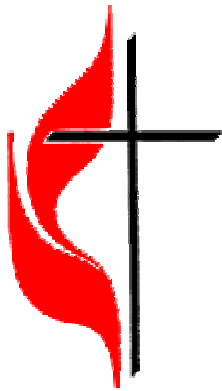


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Conference Lay Leader Strongly Supports Major Laity Event in Dickson

Joe Williams, Lay Leader for the Tennessee Conference, is strongly supporting lay participation in the day-long Laity Convocation scheduled for Saturday, November 10, at Dickson First UMC. The event is being held as a prelude to the Nashville Area Bishop's Convocation on Church Renewal which will follow November 12-14 at Montgomery Bell State Park for clergy in the Tennessee and Memphis Conferences.

Leading both events will be Dr. James Scott and Dr. Molly Scott, authors of the book *Restoring Methodism* which will be used as a guide for both lay and clergy. In it the Scotts outline ten challenging decisions

that the United Methodist Church must consider and act upon if we are to recapture the passion and practice that the early Methodist movement possessed.

Williams says, "I concur with the authors stated belief that these recommended decisions address the Church's steadily declining membership, attendance, giving, outreach, and impact on its communities, as well as the aging of its members and the shortage of clergy. The acceptance of these decisions would place the laity in a much larger role in the ministry of the church in a manner similar to how John Wesley utilized laity. I wholeheartedly recommend this book and encourage your

attendance at this important convocation."

The Church Renewal Laity Convocation will be held from 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. There is no registration fee but you effectively register when you order a box lunch costing \$8.00. You may order your lunch by sending a check payable to the Tennessee Annual Conference to Mrs. Vicki Sharber, 304 S. Perimeter Park Drive, Suite 1, Nashville, TN 37211. Registration will be limited to 175 on a first come basis. All Westview leaders and members are encouraged to attend this event. Make your plans now and reserve your place for this church changing event.

Grace and peace,
Ed Britt

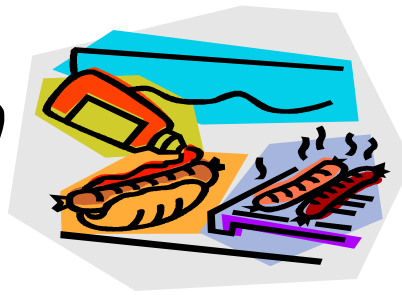
Fifth Quarter is Back!!!!!!

It's football time!! Get your game faces on and let's get ready to have some fun!!

Once again Westview United Methodist Church is where the fun is after all the

Yellow Jacket home football games. We will be opening the church to the community youth to gather (move over Sonic, our food is free). High school is not just about the football game, but it is also

about the after party. So if you want to hang out with the cool kids come join us after the Yellow Jacket home football games!



Free Food!! Free Music!! Free Drinks!!! Free Parking!!! Free Good Times!!!

Home Game Schedule

East Hickman October 5 (Homecoming) Home*

Richland October 12 Home*

Fifth Quarter Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help make this year's Fifth Quarter a success! If you love teenagers (or even like them a little) and would like to help make a difference, here is your chance! We want to offer a safe, fun place for the youth of our community to gather after Yellow Jacket home

football games, and we need your help. No experience necessary, just show up to work. We need people to help with serving food and chaperoning the fun!

If you don't feel like hanging out with wonderful kids then you can always just fund the cause, you can make a donation to the

church. Simply mark your donation "Fifth Quarter" or send food. We will need all of the wish list items before each game.

For more information on donations, please contact Patti Carroll 799-5575 or Teresa Raines 799-5834.

Red Scarf Information

Submitted by Pat Murdoch

To those working on scarves for college age foster children, this letter was received:

Thank you for taking the time to think about OFA and the youth we serve. The Red Scarf Project wouldn't be done without the kindness of people like you and your church. I am sending what is on our website about the Red Scarf Project. It may tell you more than I can.

You can start shipping scarves anytime as we get most of them via United States Postal Service, you may have something else in mind that might suit your needs better. If each person who knits a scarf would enclose a personal note with words of encouragement for the youth that these scarves will be going to, it would be greatly appreciated.

The mailing address you

have is the right one, so no worries it will get to the right place. We are looking forward to getting the beautiful scarves that everyone has put their time and love into.

Thank you!

Mary Imler
Scholarship Assistant
Orphan Foundation of
America

Red Scarf Update: Scarves must be mailed by October 15. We will meet briefly on Wednesday October 3rd at 10 am to gather completed scarves and notes, so they can be prepared for mailing. If you cannot attend, please call Wardie Lewis at 799-2321, or Pat Murdoch, 799-9053. If you weren't able to knit or crochet, we'd be glad to have your help with mailing expenses!

Mission trip to Louisiana:



The District Outreach committee has scheduled a mission trip to UMCOR Sager Brown; know as the UMCOR Depot, in Baldwin Louisiana during the week of January 6-11, 2008. While there the team will prepare packets to respond to disasters in the US and around the world.

A \$20 per person processing

fee is needed as soon as possible to hold places on the team. \$92.50 is due by November 1st with a balance of \$92.50 due at departure on January 6th. This covers food and lodging. The total cost is \$205 per person plus transportation and meals on the way and back, one dinner out on Wednesday January 9th and spending money.

Contact Gary Wedgewood at gary.wedgewood@comcast.net or 931-388-6082 or 615-390-2432 if you have questions and to register your interest in taking part in the mission trip. Talk to Ira and Frankie Burgoyne who are going, 799-1050.

Annual Charge Conference November 25

Westview's Annual Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, November 25, at 4:00 p.m. This year our District Superintendent Rev. Willie Burchfield is asking that Charge Conferences be held in central locations around the district in order to make more effective use of time and energy resources. Our

conference will be held at Bethlehem UMC in Franklin along with three other churches who have their particular time slot set for the afternoon. All committee chairpersons and leaders along with interested members are asked to reserve this time now and plan to participate.

Transportation will be provided for those interested.

Men's Fellowship Bible Study Continues on 11th and 25th.

Our Men's Bible Study is following the guide *Quiet Strength* by Tony Dungy coach of the World Champion Indianapolis Colts. We will meet on Thursday evenings October 11 and 25th at 7:00 p.

m. for our next sessions exploring the topics of "What is Success?" and "What is Your Security?" All men are invited to join the group for a time of fellowship and learning. For more

information or to secure a study guide contact Dr. Britt at 944-6291,

Fall Festival at the Andersons October 20

Willie and Linda Anderson have graciously decided to let us host this event at their home again. We will get together around 4:00

What to bring:
hotdogs, buns, chips, dessert, skewers for roasting your hotdog,.

Bring your folding chairs, there will be games and activities and a hayride. Fun

for the whole family. There will also be a pumpkin carving contest for different age groups so come out and see our local carving artists!

Directions From Westview UMC:

Head southwest on Westview Dr toward Deer Ridge Rd

Turn left at Deer Ridge Road, stay on Deer Ridge for 2.8

miles until you come to Pinewood Road (Hwy 46)

Turn right on to Pinewood Road and go about 1 mile to Bradford Road

Turn left at Bradford Road And go about an 8th of a mile to the Anderson's.

How About Trunk or Treat for Halloween?

Anyone interested in helping organize a Trunk or Treat for this year's Halloween on October 31 is asked to call the church office. We promise you will not be put in charge but we need people to help plan.

What is Trunk or Treat?
Instead of children going from house to house trick or treating parents bring them to a central location like a church parking lot where members decorate their car trunks and pass out candy.

This is a much safer and effective way to allow children to experience the Halloween holiday. It also is a great way to introduce community families to our church. If you are interested in making this happen call today and volunteer.

Lay Leadership Committee to Meet October 15

Our Lay Leadership Committee will meet at the church on Monday night, October 15, at 6:30 p.m. to begin work on recruiting church leaders for 2008.

All committee members are urged to attend in order to help with this important task.

Anyone interested in serving in a leadership

position or on a church committee should contact Dr. Britt at the church office 799-0250 or leave a message for him there.



Happy Birthday Abel!

Orlando, FL - With the cost of a transplant often exceeding \$500,000, many transplant patients are unable to shoulder the financial burden of such a procedure. The Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA) is a national charity dedicated to organizing and guiding communities in raising funds for transplant-needy patients. In Orlando, volunteers are raising funds for transplant patients like local baby Abel Schiffhauer.

After a normal, healthy pregnancy, Abel was born on August 26, 2006, a bit early, but looking quite perfect. It

became apparent very quickly that something was wrong, and when he was 5 days old an exploratory surgery to remove a meconium blockage in his intestine was performed, his appendix was also removed. As a matter of protocol, the appendix was sent to pathology and it was discovered that no ganglion cells were present (these are the little cells that pass waste along the intestines). This raised a red flag for Hirschsprung's Disease, which after further testing was performed, it was confirmed. The question remained as to how much bowel was affected, and another surgery was performed to explore, test, and remove all of the intestines affected. This surgery left Abel with approximately 45 centimeters of healthy small intestine, about a third of the average infant. The remaining portion of intestine is up to the jejunum, this means that he has far too little intestine to absorb nutrition adequately on his own.

After four months in the hospital, Abel finally came home and has been doing well; Abel is dependent on Total Parental Nutrition which he receives via a central line in his chest for 20 hours a day. While this sustains him, it is not a long term plan; TPN puts strain on his liver; a Multi-Visceral transplant is the only viable option for

his long-term survival.

In April of 2007, Abel and his family went to University of Miami Jackson Memorial Transplant Center for an evaluation and he was found to be a good candidate.

Fortunately, so far Abel's liver has been holding up well, and he has the luxury of waiting until his first birthday to complete his immunizations before being formally listed for transplant. This situation could change at any time because the effects of TPN are different for everyone.

After the transplant, Abel will be on anti-rejection prescription medications. An estimated \$50,000 is being raised by Orlando volunteers to help cover a portion of the mounting costs facing the Schiffhauer family. For more information about Abel Schiffhauer, COTA, or to make a donation, please visit www.cotaforabels.com or contact Joelle Chappell, 799-6248.

October Birthdays

- 1 Kevin Carroll
- 4 Mary Clinard
- 5 Revonna Mangrum
- 7 Dawn Mangrum
- 7 Devan Thornhill
- 9 Faith Lee
- 11 Robin Phillips
- 14 Alex Leek
- 15 Phil Job
- 17 Linda Lampley
- 17 Jacob Raines
- 21 Joe Clinard
- 22 Hedi Job
- 22 Seth Stigal
- 23 Chase Tenney
- 23 Ren Sharber



- 24 Daniel Fold
- 26 Jordan Brison
- 26 Teresa Raines
- 26 Clay Turner
- 27 Angela Clark
- 27 Christine Penner
- 28 Tim Saunders

October Anniversaries

- 14—Brent & Jackie Burkett
- 25—Vick & Kathleen Growden
- 25—James & Renee Peden



September Report on Our Faithfulness

Worship Attendance

September 2nd	8:30	27	10:30	100	Total:	127
September 9th	8:30	36	10:30	107	Total	143
September 16th	8:30	47	10:30	101	Total	148
September 23rd	8:30	60	10:30	99	Total	159
September 30th	8:30	30	10:30	89	Total	119
Average		40		90		139

September Giving

5th Quarter	50.00	AA Rent	80.00
Apportionments	395.00	Art Academy	80.00
General Fund	13,797.73	Graceworks	185.50
Men's Group	25.50	Preschool Tuition	3,697.00
Red Bird Mission	77.74	Special Donations	49.38
Sunday School	107.37	Upper Room	2.00
Van	8.37	Yard Sale	1,324.20
		Youth	250.00

Total Giving: \$ 20,129.79

Remember Our Military Friends Protecting our Country

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

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

SGT. McDaid, Mathew
 215 Golf Co. SSP
 Unit 40365
 FRO-AP-96426-0365

AM3 Decker, Thomas E.
 HSC-22
 1029 Bellinger Blvd.
 Norfolk, VA 23511-222
 Serving in the United States Navy

2nd Lt. Katherine Kuster
 Still serving but moving often.
 Keep her in your prayers.
 Serving in the US Air Force

PVT2 Fold, Eric
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 Fort Benning GA 31905
 Deployed to Iraq
 Serving in the US Army

PCF Brison, Michael R.
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 Fairview, TN 37062
 Serving in the Marine Reserve

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 October

October 7, 2007
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
 World Communion Sunday
 Lamentations 1:1-6
 Psalm 137
 2 Timothy 1:1-14
 Luke 17:5-10

October 8, 2007
 Deuteronomy 26:1-11
 Psalm 100
 Philippians 4:4-9
 John 6:25-35

October 14, 2007
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
 Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
 Psalm 66:1-12
 2 Timothy 2:8-15
 Luke 17:11-19

October 21, 2007
Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost
Laity Sunday
 Jeremiah 31:27-34
 Psalm 119:97-104
 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
 Luke 18:1-8

October 28, 2007
Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost
 Joel 2:23-32
 Psalm 65
 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
 Luke 18:9-14



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

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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