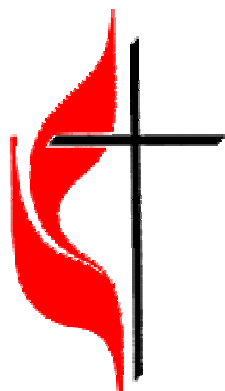


The Good Views

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New Structure For Program Ministries Recommended

Following our series of worship service during September based on the insightful book *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* by Bishop Robert Schnase, I recommended to both the Lay Leadership Committee and the Administrative Council that we reorganize our program ministries around these five practices for 2008. With their approval we will be recommending to our annual Charge Conference that our program ministries at Westview be divided into these five areas of responsibility: **Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity.**

While I have pointed out several times that most congregations undertake these basic ministries in one form or another and that we

have done that ourselves at Westview, this shift in the way we approach these ministries will hopefully enable us to bring new insight and enthusiasm as we seek to make disciples for Jesus Christ. Therefore with the approval of our Charge Conference meeting on November 25 we will reorganize our present program committees into these focus areas.

The Witness Committee will become the **Radical Hospitality Ministry**. Our Worship/Stewardship Committee will be divided into **Passionate Worship Ministry** and **Extravagant Generosity Ministry**. Our present Education Committee will become the **Intentional Faith Development Ministry** and **Risk-Taking Mission and Service** will encompass what was our Outreach and Sunshine Committees. In addition we will continue to have a

Special Events and Fellowship Activities Ministry.

Of course we will continue to have our usual Administrative Committees including The Church Council, Trustees (under which are Building Committee and Building Superintendents), Finance (under which is Memorials), Staff-Parish Relations, and Lay Leadership.

As the Lay Leadership Committee recruits leaders and committee members for all these areas of responsibility I encourage you to get involved and participate in the working of your church. Talk to me about becoming involved in a area that interests you.

Grace and peace,

Ed Britt

Charge Conference To Be Held In Franklin This Year.

Our District Superintendent Willie Burchfield has organized this year's Charge Conferences into cluster groupings. That way several churches will be holding their annual event at the same location on the same day. Westview will have its Charge Conference on Sunday, November 25 starting at 4:00 p.m. at Bethlehem United Methodist

Church in Franklin. Bethlehem is located at 2419 Bethlehem Loop in Franklin.

Directions to Bethlehem UMC: From Fairview take Hwy 100 east to Hwy 96 east toward Franklin. At the caution light where Hwy 96 crosses Old Hillsboro Road turn left onto Old Hillsboro Road. Take Old Hillsboro Road to Bethlehem Loop (just

before Hillsboro Road) and turn right. The church is on the right. If you reach Hillsboro Road you have gone too far.

We will take the church van for those interested in riding together. We will plan to leave the church parking lot at 3:15 p.m.

Conference Laity Convocation November 10 in Dickson

A major Conference Laity Convocation will be held at Dickson First United Methodist Church on Saturday, November 10, from 9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m. Leading this important event will be Dr. James and Dr. Molly Scott authors of the book *Restoring Methodism*. The Scotts come

at the invitation of our Bishop Dick Wills and will also lead the Bishop's Convocation for Pastors at Montgomery Bell State Park the following week.

The time for ordering box lunches for this day has passed but persons may attend and eat lunch away

from the church. There is no cost for attending. All interested United Methodist laypersons are invited to attend.

Community Thanksgiving Service at Westview This Year

Fairview's Community-Wide Thanksgiving Service will be held at our church this year on Sunday night, November 18 starting at 6:00 p.m. Area pastors will help lead the service and special music will be provided by a joint community choir led by our own Will Penner and Ned Mann. Dr. Britt will preach

and there will be a time of fellowship and finger food following in our Fellowship Hall.

Since this service takes place the night after our annual Thanksgiving Dinner we need everyone's help in preparing extra finger foods to host our friends and

neighbors from other area churches.

Please put this service on your calendar and plan to help us host our community at Westview.

New Books in Westview Library

Peter's Boat: Renewing the Vitality of Burned-out Church Workers

"Do you remember when church was fun?" asks the first sentence in the introduction to *Peter's Boat*.

Author, Bill Kemp, defines burnout as "the state of running a maze without reward, and knowing it" (p. 11). He includes some brief questionnaires for evaluation.

The book offers 5 leadership lessons:

- * Good leaders are honest about their own limitations and seek the long-term health of those who work with them.
- * Good leaders don't seek to be right; they seek to be Christ-like.
- * Good leaders develop self-sufficient followers.
- * Good leaders model a healthy lifestyle.
- * Good leaders appreciate diversity.

