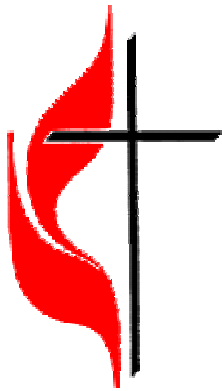


The Good Views



Ten Commandments for United Methodists (When Receiving a Change in Pastors)

by Mike Ripski

1. Thou shalt not compare the new pastor with the former one. Be thankful that God calls into the ordained ministry persons with different personalities, leadership skills, theologies, gifts and skills. One of the strengths of United Methodism is that over time a church receives a well rounded and balanced perspective. Trust that God wouldn't have called your pastor into the church's ministry if she or he didn't have divine gifts to share. Be eager to receive them.
2. Thou shalt not forget that the highest praise that can be given the former pastor is to receive graciously and expectantly a new pastor. The church's life is based on Christ—not on a pastor. A church that is pastor-dependent has not been well led.
3. Thou shalt recall that the former pastor made changes that turned out to be appreciated, though they were initially resisted. God uses change as an occasion for growth in discipleship.
4. Thou shalt confess one's own imperfections as the new pastor's imperfections become apparent. Just as the former pastor's weaknesses were overlooked in favor of her or his strengths, in time the same will be true for the new pastor. As with all relationships, the pastor-people relationship thrives on forgiveness. The church that proclaims God's grace lives by it.
5. Thou shalt not call upon the former pastor or baptisms, weddings, funerals or pastoral care. Your new pastor can't become your pastor unless permitted to be. It is only proper for your new pastor to contact your former pastor for any assistance with weddings or funerals.
6. Because moves usually take place during the summer, thou

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Britt Named to Conference Preschool Board

Westview was recently notified that Gail Britt, wife of our present pastor, has been named to the Board of Directors of the United Methodist Association of Preschools. UMAP strives to provide opportunities to

maintain and increase the quality of United Methodist Weekday Ministries programs in the Tennessee Conference. Gail is the present Chairperson of the Tennessee Conference Children's Council. Congratulations to

her for this honor and for her continued work and support of children's ministries in Middle Tennessee.

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shalt be sensitive to the pastor's children. When school is not in session and most summer activities are well underway, it is difficult to make new friends. Be intentional about reaching out to them. If the new pastor is married, do not expect her or his spouse to be a clone of the former pastor's spouse. Befriend her or him by respecting their unique gifts.

7. Thou shalt introduce yourself by name (if not wear name tags) for the first year. Remember that you only have a few names to learn. The pastor and her or his family have many. And don't expect your new pastor to be attentive to you the way the former pastor was— at least not initially. It takes time for a shepherd to learn the stories of the members of her or his new flock.

8. Thou shalt be attuned to the overwhelming number of changes occurring in the lives of the pastor and the members of the pastor's family. Everything is in transition. So many practical details must be tended to. Give them space and time to transplant and resettle their lives.
9. Thou shalt give the new pastor a year to learn the character of your church and how it functions. Your new pastor will probably have a different leadership style than the former one. Try it. You may find you like it. In time, you and your new pastor will "grow" a style of church life that works for both of you.
10. Thou shalt look for ways to be hospitable, affirming, and kind. Remember that the pastor is a human being like yourself. Help to overcome her or his anxiety with expressions of

acceptance and appreciation. Begin before she or he arrives by sending a note conveying your excitement over their coming. Then, after your new pastor's arrival, look for ways to convince her or him that they have your trust. Express how grateful you are to have her or him as your pastoral leader. One way to do this is to attend worship every Sunday after the new pastor arrives. Another way is to be faithful with your financial stewardship. Avoid the usual "summer slump" in giving lest it be interpreted by the new pastor as a lack of support.

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Grace and Peace to you all,

Ed Britt

Meet Our New Pastor

Westview's new pastor will be the Rev. Martha Sue (Marti) Bunch. Following next month's meeting of the Tennessee Annual Conference, Bishop Dick Wills will appoint Rev. Bunch who will move into the parsonage on Friday, June 20 and hold her first worship services on Sunday, June 22. Rev. Bunch is originally from Monette, Arkansas but has served churches in the Tennessee communities of

Clarksville, Nashville and Jackson for several years. She is a graduate of Arkansas State University with her B.S. Degree and Memphis Theological Seminary with her Master's of Divinity Degree.

Rev. Bunch was married to her husband Vernon Bunch-Fawver until his death in 2006. She has two children Katrina Groves and Dave

Carter and four grandchildren: Devon 11, Emma 8, Jacob and Claire both 3.

Plan now to be in worship on Sunday, June 22, and help give our new pastor a warm Westview welcome as she begins her ministry with us.

Intentional Faith Development Committee

Mayberry Bible Study: \$39.95

Eight comfy Sofas: \$7.50

Senior High Class Leader:

Priceless

The Intentional Faith Development Committee is looking for a few adults to lead the Sr. High Sunday School class, for 45 minutes, the following Sundays: May 25, June 1, 8, and 22. Class material

and unlimited support will be provided. For more information about this wonderful ministry please contact Pastor Britt, Gail Bock, or Christine Penner.

Honor Flight Group to Washington D.C.

The Columbia District UMC Churches are encouraged to send to Franklin UMC the names, addresses, and phone numbers of World War II veterans. A member of

Franklin FUMC is coordinating an Honor Flight group to Washington, D.C. in September. WWII Veterans who qualify are able to go on this trip to visit the WWII

Memorial at no charge. Go to the Honor Flight link: honorflight.org for more information.

Adorn our Altar with flowers:

The Passionate Worship Ministry invites you to have flowers placed on our Altar in memory or in honor of someone, or just because they are beautiful. While florist shop bouquets can be

costly, Publix has a lovely selection starting around \$20. You may contact Karen Renner, 799-9033, or Willetta Grady, 799-9356, to place an order. Willetta has offered to go purchase the flowers for

anyone who would like them. You may certainly bring flowers from your garden or go pick out your own bouquets, but please coordinate through the passionate Worship Ministry.

June Birthdays

3-Jun Ruth Cox
 5-Jun Dan Carroll
 10-Jun Mack McGehee
 10-Jun Jackie Ingle
 12-Jun Kyle Bloodworth
 12-Jun Nikki Bronstad
 19-Jun Caroline Bell
 23-Jun Bob Bowser
 23-Jun Jerry Harris
 24-Jun Ashley Job
 29-Jun Ed Stinson
 29-Jun James Peden



June Anniversaries

06/05 - Allen & Joan Camron
 6/21/1941 - Mack & Margaret McGehee
 6/17/2000 - Kevin & Cydney Osborn



May Report on Our Faithfulness

Worship Attendance

May 4th	8:30 am	49	10:30 am	122	Total:	171
May 11th	8:30 am	34	10:30 am	105	Total	139
May 18th	8:30 am	52	10:30 am	105	Total	157
May 25th	8:30 am	41	10:30 am	92	Total	133
Average Sunday Services		44		106		150

May Giving

AA	20.00	Apportionments	85.00
Art Academy	45.00	Building Usagel	100.00
Caitlin Brison Benefit Yard Sale	3,695.52	Chuck Dyer Memorial	50.00
General Fund	11,998.83	Golden Cross	233.00
Graceworks	3171.00	Long Term Relief Committee	2,500.00
Parsonage Payoff	500.00	Peace & Justice Sunday	25.00
Preschool Day Camp	221.00	Preschool Tuition	3,121.00
Sunday School	65.81	UMCOR	15.00
VBS	110.00	Youth	250.00
Youth—Cinco deMayo	484.00		

Total Giving: \$ 24,235.66

Remember Our Military Friends Protecting our Country

OS3 York, Evett M.
OI Division
 USS Chancellorsville
 CG62
 FPO AP 9662-1182
 San Diego, CA 92136
 Serving in the United States Navy.
 Deployed to the Persian Gulf.

AM3 Decker, Thomas E.
 HSC-22
 1029 Bellinger Blvd.
 Norfolk, VA 23511-222
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PVT2 Fold, Eric
 C Co. 3-75 Box 29
 Fort Benning GA 31905
 Deployed to Iraq
 Serving in the US Army

Brittain Mangrum
 Serving in the US Army,
 Training in his MOS, Transportation.
 El Paso, TX at Fort Bliss.

PFC, Leek, Joshua J.
 1566 Bruce Drive
 Bon Aqua, TN 37025-1901
 Serving in the US Marine Reserve

PVT Jessica Spivey
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 C-MROT Box 2003
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2nd Lt. Katherine Kuster
 Still serving but moving often.
 Keep her in your prayers.
 Serving in the US Air Force

PCF Brison, Michael R.
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 Serving in the Marine Reserve

Thank you so much...

Thank you so very much for your prayers, visits, calls and cards, during my recent illness. The plant you brought to the hospital is beautiful, I appreciate your

thoughtfulness.
 Hope to see you soon.

God Bless You,
 Gretel Fischer



Lectionary Readings for June

June 1, 2008

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 6:11-22; 7:24; 8:14-19
 Psalm 46 (UMH 780)
 Romans 1:16-17; 3:22b-28 (29-31)
 Matthew 7:21-29

June 22, 2008

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 21:8-21
 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 or Psalm 17 (UMH 749)
 Romans 6:1b-11
 Matthew 10:24-39

June 8, 2008

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 12:1-9
 Psalm 33:1-12 (UMH 767)
 Romans 4:13-25
 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 29, 2008

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 22:1-14
 Psalm 13 (UMH 746)
 Romans 6:12-23
 Matthew 10:40-42

June 15, 2008

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-15
 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (UMH 837)
 Romans 5:1-8
 Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)



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Sunday Activities

8:30 AM Southern Folk Worship

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship

Wednesday Activities

6:30-8:00 PM Youth Fellowship

6:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday Activities

7:00-8:00 PM WUMC Men's' Group