

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. Steven D. Bruns, Pastor
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Chris Kelley, Assistant Youth Director / Worship Leader
Carol Barnes, Music Director
Kathy O’Nan, Children’s Choir Director
Tammy Isbell, Office Manager



THE COLUMNS

First United Methodist Church, Mayfield, KY

Wednesday, January 14, 2009

FUNERAL MEAL MINISTRY

A wonderful ongoing ministry at Mayfield First is providing a meal following the funeral of a member who passes away. To make it easier to send leftovers home and less time consuming for those helping in the kitchen with clean-up, we ask that *if at all possible, all food donated for this purpose be brought in disposable containers.* Your time and efforts are such a blessing to many during difficult times. Thanks for your help!



FROM THE
Church
Kitchen

LARGE PLASTIC CONTAINERS NEEDED

Large plastic containers, such as gallon ice cream buckets, with lids are needed in the church kitchen for leftovers. Please place them in the window by the coffee pot. Thank you!

PLEASE USE YOUR ASSIGNED OFFERING ENVELOPES

It is very helpful with bookkeeping procedures when you use your assigned offering envelopes. The number assigned for you is needed for the posting process. **Please use yours every time it’s possible.** If you are a regular contributor and a number has not been assigned for you, please contact Tammy in the church office. Your help is much appreciated!

AL-ANON MEETINGS BEGINNING HERE

Are you or someone you know affected by someone else’s drinking? If so, *Al-Anon* can and will help! Many who come to Al-Anon are in despair, feel hopeless, and unable to believe that things can ever change.

In December 2008, the Board of Trustees received a request to use our facility for a weekly *Al-Anon* meeting. Currently, the closest group meetings are in Paducah or Murray. The Trustees voted unanimously to allow this group to meet at our church. The *Al-Anon* meetings will be held each **Monday night from 7:30–8:30 p.m.** in the Seekers Classroom which is located on the first floor. This is a wonderful outreach to our community and possibly even to some of our own members. Please spread the word if you know of someone who could benefit from this program. Let them know that meetings are now held in Mayfield at First Church!

WATER STREET PROPERTY LOAN

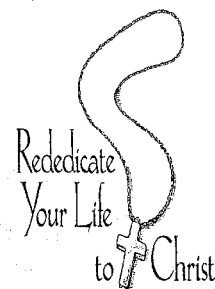
Thanks for your continued commitment to help reduce our church’s indebtedness for the property on Water St. Each week, we are paying on our loan principal because of your donations. Our current loan balance for that property is \$95,960.39. Please remember to use a separate check when paying on our debt retirement, and designate “*building fund*” in the memo line.



Debt Reduction

OUR LOYALTY TO CHRIST & THE CHURCH

	<u>Dec. 21</u>	<u>Dec. 28</u>	<u>Year End</u>	<u>Jan. 4</u>	<u>Jan. 11</u>
Attendance: Sunday School—	104	86		106	106
Morning Worship—	272	147		192	213
Sunday School Offering.....\$	55.80	51.00		71.25	68.51
Sunday Offering/Pledges.....\$	8,743.00	5,121.00	27,704.00	4,989.00	9,651.30
Christmas Offering.....\$	4,036.00	181.00	20.00		
Needline/Food Pantry.....\$	10.00	20.00			
Initial Offering (Env.).....\$				219.00	15.00
Maintenance.....\$			200.00	230.00	
Building Fund.....\$	860.00	20.00	550.00	360.00	407.00
Bible Studies.....\$	250.00				
Youth Missions.....\$	40.00	1,044.75			
Upper Room/Other Lit.....\$				500.00	
Memorials.....\$	50.00		20.00		25.00





The following memorial/honorarium gifts have been received by our church through January 11, 2009.

In Memory of Wilmoth Canter

Given by: Howard J. & Sharon Howard (Music)
Joe & Dean Roper (Scholarship fund)

In Memory of Browning Ligon

Given by: Henry & Ruby Bennett (Archives)

In Memory of Jane Henry

Given by: Howard J. & Sharon Howard (Music)
Frances Wilson (Bldg. Fund) Charlotte Clemmons
Joe & Dean Roper (Scholarship fund)

In Memory of Mary Brooks Walker

Given by: David E. Hilliard

In Thanksgiving for birth of great grandson

Carson Ray Price on December 12, 2008

Given by: Clara Power

RELAY FOR LIFE 2009

Register to join the First United Methodist Church 2009 Relay team by seeing **Khadra Turley** for a registration form or by going to relayfor-life.org/graves, click on "Join a Team", then type in First United Methodist Church, and follow the instructions. For participant registration, change payment method to cash or check, NOT CREDIT CARD. Let's have a larger team and raise more money for the Cure! The date is **June 12, 2009**.