Jonah's Whale: Reconnecting the Congregation with Mission

Bill Kemp follows the story of the prophet Jonah, who went in the wrong direction, who confused his purpose with God's purpose, and who became angry when the mission seemed to succeed.

The life lessons Kemp offers are:

- * Good leaders ask directions when lost.
- * Good leaders know what is mission and what is not.
- * Good leaders make use of the church's mission statement.
- * Good leaders think outside the box.
- * Good leaders track missional statistics.
- * Good leaders spend money.

The Outreach Committee is again collecting supplies for health kits to distribute to disaster survivors. The following is a list of supplies we are collecting.

- Hand towels (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", No kitchen towels)
- Washcloths
- Combs (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- Nail files or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- Bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- Toothbrushes (single brushes only in original wrapper, No child-size brushes)
- Adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste (UMCOR Sager Brown is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent.)

There will be a collection box in the narthex starting Sunday 11/4. Any questions, contact Gerri Stark, Gail Bock, Ed Britt.



Thank you from the Cox Family.

When the need was there, so was our Westview Family!

Thank you so much to all of you who came to the visitation and funeral, to those who did a "delicious" favor of bringing lots of food, and to all

who sent cards or made a call to express your sympathy.

The flowers were beautiful and greatly appreciated!

During a time like this we realize how much our friends

and relatives really mean to us... Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

Ruth Cox and Family.

Westview now offers an Infants Nursery during Church Services

Now during the 8:30 and 10:30 services there will be a special infants nursery next door to the toddlers nursery.

A special attendant will be available to care for infants apart from the regular nursery so they can receive all the special attention they need.

We are seeking two volunteers per service time to help in nursery. If you would like to help on Sunday's during a service or on the other special days we offer nursery services, please contact Kim Tenney at preschool@westviewumc.org.

Thanks to all the people who have volunteered already, and please remember if for any reason you can not help on the day you signed up for, please contact Kim Tenney as soon as possible!

New Faces at Westview

Please welcome our latest members!

Kevin and Shelli Trigleth and their children Jeff & Rachel

They transferred their membership from The First United Methodist Church in Altamont, Illinois.



Shelli, Rachael and Jeff Trigleth

Memorials

A memorial was given in the memory of **Brent Burkett** towards the expenses of the new roof for the church.

A memorial was given in the memory of **Rev. David Hawkins** towards the expenses of the new roof for the church

Mission To Kenya

Recently I spoke to you during worship concerning my mission to Kenya, Africa. Because so many of you were generous with your gifts and your prayers I wanted to let you know the results of the mission.

There were 45 of us that went with 2 of us assigned to each of the churches in the Gedes area south of Melindi. Along with the pastor and an interpreter we walked through the jungle footpaths for 10

days, from one small village to another, bringing the Good News of salvation in Jesus. These precious people came to Jesus hungrily as the young man assigned to me and I were able, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to bring 98 people into the Kingdom of God. At the end of the 2 weeks 9650 people had come to Jesus through the message brought by the whole team. This included several schools. It was truly amazing to watch these people become filled

with the joy of the Lord as we prayed together. Of all the missions on which I have been privileged to serve the Lord, this was the most incredible. As we followed the footpaths through the jungle I truly felt your prayers, God's presence was so real. Thank you so much for your faithfulness. Great is your reward for taking part in this mission.

Pennie Christopher

Deck of Cards

It was quiet that day, the guns and the mortars, and land mines for some reason hadn't been heard. The young soldier knew it was Sunday, the holiest day of the week. As he was sitting there, he got out an old deck of cards and laid them out across his bunk. Just then an army sergeant came in and said, "Why aren't you with the rest of the platoon?" The soldier replied, "I thought I would stay behind and spend some time with the Lord."

The sergeant said, "Looks to me like you're going to play cards." The soldier said, "No, sir. You see, since we are not allowed to have Bibles or other spiritual books in this country, I've decided to talk to the Lord by studying this deck of cards." The sergeant asked in disbelief, "How will you do that?"

"You see the Ace, Sergeant? It reminds me that there is only one God. The Two represents the two parts of the Bible, Old and New

Testaments. The Three represents the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost. The Four stands for the Four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The Five is for the five virgins there were ten but only five of them were glorified. The Six is for the six days it took God to create the Heavens and Earth. The Seven is for the day God rested after making His Creation. The Eight is for the family of Noah and his wife, their three sons and their wives -- the eight people God spared from the flood that destroyed the Earth. The Nine is for the lepers that Jesus cleansed of leprosy. He cleansed ten, but nine never thanked Him. The Ten represents the Ten Commandments that God handed down to Moses on tablets made of stone. The Jack is a reminder of Satan, one of God's first angels, but he got kicked out of heaven for his sly and wicked ways and is now the joker of eternal hell. The Queen stands for the Virgin Mary. The King stands for Jesus, for he is the King of all kings.

