



Hartsville United Methodist Church

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Methodist Messenger August 2024

A Word from Pastor Tim:

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.' Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes and listen with their ears and comprehend with their minds and turn and be healed." Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said, "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; until the Lord sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. Even if tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled." Isaiah 6:8-13

I have always loved this scripture. It is strangely comforting, and yet offensive at the same time. A dear friend of mine, senior pastor at Fulton 1st UMC, Susan Carrigan, recently shared with me these words after spending some time with this text. It is something that spoke to me this past month. So, I wanted to share it with you in hopes that it might speak to you as well. Here are her thoughts:

The holy seed is its stump.

I have been living with these words for the last week. I have always quit after "Here I am, send me!" I haven't spent much time looking at the mission. It isn't a fun mission. Having also just finished large chunks of Judges, I realize that while we love the seasons of new life, birth, and creation, there are seasons where God tears down to rebuild. When we become people who "continue to do evil in the eyes of the Lord" a fresh start seems to be coming. The holy seed is always ready for new life to begin again, but for a while, it seems to get our hearts aligned with His, he has allowed a "winter" to make way for the coming spring.

Wait, I hear you all say, that's Old Testament, God isn't like that anymore. I am going to beg to differ. God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. We use far different words to express a similar process, but the history of the Church proves that there is a tearing down and a rebuilding process that happens over and over again. Does that mean God stops loving the Church and withdraws? I don't think so. I do think we have seasons where we see a change of direction, perhaps even the death of some systems we have grown to love and find comfort in. Perhaps that's the season we are in now. If so, my prayer is that God will complete the good work begun and bring us to a place where our worship is acceptable and our hearts, mission, and minds are aligned with His.

What do you think?

Rev. Carrigan is an ordained elder in the Tennessee Western Kentucky Conference of the UMC serving at Fulton 1st UMC in Fulton Kentucky.

ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME AT 10 AM. THE CHOICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Class	Ages	Leader	Location
Nursery	Newborn – 3yo	Gilda	Downstairs Nursery
Youth Group	4yo- 5 th grade	Kathy R.	Youth Classroom
John Wesley Class	18yo and up	John O.	Upstairs Classroom

*Sunday School
For Learning*

PRAYER LIST

The backbone of a church is prayer. Place this somewhere you will see it often. Then let every sighting be a reminder to pray for these folks. Please update the church when you can on those on this list and on others who need to be added. Thank you.

Alice White	Flo Dunavant
Maxton Hawkins	Rosemary Denham
Alice Livingston	Sean Engle
Jim Hunt	Bert Gammons
Eddie Taylor	Beth Rolin
Josh Milton	Harry Seise
Amanda Garey	Marion Duncan
Tia Davis	Tom Harris
Helen & Don Voss	Jill Harper
Levi Owen	David Parker
Ashley Warwick	Wendy Finn
Jeff Wyatt	

Mission of the Month



Our ministry of the month for August is the Emmanuel House. The Emmanuel House is a transitional living facility and temporary shelter where homeless women and children can find temporary housing, spiritual mentorship, transportation, life skill training, education and access to recover and social services. This will enable these women to find jobs or go back to school to better themselves. They are located on Main Street in Carthage, TN.

The Emmanuel House is a Faith, Hope, and Love Home for the hopeless. Let us reach out to these women and children that do not have a place to live to give them hope. You can give directly to this account anytime of the year by simply marking the memo line on your offering. Or, you can leave any unmarked donation on the altar rail during communion service this month.

Church Meeting Rescheduled

We had to reschedule our church meeting last month. It will now be Wednesday August 7th at 6PM. Our district superintendent, Jerry Wallace will be in attendance to answer any questions regarding the recent actions of the UMC's General Conference. Make Plans to attend.

Committee meetings

We have a few committee meetings coming up. Please check the dates and make sure you attend.

The Leadership committee will meet on August 15 at 6 PM.

The PPR committee will meet on August 26 at 6 PM.

Handbells

Would you like to help the church and honor a family member?

You can make a memorial donation towards the handbells. Perhaps purchase a handbell in honor of a love one that you know would have loved to have heard them. Talk with Kathy Atwood for more info.

Pancake Breakfast

It is just around the corner. September 7th with be our annual pancake breakfast at the high school. We need donations and volunteers. Please see Natalie Knudsen for more info.