© CONGRATULATIONS ☺

.....to **Ellen O'Nan** upon her graduation from Western Kentucky University on December 13, 2008 with a degree in Communications. She has moved to Nashville, TN to seek employment. We are proud of you, Ellen!

NEW BABY

Congratulations to Daniel & Heather Marvin on the birth of their son, **Justin Lee Marvin**, on Friday, January 9, 2009 in Paducah. He weighed in at 5 lbs. 5 oz. and was 18 inches long. Leslye and J Marvin of Springfield, TN are the proud grandparents and Charles & June Magness are his very proud great grandparents.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

In November 2008, you responded with 63 shoebox gifts for young children in countries around the globe. You can be sure that your boxes, added to thousands of others, delighted children in many areas of the world. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped us in the Relay Center packing cartons, loading them on a truck, and delivering them to Paducah for shipping to Boone, NC, where they were then shipped to many destinations to be delivered to hundreds of children in many countries. Our Relay Center handled a total of 837 boxes. Thank you for your generosity! God Bless You, One and All!!



PRAYER



If someone should be added or removed from the prayer list below, please contact the church office.

CONCERNS

Remember these persons in prayer:

In the Hospital

Bobby Canter, Jackson Purchase Medical Center
Jerry Grantham, Jackson Purchase Medical Center
Martha Thomas, Lourdes Hospital

Ongoing Concern

Garnet Hedge, 120 Arbor Crest Dr.
Gene Resler, 607 Backusburg Rd.
Joe Roper, 1212 Sunnyside Dr.

Homebound Members


(Please call the church office if you need a specific address for any homebound member.)

Rebecca Canter	Ruth Ligon
Joyce Champion	Linda Lowry
Ruth Dillard	Carolyn McClendon
Carolyn Gibson	Georgia Morehead
Hal Gibson	Margie Pearson
Jean Hamlin	Clara Power
Euvah Howland	Doris Sims
Jean Kennedy	Cameron Stimson
Don Kerr	George Tucker
Evelyn Kesterson	Frances Williams
	Anna Wright

Friends and Relatives

Jerry Canter	Joyce Fowler
Jimmy Cherry	Rita Pearce
Doug Flanary	Jackie Snow

PROJECT 20/20

Since 1993, the Memphis Annual Conference has sponsored the mission for vision called Project 20/20. This project has helped over 32,000 people in 26 countries to improve their vision through the donation of eyeglasses and the work of the Memphis Optometry Volunteer in Mission Team. A special emphasis of Project 20/20 is the Sunglasses Sunday to collect sunglasses  for the people who live in countries near the equator where the intense sunlight, wind and dust can be damaging to their eyes. Sunglasses may be prescription or non-prescription, new or used, and parts of discarded sunglasses or any other type of eyewear. All can be used in this project. Also, donations of \$10 can pay for an eye examination for two people.

At Mayfield First Church, we have designated **March 22, 2009** as Sunglasses Sunday. We hope you will bring sunglasses to the Sanctuary on that date or to the Fellowship Hall in the container marked "Project 20/20" before that date. They will be sent with the Optometry Team to a place where they will be used for the Glory of God! May God bless you as your give. Please call **Khadra Turley** at 247-8807 or **Betty Stallins** at 247-8933 if you have questions or need more information.

JANUARY UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS

Mon., Jan. 26—Mary Martha Circle at 10 AM
Mary Ruth Wright, hostess
Mon., Jan. 26—Nancy Isbell Circle in F. Hall at 5:30 pm
Come enjoy pizza, fellowship, and learn about the 2009 Reading Program.
Tuesday, Jan. 27—Circle of Grace at 6:30 p.m.
Kelly Green, hostess

Preacher's Notes

Our community has had an absolutely devastating tragedy happen. I remember when I was a senior in high school we had eight classmates die due to various circumstances (health, accident, suicide). When you are seventeen years old and have never had a friend die, it is a shock to your system.

I remember feeling overwhelming sadness. Then I was angry for these kids having made poor choices that led to the accidents (and suicide). Then I felt guilty for being angry with them. I would go back and forth through these emotions multiple times a day. When a little bit of time passed, I simply felt numb. I didn't want to feel any more because the emotions were too raw, and I didn't know what I should be feeling, any way.

Now as a parent, I am going through a whole new set of emotions with this present situation. The old ones come back, and there is also the feeling of helplessness and frustration and fear that go along with them.

As a Christian, though, this all gets reframed. Yes, God loves us, and yes He is with those young men and their families, and yes, His heart is broken over this as well. But that is not the end of the story. God is not sitting in heaven helplessly crying with us. He has taken decisive action. This is the core of what the Incarnation is all about. God the Son entered into our world, took on our brokenness, and even died our death, in order to defeat death once and for all and open heaven to us forever.

Evil and tragedy in this world will never make sense without knowing that Jesus came down to us in order to raise us up to Him. We live in a world we cannot control, no matter how hard we try. The forces of nature are beyond our scope. Evil actions of people are beyond our power to stop. And yet as Christians we have victory over the world precisely because Jesus suffered all of this for us, even dying a horrible death, and not even that could stop Him...or us, when we are united with Him.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all who suffer in our community and any where. Have the faith that Christ has conquered even this, and will bring redemption and justice to the world.



Pray for the Victims and their Families

In Christ, Pastor Steve

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Board of Trustees—Monday, January 26 at 6:00 p.m.
in the Charles Baugh Classroom

Finance Committee—Tuesday, January 27 at 6:00 p.m.
in the Church Office

175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars, invite your friends and family, and plan on enjoying the 175th celebration of Mayfield First United Methodist Church on **Sunday, February 22, 2009**. For the past several weeks, we have been enjoying the "History Trivia Moment" during each Sunday's morning worship service and we will continue to do so until the celebration day. Immediately following the worship service, we will have a meal in the Fellowship Hall along with special recognition of some folks (i.e. longest time members, most generations attending, etc.) Please call Mary Ruth Wright at 247-2523 if you fit into any of these categories or are willing to help with the events on that day.

COMMON THREADS MINISTRY

There are opportunities to reach out to our world by making sweaters that are sent to needy children all over the world. (www.guidepostsmag.com then click on "Knit for Kids"). You can reach out by making throws to send to a camp in North Carolina for terminally ill children.

(www.victoryjunction.org, click on "How Can I Help", then click on "Sewing Program"). You can reach out to our community by making a prayer shawl for someone who is sick, grieving, moving away or someone who is in need of a special touch or prayer and needs to feel the love of God wrapped around them. (Prayer Shawl Ministry—www.shawlministry.com)

Anyone wishing to make items may use the donated yarn in the plastic tote in the Fellowship Hall, or purchase the needed yarn, turn in the receipt to the church office marked "Common Threads" and be reimbursed. We are only able to do this because of the generosity of this congregation and the donations made to this ministry.

Sweaters and throws are scheduled to be mailed on March 2. If you have made either of these, please contact **Shann Moore** at 251-0295. **We are in need of prayer shawls.** Once the shawl is completed, please pray over the shawl before putting it in the plastic tote in the prayer chapel. There are tags in the tote to tie to the finished shawl. For more information, please contact Shann at the previously stated phone number or email her at shannm@mewsbb.com.

"The LORD Your God will bless you in all your works and in all to which you put your hand." Deuteronomy 15:10

2009 BUDGET

The following is the "unapproved" budget for this year, 2009. The Finance Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 and will make this official. If you have any questions or would like further details, please feel free to contact our Finance chairperson, Jeremy Phillips at 251-3683 or Tammy in the church office.

Administration Expenses	\$ 80,600
Apportionments	\$ 69,088
Celebration (Worship)	\$ 4,950
Charity/Justice (Missions)	\$ 10,000
Buildings & Grounds	\$ 6,000
Evangelism/Witness (Outreach)	\$ 5,900
Family Life (Meals, Events)	\$ 1,300
History	\$ 200
Personnel	\$ 203,724
Nurture (Education)	\$ 12,650
Spiritual Life	\$ 500
Stewardship/Finance	\$ 1,600

TOTAL \$396,512

➔ ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The 2008 contribution statements are now available in the Narthex. **Please pick yours up for use in filing your income tax.** Since we can no longer mail them at the bulk rate, this will help save on the cost of first-class postage.

ERROR CORRECTION ON PAGE 2

Information was incorrectly reported about the new baby's name on page 2. Daniel & Heather Marvin's son's name is **Ashton Lee Marvin**. (not Justin Lee Marvin).

Mayfield First United Methodist Church

CHURCH COUNCIL LIST 2009

Lay Leader.....Tommy Waldrop 09
 Chairperson.....Mariowen Reed 09
 Recording Secretary.....Tammy Isbell
Chairpersons:
 Discipleship Ministry.....Maxine Easley 09
 Finance.....Jeremy Phillips 09
 Mission & Evangelism.....Khadra Turley 09
 Staff Parish Relations.....
 Trustees.....Ray Schorr 09
 Worship.....Rev. Steven Bruns
 UMW (elected by group).....Joyce Sprowles
 Pastor.....Rev. Steven Bruns
 Student Ministries Director.....Pam Bruns

Other Officers:

(not members of Church Council)

Lay Member to Ann Conference.....Dean Criswell
 Alt. Member to Ann. Conference.....Charles Magness
 Building & Grounds Chair.....Richard Reed
 Church School Sec./Treas.Martha Thomas
 Church Treasurer/Membership Sec.....Tammy Isbell
 Lambuth University Rep.....Kathy O'Nan



The *January* birthday/anniversary list was accidentally omitted from the last newsletter. Happy Birthday to everyone born and married in January! As always, if yours is not listed or is incorrect, please contact the church office.

Happy January Birthday to:

1—John Harmon	23—Jan McBrayer
3—Larky Colbert	24—Harold Adams
- Sandra Jones	- Jace Shell
- Jennifer Usrey	25—Darrell DeMoss
4—Sue Byars	- Ruth Dillard
- Carol Johnson	26—Madison Crooks
5—Mike Makovsky	- Regina Rakestraw
6—Mary Lee King	27—Garnet Hedge
9—Ronnie Colbert	- Brian Schorr
10—Shirley Kerr	- Judy Stephens
- A.G. Wolfe	- Leslie Towe
11—Kate Beasley Cox	- Lydia Young
- Homer Pace	28—Jantzen Jones
- Cody McCullough	- Audrey Ivy
- Brooke Hastings	- Janna Loveless
12—Susan Gordon	29—Bill Brand
13—Lynn Cobb	30—Leigh A. Dane
15—Jane Ann Waldrop	- Meg O'Nan
16—Matt Schorr	- Margie Nelle Pearson
17—Robert Carter	- Duane Peregrine
- Corie Turley	- Mary Ruth Wright
- Shann Moore	31—Karen Gibson Stubblefield
21—Joyce Cornman	
- George Covington	

ANNIVERSARIES IN JANUARY

Richard & Kay Chapman.....January 8, 1972
 George & Stacy Covington.....January 16, 1965
 Dean & Ruth Criswell.....January 20, 1990
 Mike & Amber Makovsky.....January 28, 1993

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Pastor
Members:

2009	2010	2011
Deborah Crooks	Katie Graves	Reta Britton
Nanette Easley	Chris Guhy	Valerie Jones
Richard Rakestraw	Matt Wheeler	Josh Wessel

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chairperson: Ray Schorr Pastor
Members:

2009	2010	2011
Donald Dew	Rick Boggess	Ray Schorr
Joe Moss	Kelly Green	
Leslie Towe	Richard Reed	

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Jeremy Phillips Pastor
Ex Officio: Richard Reed (Building & Grounds)
 Tammy Isbell (Treasurer)
 Tommy Waldrop (Lay Leader)
 Mariowen Reed (Church Council)
 Ray Schorr (Trustees)
 Tom Hastings (Staff Parish Relations)
Member at Large: Kathy Jackson

LAY LEADERSHIP

Chairperson: Rev. Steven Bruns Lay Leader
Members:

2009	2010	2011
George Covington	Carol Covington	Tripp Purdom
Kelly Green	Jill Morris	Pam Smith
Shirley Sweany	Khadra Turley	David Tucker



If you have a *February* birthday and it's not listed or the date is incorrect, please contact the church office with the correct information.

Happy February Birthday to:

1—Betsy Barnes	15—Norma Chapman
2—Connie Boyd	16—Megan Brown
3—Kim Brand	17—Kim Isbell
4—Kenneth Crooks	18—Missy Beasley
- Jeremy Phillips	- Vicky Jones
- Mary Seay	- Katie Peregrine
- Nolan Waller	19—Gerald Easley
5—Curtis Boyd, Sr.	- Chuck Vessels
6—Gary Jetton	20—Jerry Grantham
7—Tristan Bonnstetter	- Richard Reed
- Jean Hamlin	- Robbie McCullough
- Jonathan Mason	21—Catherine Peregrine
- Garrett Reed	22—Marshall Bacon
8—Sue Perkins	23—Ellen O'Nan
- Gary Jetton	- Elizabeth Tucker
10—J.J. Beasley	24—Megan Owen
11—Megan Arp	- LaVerne Waldrop
- Aiden Grooms	- Garvelene Wolfe
- Ashley Jones	26—Wilson Covington
- Reid Wheeler	- Lorene Nunnelee
12—Isaac Custer	- Allyson Purdom
- Bob King	29—Kim Wheeler (Leap Year Baby)
- Jason Stock	
- Sarah Wessel	

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Harold & Jennie Adams.....February 9, 1964
 Randy & Hope Smith.....February 12, 2004