When I count the dots on all the cards, I come up with 365 total, one for every day of the year. There are a total of 52 cards in a deck; each is a week - 52 weeks in a year. The four suits represent the four seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. Each suit has thirteen cards -- there are exactly thirteen weeks in a quarter. So when I want to talk to God and thank Him, I just pull out this old deck of cards and they remind me of all that I have to be thankful for."

The sergeant just stood there. After a minute, with tears in his eyes and pain in his heart, he said, "Soldier, can I borrow that deck of cards?"

Please let this be a reminder and take time to pray for all of our soldiers who are being sent away, putting their lives on the line fighting.

November Birthdays

- 1 Gerry Stark
- 1 Kerry Green
- 3 Gretel Fischer
- 3 Austin Bronstad
- 4 Traci Bloodworth
- 4 Luke Growden
- 6 Amber Hess
- 6 Dakota Brison
- 8 John Blade
- 8 Sherry Glasgow
- 8 Andrew Thornhill
- 11 Carl Walker
- 11 Randall Mangrum
- 14 Lauren Tenney
- 15 Kyle Growden
- 16 Eric Phillips



- 18 Karen Saunders
- 19 Jim Tenney
- 19 Dawn Green
- 20 Dewey Kephart
- 22 Winnie Jennings
- 25 Linda Anderson
- 26 Austin Daugherty
- 26 Mike Carroll
- 27 Tommy Scales



November Anniversaries

- 11/03 Chris & Teresa Raines
- 11/15 David & Angela Clark
- 11/23/1949 Dale & Winnie Jennings
- 11/16/1957 W.T. & Cleola Mangrum
- 11/18/1989 Rebecca & Kenneth Hess

November Report on Our Faithfulness

Worship Attendance

October 7th	8:30	36	10:30	107	Total:	143
October 14th	8:30	40	10:30	99	Total	139
October 21st	8:30	39	10:30	156	Total	195
October 28th	8:30	54	10:30	97	Total	151
Average		52		115		157

October Giving

Apportionments	786.00	Brent Burkett Memorial	20.00
David Hawkins Memorial	20.00	Fellowship Meal	168.00
General Fund	11,547.83	Graceworks	118.00
Men's Group	15.00	Preschool Tuition	2,529.00
Red Bird Mission	10.10	Sunday School	62.24
Youth	200.00		

Total Giving: \$ 15,444.69

Remember Our Military Friends Protecting our Country

**OSSN York, Evett M.
OI Division**

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CG62
FPO AP 9662-1182
San Diego, CA 92136
Serving in the United States Navy

AM3 Decker, Thomas E.

HSC-22
1029 Bellinger Blvd.
Norfolk, VA 23511-222
Serving in the United States Navy

PVT2 Fold, Eric

C Co. 3-75 Box 29
Fort Benning GA 31905
Deployed to Iraq
Serving in the US Army

PVT Jessica Spivey

L.R.M.C.
C-MROT Box 2003
APO AE 09180

2nd Lt. Katherine Kuster

Still serving but moving often.
Keep her in your prayers.
Serving in the US Air Force

PCF Brison, Michael R.

7114 Boone Street
Fairview, TN 37062
Serving in the Marine Reserve

Brittain Mangrum

Serving in the US Army, so recently
that we don't have an address yet.

PFC, Leek, Joshua J.

1566 Bruce Drive
Bon Aqua, TN 37025-1901
Serving in the US Marine Reserve

Please take a moment to let them know we support them! It is especially important that we show our support at this critical time in our country as the debate rages over the America's involvement in world conflicts. They need to know we support them regardless of our political ideals or affiliations. They have been called to serve our country and we need to let them know that they are in our thoughts and prayers.

Lectionary Readings for November

November 1, 2007

All Saints Day

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Psalm 149 (or Psalm 150)
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31

November 4, 2007

Twenty-Third Sunday

After Pentecost

All Saints Sunday

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

November 11, 2007

Twenty-Fourth Sunday

After Pentecost

Haggai 1:15b-2:9
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

November 18, 2007

Twenty-Fifth Sunday

After Pentecost

Isaiah 65:17-25
Isaiah 12 (or Psalm 118)
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

November 22, 2007

**Thanksgiving Day
(USA)**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 100
Philippians 4:4-9
John 6:25-35

November 25, 2007

**Christ the King/Reign
of Christ**

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Luke 1:68-79
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43



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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

Mission Statement: “We envision Westview United Methodist Church as a place that equips disciples to change lives.”