Aug-24

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6 Bible Study @ 6 pm @ Goose Creek	7 Church Wide Meeting 6PM With DS	8	9	10
11 Ice Cream Social 5PM	12	13 Bible Study @ 6 pm @ Goose Creek	14	15 Leadership Comm Meeting 6PM	16	17
18	19	20 Bible Study @ 6 pm @ Goose Creek	21	22	23	24
25	26 PPR Meeting 6PM	27 Bible Study @ 6 pm @ Goose Creek	28	29	30	31

Sunday Servants:

Prayer Team

04 - Tina Hiatt
11 - Betty Gross
18 - Kathy Dies
25 - Kathy Robertson

Reader

04 - Morgan Robertson
11 - Robbie Jones
18 - Katherine Garey
25 - Jonathan Brown

Kid's Message

04 - Melissa Robertson
11 - Kathy Atwood
18 - Beth Crabtree
25 - Leah Brown

Flowers

04 - Leah Brown
11 - Natalie Knudsen
18 - Jim Marshall
25 - Judy Lentz

Ushers

Crabtree Family

Help Center:

Soup

The Chapel Hill Chronicle



Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

92 Beasley Bend Road in Riddleton, TN

Sunday Worship at 9 AM

Sunday School at 10:15 AM

“August is the slow, gentle month that stretches out the longest across the span of a year. It yawns and lingers on with light in its palms. This morning, the sun endures past dawn. I realize that it is August: The summer’s last stand. ~Victoria Erickson

BIRTHDAYS:

Molly Damron	August 5 th
Makaila Richardson	August 5 th
Linda McDonald	August 9 th
Brandon Maberry	August 9 th
Josh Milton	August 11 th
Jere Draper	August 11 th
Don Grandstaff	August 18 th
Veria Hensley	August 22 nd

IN LOVING MEMORY:

George Dewey Baker August 2, 1898

Thanks to everyone that helped us with the Smith County Fair. We are so blessed with your commitment to CHUMC, donations, work, purchases in this time of Fair(s). We love you and couldn’t keep this up each year without you. Special love and thanks to our Pastor, Tim Dunavant. I can’t say enough words to express our appreciation and thankfulness to him, not to mention our love.

Come see us at the Trousdale County Fair, September 5, 6, 7, 2024, in the Trousdale County High School Cafeteria on September 6th and 7th.

BACK TO SCHOOL!!! Keep our students, teachers, administration, Janitors, et al, in your prayers for a wonderful, safe, best ever school year. Thank you, Teachers!

As I was using a Wednesday afternoon to sit on the porch and look out upon things and ponder, I heard a crow caw. Actually, there were two crows. They were flying back and forth across the yard from one tree to another, all the while talking. I remembered nice summer afternoons on the Wabash sitting with my grandfather and the crows were always busy talking. He would translate their crow language to me. Most of the time the crows were helping me solve any little problems going on or answering my little girl questions, or they would tell me short stories. Sometimes they sang sea chanteys. They were always quite entertaining and taught me lots of things to use in life. Those crows taught me that my Pop-pa was very loving, thoughtful and wise.

I really appreciate my memories as I grow older. They fill up a lot of time that might necessarily be lonely. Sometimes they rock me to sleep, so to speak. It is good time spent sitting and remembering people, places and things of what seems long ago. My Pop-pa taught me to entertain myself by looking at the clouds and seeing the faces, animals and other things that take shape in them. He taught me history of the late 19th Century and over half of the 20th Century, because he lived it. I realized through him to love and respect animals in nature because they are so natural, and it is such an honor to observe their instincts and way of life, and the way they adapt when we change their way of life. I learned instincts are what is needed in this life. I learned a lot from the animals of God’s nature as a child. The rest I learned from watching DANIEL BOONE. 😊

Pop-pa always professed that he was not a believer, but beauty, kindness, love and skill came from his abilities, and those talents and traits are instilled in us by God. His stubbornness about not believing could not stand up under his realization of his need. For I heard him early one morning crying and praying at the kitchen table for his wife who was very ill. God breaks through stubbornness and other barriers we think are us, but God knows us better than we know ourselves, and He shows us that at different times in our lives. After the death of his wife, we both did our best without her. He sent me to church every Sunday for as long as I would let him. He kept as many church ladies in my life as was possible for all kinds of things. Again, I would hear him pray at different times for me and for his ability to raise me up by himself. I thank God for him and my memories. Happy birthday, Pop-pa.

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Recipe Corner

Lemon Pie
By Linda McDonald

1 Graham cracker pie crust
1 8 oz cool whip
1 packet lemonade Kool-Aid mix
1 can sweetened condensed milk

Mix all ingredients well and pour into pie crust.

Let cool 2 to 3 hour's in refrigerator or overnight.

Absolutely refreshing on those hot and humid August days.

Want to submit a recipe? Send it to Pastor Tim!