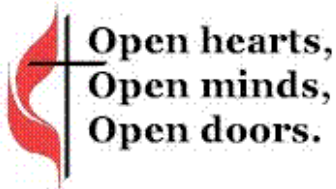


Westview United Methodist Church Newsletter



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The People of the United Methodist Church

June, 2005

The Good Views

From the Pastor

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear...The Lord of host is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge...’Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.’ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.” Psalm 46

If I were to ask you to recall the best time of your life, most of you would have to think about that for a while. Now, recall the worst time of your life...those memories seem to jump into consciousness much quicker. Listening to some people, it seems their whole life is made up of such bad experiences. If God is our refuge and strength then we should also remember the surprising sense of calm and peace we have had at times when all around us was chaotic. Many people have shared with me about their experiences with their ‘refuge’, the Lord who brings peace in the storms of life. Those are remarkable and memorable experiences. Those are memories worth dwelling on and repeating to others in order to encourage them to have faith in God. Christians are a people of hope and should be concerned when discouraging words come from their mouths. We can all repent of those moments when we have lapsed into negative thinking rather than being witnesses to the power and security we find in our God.

People of faith have long noticed that with God’s help bad things are overcome and often transformed into ultimately good outcomes. We spent some time reporting on two recent mission experiences during worship last Sunday. The fact is that as devastated as some areas are by Tsunamis, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, and other natural disasters, new life and restoration do eventually come to those situations. Years ago I was in Yellowstone National Park just after a devastating fire season. Several years later I was able to return to the park to find 3-4 foot high pine trees growing from seed in the burned areas and to hear the Rangers share how the fires had opened up new grazing areas which were very beneficial to many of the animals in the park. This is how God has created our world. It is a world of growth, promise, restoration, and eternal hope.

In our spiritual and personal lives the same is true as long as we remember God in times of trouble and do not lean on our own understanding alone. We are asked to “be still, and know that I am God!” our refuge and strength in every time of life, in the bad and the good times.



Our Church Calendar: Programs and Activities @ Westview

Mission Statement:

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United Methodist Information Service

Where you can ask any question
about the United Methodist Church

1-800-251-8140

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Central Time
Toll-free in the U.S.

<http://infoserv.umc.org>

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

6:30-8:00 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

Fridays

10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Contact Patti Carrol)

June and July

June 6 at 7:00

Staff Meeting

Saturday, June 11 at 4:00pm

Young Adult Family Fellowship. Bring the children! We will have a cookout at the church.

June 12-15

Tennessee Annual Conference meets at Brentwood United Methodist Church

June 15-19

The youth will attend AtlantaFest

June 18 All day

Young Adult Fellowship sponsored canoe trip on the Buffalo River.. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult family member. Cost for ages 9 and under is \$5; ages 10 and older is \$10.

Pay Cindy Mangrum by June 12th.

July 9

Waynesboro Workday

July 15-17

Family Fellowship Weekend at Beersheba Springs

Parents who have built their families through adoption are invited to attend an Adoption Support Group that will meet on **Thursdays** from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Room 102 at **Christ United Methodist Church, Franklin**. The meeting, *which is open to families of every religious, racial and cultural background*, is sponsored by the Adoption Support and Preservation Program (ASAP) of Catholic Charities of Tennessee through funding from the Tennessee Department of Children's Services.

The Family Fellowship Weekend at Beersheba Springs

July 15-17, 2005

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.

Lifeguard needed at Cedar Crest U.M. Camp

Applicants must have Lifeguard certification. Positions available during summer camp months, June and July, and weekends from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Preferable that applicants live within driving distance of Cedar Crest. Contact Gary Wagner at 931-670-3025, or email: umcamp@bellsouth.net

Waynesboro Workday Rescheduled for Sat. July 9

Work on the flood damaged homes in Waynesboro continues, with 3-4 teams having worked at various times the past 2 weeks. The planned Conference-wide Waynesboro Workday has been rescheduled from June 25 to July 9. Our apologies for the change.

We are looking for about 24 people, no more than 8 to each of the 3 homes still needing work. One group has already signed up, so schedule your team now.

Please contact David Lay at david6359@msn.com or at 931-853-4893 to sign up for this workday or arrange another date your group can come.

Art Academy Evaluation

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 30th 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.

United Methodist Global AIDS Fund Seeks to Raise \$8 Million

Washington, DC: The United Methodist Church hopes to raise \$8 million over the next four years--\$1 for every U.S. member--to help fight the global HIV and AIDS pandemic. At its first meeting last week in Washington, DC, members of the United Methodist Church Global AIDS Fund Committee voted to use the first \$50,000 in donations to expand programs aimed at preventing mother to child transmission. Existing programs in Zimbabwe, piloted by United Methodist Committee on Relief, the denomination's humanitarian service agency, will be used as "templates" for new efforts both in Zimbabwe and other countries such as India. To date, \$120,000 has been received for the fund. The committee also explored strategies for raising money and discussed ways to lessen the burden of AIDS through awareness building, sharing information on risk avoidance and reduction, voluntary testing and counseling, care in the hospital and at home, treating opportunistic infections, providing food and treatment, and support of orphans.

"As the HIV/AIDS pandemic escalates out-of-control globally, United Methodists have an opportunity to create life-saving programs of prevention and education within a climate of Christian compassion and care," said Donald E. Messer, Professor of Practical Theology and President Emeritus of the Iliff School of Theology. "Since the days of John Wesley, we have been on the frontiers of health and hope, love and life. United Methodists favor action, not apathy; compassion, not condemnation; and liberation, not stigmatization."

A resolution passed by the 2004 General Conference, the denomination's legislative assembly, called for the creation of the United Methodist Global AIDS Fund to be used to support programs offering HIV and AIDS education, prevention, treatment and care services in the U.S. and around the world. The resolution also established the Global AIDS Fund Committee to oversee the promotion, use, supervision and distribution of the fund.

AIDS is the fourth leading cause of death in the world, responsible for three million deaths a year. Seventy percent of the estimated 40 million people living with HIV are in sub Saharan Africa. Approximately 600,000 children each year are infected, and 14 million have been orphaned due to parents dying of AIDS.

Anyone who is interested in giving to the Global AIDS Fund can contribute through their local United Methodist Church.

Remember Our Military Friends Protecting our Country

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Cindy New's nephew

If you are a veteran or surviving spouse of a veteran who served during war time, there is a fund available through the Veterans Administrative to provide an average of nine hours per week of in home unskilled services. Once you are qualified and on the program you stay on the program and if you have to go to assisted living that money rolls over to help pay for assisted living. See Debby Rainey or call 7990424.

Our Children And Youth On An Outing One Sunday Afternoon



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 or the Pastor.

A little something to put things in perspective...

After a forest fire in Yellowstone National Park. The forest rangers began their trek up a mountain to assess the inferno's damage.

One ranger found a bird literally petrified in ashes, perched statuesquely on the ground at the base of a tree. Somewhat sickened by the eerie sight, he knocked over the bird with a stick.

When he gently struck it, three tiny chicks scurried from under their dead mother's wings.

The loving mother, keenly aware of impending disaster, had carried her offspring to the base of the tree and had gathered them under her wings, instinctively knowing that the toxic smoke would rise.

She could have flown to safety but had refused to abandon her babies. Then the blaze had arrived and the heat had scorched her small body. The mother had remained steadfast. She had been willing to die, so those under the cover of her wings would live.

"He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge." (Psalm 91:4)

Being loved this much should make a difference in your life. Remember the One who loves you, and then be different because of it.

To realize the value of a sister or brother: Ask someone who doesn't have one.

To realize the value of ten years: ask a newly divorced couple

To realize the value of four years: Ask a graduate.

To realize the value of one year: Ask a student who has failed a final exam.

To realize the value of one month: Ask a mother who has given birth to a premature baby.

To realize the value of one week: Ask an editor of a weekly newspaper.

To realize the value of one hour: Ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.

To realize the value of one minute: Ask a person who has missed the train, bus or plane.

To realize the value of one-second: Ask a person who has survived an accident.

To realize the value of one millisecond: Ask the person who has won a silver medal in the Olympics.

Time waits for no one. Treasure every moment you have. You will treasure it even more when you can share it with someone special.

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- 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
3:30-5:30 PM Art Academy
5:30 PM Sprouts
6:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice