was born and raised in the family, ministry, and heritage of the United Methodist Church as part of an Iowa farm family. She met and married her husband while participating in 4H and soon became involved in his career within the cattle industry. Various moves and the arrival of children did not prevent Diana from serving in the ministries of her local church. She filled many lay positions within the church and especially enjoyed children and youth ministries. While residing in Tennessee, she completed her undergraduate degree in Vocational Home Economics Education. As her children grew older, she added an Elementary Teaching certificate to her degree and began to teach Special Education. Later, she received a full scholarship from Vanderbilt to get a Master of Education with specialization in Behavioral Disorders. In the early stages of her scholarly pursuits, she received an unmistakable calling into the ministry and eventually added a Master of Divinity Degree to her resume. She began as a full-time local pastor, served as an associate pastor, and now serves at Nolensville UMC while working on her Doctorate of Ministry at Ashland Seminary in Ashland, Ohio.

## **REGISTRATION FORM**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** (Circle One) Under 30    30-50    Over 50

### **OTHER RETREAT EXPERIENCE:**

Never attended one \_\_\_\_

Attended: Family Retreat \_\_\_\_ Women's Retreat \_\_\_\_ Youth Retreat \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_

**Return Registration to: Diana Wedgewood, 7116 Glenhaven Dr., Fairview, TN 37062**

**Phone: (615) 799-0741**

**\*Retreat will be limited to the first 30 registrations received due to space limitations. A donation of \$15 is suggested to cover expenses (make checks payable to Westview UMC).**

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- Rev. Gary Wedgewood, Pastor
- Rev. Loyd Mabry, Columbia District Superintendent
- Bishop Dick Wills, Tennessee Conference

**Sunday Activities**  
8:30 AM Southern Folk Worship  
9:30 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship  
12-2:00 PM Youth & Children's Fellowships & Children's Choir  
2:00 PM Joyful Noyz Youth Praise Band

**Tuesday Activities**  
6:30 PM Bible Study

**Wednesday Activities**  
5:00 PM Sprouts  
6:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice