



Westview United Methodist Church ***“Fire in the Rain”***

“Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.”

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The Good Views

From the Pastor

“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose...What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?...For I am convinced that neight death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers...nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” From Romans 8:26-39

This week the media has drawn attention to the drought in Niger, Africa which has put millions at risk for starvation. This is one of many problems in the world and will soon be obscured by other “news”. The enormity of the needs around us can be overwhelming, especially for the reborn heart of the Christian which is easily moved to compassion for others. Without the strong intervention of God’s Spirit we might be crushed under this load. Without our seeking the Spirit in prayer that intervention may be long delayed. God is a patient teacher and often waits on us to reach an understanding or to act on the obvious. When dealing in matters of the Spirit our greatest struggle is often in learning to react without hesitation, in a faith filled, and confident manner. When we hesitate, the moment passes and the opportunity is missed. You can’t witness your faith to others by appointment. God opens doors to the hearts of people we meet everyday, sometimes only briefly. If we don’t speak up when it feels spiritually right to do so we find that speaking later is forced and ineffective. The moment has passed and the person no longer has an ear for what God was prompting us to say.

Paul speaks of a sigh too deep for words or groaning which cannot be uttered. This is the response of God’s creation to the suffering which goes on daily. The attacks suffered by Paul and others who were spreading the Gospel in his time must have caused them to groan. Today when we watch or read the news in any depth we may find ourselves at least sighing if not groaning. Without our seeking the Spirit in prayer and the movement of the Spirit among us we would easily become discouraged. Like Paul, our hope is in Christ and in the eternal will of God revealed in Jesus. In life we cannot allow one bad experience or one failed interaction to determine our opinion about all of life. In fact God takes our terrible experiences and often turns them into opportunities; God takes “all things” and redirects them to “good for those who love God”. God is saving “all things” in His Creation and even though this saving of the whole world is an event of such great magnitude that we cannot understand it, still the process goes on and we are offered a part in it.

Don’t let those moments go by when you have the opportunity to play your part in God’s new creation, when you are privileged to behave as a new creature turning away from your old human nature. Above all, never let anything separate you “from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord”.

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

7:30 a.m. AA meeting

Wednesdays

6:30-8:00 p.m. Adult Choir practice

Thursdays

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)

August

Thursday, Aug 4	6:00 p.m.	Spiritual Weight Management
	6:30 p.m.	Staff Parish Relation Committee
	7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
Sunday, August 7	Graceworks Offering at the Communion Rail	
	Church Day at the Fair. Free admission with this bulletin.	
	8:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	12-2:00 p.m.	Children's Fellowship
	12-2:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship
Monday, Aug. 8	6:00 p.m.	Community worship at the Fair
	6:30 p.m.	Finance Committee
	7:15 p.m.	Administrative Council
Tuesday, Aug 9	7:00 p.m.	Trustees Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
Wednesday, Aug 10	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice
Thursday, Aug 11	6:00 p.m.	Spiritual Weight Management
	7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
Sunday, August 28	6-8:00 p.m.	Pool Party

Invitation from Cheryl King, Graceworks Director

Graceworks Ministries is excited to tell you about a *special worship event*, called the "South Gathering" that will take place during the Williamson County Fair on Sunday, August 7, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at the *Williamson County Agricultural Expo Center (1-65 at Peytonsville Road)*. A copy of your church bulletin will admit the entire family to the fair between the hours of 1:00 — 6:00 p.m.

Remember Our Military Friends Protecting our Country

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Jacksonville, NC 28540

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Cindy New's nephew
AN Jenkins, Keith
V4/AIR DIV
USS John F. Kennedy (CV-7)
PPO AA 34095-2800

New Church Logo for Westview Unveiled

The bulletin cover for today features a logo created by artist Mary Clinard to symbolize the fires of the Holy Spirit burning even in the midst of the rain and storms of the world. The center of the logo is the United Methodist cross and flames. The logo, entitled "Fire in the Rain", was first conceived at a planning retreat when it began raining and some of our members started a fire to cook on outdoors. It is hoped that this will become a symbol of Westview United Methodist Church as the "fire" of the spirit burn in spite of the "rain" of the world around us which seeks to suppress the spirit of God and the love of Christ.

Bishop's Appeal for KYNETT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Kynett UMC was severely damaged by an arsonist. Another church building and five residences were also set on fire.

The Kynett UMC congregation needs your prayers and support. It has been determined that the remaining outer structure can be salvaged if action to do so is taken right away.

A professional estimate has shown that the restoration of the Kynett Church building, following the loss due to fire damage two weeks ago, will cost approximately \$100,000. This does not include replacing the instruments and furnishings. Estimating the furnishings at \$50,000, the cost is approximately \$150,000 to renovate.

The congregation had maintained insurance coverage in the amount of \$80,000. However, since the facility was not a total loss, the amount realized will not equal the full amount of coverage. The congregation also has approximate \$3,700 in their Building Fund, and believes they can raise another \$8K-10K. Thus, the apparent need is for approximately \$60K-65K.

This restoration will only be possible if work is begun right away while a portion of the roof is still in tack. If the remaining portion of the roof collapses, the standing outer walls, made of brick, will be lost also. Thank you, for allowing the Lord to use you as an answer to the prayers and needs of the Kynett congregation. Whatever you are able to give will help tremendously. Thank you for your generosity.

Dr. Harold L. Martin
District Superintendent
Cookeville District

Checks should be sent to the Tennessee Annual Conference Treasurer, P.O. Box 120607, Nashville, TN 37212. They must be made out to the Tennessee Annual Conference, and clearly marked "for Kynett UMC Reconstruction."

Vacation Bible School Report

Our Vacation Bible School took place during the week of July 25-29th. The setting was the Circle “G” Ranch where: God is always in the center and love never ends. The theme was based on Matthew 7:7, “Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.” Kim Tenney coordinated our VBS this summer and reported that we served 83 kids with the help of 48 volunteers. A big God Bless You and Thank You is due these volunteers who were teachers and helpers while others worked behind the scenes. Thanks also to Hillsboro UMC with whom we shared the expense of materials and who provided the puppet theater. It was exciting for the teachers to work with kids who knew a great many of the Bible stories and were receptive to learning more about the Bible. One child asked to be baptized in response to their experience at Vacation Bible school. Several families expressed interest in beginning to worship with us at Westview.

Welcome our new Nursery Coordinator

Let’s give Casie Stevens a warm welcome as she began as Nursery Coordinator on August 1st. Casie is currently a nursing student at Aquinas College. You may have seen her at the pool where she is working this summer. She is trained in CPR and First Aid. She has watched children on a regular basis over the last eight years. Casie said, “I am excited about taking this job and hope to make the nursery a convenient place with a comfortable atmosphere for children and parents.”

New Dedicated Office Fax # is 799-1685

Please note that we have a new dedicated office fax phone number which is 799-1685. The fax machine will always be on and available at this number. So, with this update, the church phone numbers are as follows:

(615) 799-0250 Office Phone

(615) 799-1685 Office Fax

(615) 799-0630 Preschool and after hours (Nursery, fellowship hall, & offices)

Sprouts Covenant Discipleship Group needs leadership

Maxine Romine has provided the leadership for our Sprouts Covenant Discipleship group (3rd-6th graders) for some time now. Due to her work schedule she will not be able to continue. We need adult volunteers to provide leadership for the Sprouts this year. The group meets beginning Sept. 14th from 5:30-7:00 p.m. after Art Academy. They begin with a Snack time followed by a 6:00 p.m. lesson. The lesson time will include discipleship activities along with Confirmation class sessions and the Financial Peace, Jr. program from the Dave Ramsey organization this year. If you are interested in helping with Sprouts, contact Pastor Wedgewood, 3902432.

Confirmation Class offered for 3rd – 6th graders

Confirmation class is for children who are interested in exploring the meaning of baptism and membership in the church. The classes are taught by Pastor Wedgewood and will be held on Wednesday’s at 6:00 p.m. during the Sprouts meetings again this year. Lessons begin on Sept. 14th. If you are interested, contact Pastor Wedgewood, 3902432.

TennCare . . . Healthcare Crossroads; VIM going to Alabama;

Emergency Preparedness Challenge

August 1, 2005, Today marks a significant change in the lives of nearly ¾ million Tennesseans as their access to healthcare and medication will have been significantly reduced or eliminated. At the same time, millions of insured Tennesseans find premiums ever increasing, coverage shrinking, and out-of-pocket healthcare costs eating up the family budget.

With these changes . . . come feelings of confusion, abandonment, anger, despair, and more.

With these changes . . . suffering and premature death follow.

With these changes . . . Christ's children must decide how to respond in mercy, mission, and justice.

Click below to find out more:

http://tnumc.org/index.cfm?PAGE_ID=1654&EXPAND=152

Also, The Columbia District VIM has made an open invitation for others who might join them Sept 18-24 to do repairs in Alabama on homes damaged by Hurricane Ivan in 2004. Please click below for more information. They need commitments ASAP.

http://tnumc.org/index.cfm?PAGE_ID=1637

2005 Emergency Preparedness Challenge 23-24 September 2005 (24 - 40 hour period)

Need: 3,000 Volunteers to play victims, food and beverage, coordination, victim preparation, media,

Administrative Contact: Heidi Jordan exercise@nashville.gov or Lisa Fulton volunteer@nashville.gov

Web Site for more info And to sign up; www.HSD5Exercise.org

Love and prayers,

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Western at Westview

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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

Wednesday Activities

- 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice