

THE VOICE

ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

Nashville United Methodist Church

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 From
Pastor Fred

"This battle is not for you to fight; take your position, standstill, and see the victory of the Lord on your behalf..." (II Chronicles 20:17)

"One thing always leads to another..." I can remember my parents saying that when I was growing up. Sometimes it was offered as a word of caution; a reminder that choices and actions often had consequences that were unforeseen and unintended. "One thing always leads to another" could also be a gentle rebuke, a reminder that a few minutes thought might have saved me a whole tassel of trouble.

But sometimes consequences simply cannot be foreseen and no matter how long you contemplated a choice you would never have guessed the results of that choice. Such was the case for a Senior Adult outing to Meadowood Retirement Community. "One thing lead to another" and now Harry and Jeanne Turner have decided to become a part of the Meadowood community. Truly, our loss is Meadowood's gain.

Of course, it doesn't end there. This one thing leads to another thing. Jeanne will be stepping down as Office Manager the end of July. This leads us to yet another thing, the process of finding Jeanne's successor. And this thing has led

to several other things that will no doubt lead us to more things. There just doesn't seem to be an end to it.

All of this leads me to share two things with you (uh, oh, here we go again). First of all, the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) will be announcing who will be succeeding Jeanne as our new Office Manager on the first Sunday of July. I would deeply appreciate your prayers for the SPRC as they continue to work through that process. July will be a month of transition for all of us. Your prayers and patience will once again be greatly appreciated.

Secondly, I mentioned earlier that "one thing always leads to another" was sometimes offered as a word of caution or a gentle rebuke. But that phrase was sometimes offered as a word of hope and assurance as well; a reminder that God was always at work behind the scenes bringing to pass things we neither expected nor dared to hope. Remembering that our God, "who neither slumbers nor sleeps," knows "when we sit and when we stand, when we come in or go out" brings a sense of excitement and expectation to all those things that lead to other things.

"This battle is not for you to fight; take your position, stand still, and see the victory of the Lord on your behalf..." I'm learning that in a world where one thing always leads to another, and where I am so often blindsided by what that "thing" is, this is a good word to keep in mind. One thing does always lead to an-

other. And in that simple statement there is hope and assurance, promise and possibility, even victory and vindication.

In Christ' love,

Pastor Fred Haywood

Vacation Bible School

This year's Vacation Bible School will be held on **July 11-15, 2011**, with a theme of "Shake it Up Cafe: Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe."

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Thoughts From Pastor Peggy

This year at Annual Conference we had a speaker called Marcia McFee. Marcia has a doctorate in Worship and nobody leads worship like she does. I had heard her speak before and am always blessed by her. I remember hearing her say in one of her past lectures that worship is not about me (us) but it is about God. I recall her saying Worship is not about what I want but about what God wants. She had said it is important to do different things in worship. She said there are so many different people in worship who all have different parts of the worship service, different styles of worship, and different needs in worship that bless them. I also remembered her saying that the attitude we come to worship with makes all the difference. I had forgotten about some of what she said until I heard her speak again. As I was reminded of Marcia McFee's words from a few years ago I was inspired to write the following newsletter article.

Not so long ago I attended a play/musical. I went to the production having a preconceived idea of what I hoped to hear sung and what I wanted it to be like. At first, I came away disappointed. It did not inspire me or fulfill my expectations. I wanted to feel refreshed and renewed in some old songs that I had once been inspired by. After Fred and I talked (we both were disappointed) about it we realized the production was actually done very well and we had come with preconceived notions about what we wanted but that was not what we got. What we got was evidently what God had intended

for us to get. It was a good performance, but not the quality of our expectations. As I thought about this performance, my expectations, and what I received I realized that the attitude I went to the play with and having preconceived notions affected the enjoyment level of what was presented and affected the appreciation level that I had for those presenting the play/musical.

I believe that we too do the same thing often when we attend church. We come with a preconceived notion of what we want and what we expect. We often come with certain expectations of how we want things done and how we think things should be done. When I go to a church other than the NUMC I do the same thing and then God has to remind me that it is not about me (or us). Worship is not about my feelings or what I want, it is about what God wants and what direction God wants the service to go. No matter what I want I must defer and trust God and God's judgment on what needs to be said, sung, or done during worship. If I do not defer to God then I have no place in leading his service.

Worship is all about attitude and who we are coming to worship. If we come with an open heart, no expectations, trusting God to give us just what he would have us to get from the service we will be blessed. A critical attitude will not be blessed. When we come with a heart of joy, ready to praise God, no expectations, trusting God to give us what he chooses that particular day then we will not be disappointed. An attitude of gratitude to God makes all the difference in the world. We

cannot have an attitude of gratitude unless we pray and surrender our expectations and negative feelings before we come to worship (and sometimes again during worship). It is important to pray for the leading and filling of the Holy Spirit and that Satan and all his forces and distractions and negativity be bound by the power of the blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Psalms 100, reminds us that we are to worship the Lord with gladness and enter his gates with thanksgiving. I often have to remind myself of having an attitude of gratitude and I am sure I am not the only one in this position. God Bless and have a great July.

In Christ's Love,
Peggy Haywood



Tuesday Bible Study

Breaking Free: the Journey, the Stories taught by Beth Moore

Beth leads study participants through the Scriptures to discover the transforming power of freedom in Jesus Christ. Themes for this study come from Isaiah, a book about the captivity of God's children, the faithfulness of God, and the road to freedom.

This in-depth women's Bible study draws parallels between the captive Israelites of the Old Testament and New Testament believers in Jesus as the Promised Messiah. Beth looks at the Book of Isaiah through the lives of the kings who ruled during the prophet's ministry. These kings exemplify many of the obstacles to freedom with which we must deal. Using Scripture to help identify spiritual strongholds in your life,

Missions News

Prayer Shawls

If you are a knitter, crocheter, or quilter (or can even just tie a knot) and would like to have a time to share while helping others, you may be interested in a new monthly NUMC group: the **Heart and Hands Fellowship**. After they are blessed, the finished projects will go to area agencies or residents who need a baby blanket or prayer blanket/shawl. The group will meet the fourth Tuesday afternoon at 1:00. If there is interest in an evening group one can be started. Contact Jan Greenlee, Brenda Roush or Laura Stuart for more information.



- We give because we love God.
- We give because it is what Christians do.
- We give because it is what United Methodists do.
- We give to make ministry and mission happen.
- We give because, together, we can do what no one individual or congregation can do separately.

To what do we give?

We give so our congregation can be in ministry and mission. We also give for the ministries and missions that we only can do together, or that we do better when we do them together. Our giving through the connection of The United Methodist Church takes many forms.

Among the most significant are:

- 1. Apportionments**— They are our first mile of mission giving. They form the framework for the rest of our connectional ministry and mission.
- 2. Designated Giving**— Through The Advance individuals, groups and congregations may choose to donate to any of the ministries and missions in the United States and around the world. (e.g: Haiti, Japan and South US relief) The General Board of global Ministries approves all projects, and 100 percent of all donations goes directly to the cause, with administrative costs paid by World Service.
- 3. World Service Special Gifts**— These provide the opportunity for “second-mile” giving to special projects of general church agencies. Again, 100 percent goes to the selected projects.
- 4. Churchwide Special Sundays with Offerings**— Six churchwide special Sundays provide for churchwide offerings to express our commitment: Human Relations Day,

One Great Hour of Sharing, Native American Ministries Sunday, Peace with Justice Sunday, United Methodist Student Day and World Communion Sunday. These special Sundays approved by General Conference are the only Sundays with churchwide emphases. When we each contribute we see how God can use our gifts to bless countless others and advance hope in Christ’s name. Thank you for the part you play in NUMC’s mission work!

Stock Up!

Help our local food pantries by placing the following supplies in the collection bins in the Narthex:

- St. Vincent de Pau – Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Salvation Army – Cereal
- Mother’s Cupboard – Dry macaroni, or #10 cans of green beans, corn, fruit

Cash donations may also be placed in the offering plate made out to NUMC with a note to “Stock the Shelves.” Thank you!

Southern U.S., Japan, & Haiti Relief

For news and information about UMCOR relief efforts:

Southern U.S., visit www.umcor.org.

Japan Earthquake-Tsunami, visit <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/work/emergencies/japan/>.

Haiti, visit www.umc.org/haiti, www.umc.org and www.church-worldservice.org.

Lu Brunnermer, Jan Greenlee
Mission Co-chairs

NUMC Giving

Why do we give?

Christians give through their church for many reasons, including – but not limited to – the following:

- We give because God first gave to us.

(Bible Study continued from pg 2)

no matter how big or small, Beth explains that anything that hinders us from the benefits of knowing God is bondage. Join Beth Moore on a Bible journey unlike any other. God intends for you to know and believe Him, glorify Him, experience His peace, and enjoy His presence.

When: began Tuesday, June 7, and lasting until August 16

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Where: Fellowship Hall

Contact: Laura Stuart, 988-9072, or by e-mail L_dstuart@yahoo.com

Note: There is a \$15 cost for each member book. Please sign up in advance so that appropriate number of books may be purchased.



Ushers & Greeters in Service for July

Ushers: Jerry and Pam Simo
Greeters: Jeanne and Harry Turner

Liturgists for July

July 3 - John Davis
July 10 - Jan Jan Greenlee
July 17 - Mel Hoefling
July 24 - Jim Brunnemer
July 31 - Jim Brunnemer

We still need some couples to serve as ushers on a monthly basis at the 10:30 service. You may contact Stan and Judy Collins at **317-878-9809** or **jandscollins@msn.com** or call the church office to sign up or if you have questions.

July Birthdays

7/2 Judy Collins
Mel Hoefling
Frank Buchanan
7/3 Ray Dillinger
7/7 Robert Bowden
7/8 Ben Housman
7/15 Rebecca Keith
7/16 Herbert Miller
7/17 Collie Rees
Martha Hulet
David Browning
7/21 Lucy Pruitt
7/22 Andrew Hensel
Dana Robertson
7/24 Jim Kelp
Wade Compton
Connie Snyder
7/25 Marianne Miller
Ray Browning Sr.

July Anniversaries



7/2 Jim and Lu Brunnemer
7/7 Jeff and Rhea Ellen Boley
7/10 Bill and Judy Zimmerman
7/11 Jim and Lois Gredy
7/13 Bill and Lucy Pruitt
7/14 Kim and Martha Sechler
Terry and Gloria Berryman

7/26 Terry Berryman
7/27 Danny Woodhouse
7/29 Robert Ormiston
7/31 Teresa Brown/Meadows
Amanda Trommater
Carrie Trommater



Music: "The Wesley Brothers and Church Music"

A sibling pair of ministers had a profound influence on church music. John and Charles Wesley impacted both England and America during the mid-1700s. John Wesley was a profound theologian, but Charles was the better-known hymn writer.

The brothers were raised in a strict Anglican form of worship. John responded to a limited view of worship by sharing that worship "must engage the whole person."

Charles broke from the traditional Anglican form of worship. Despite his formal training and his missionary service in the colony of Georgia, Charles lacked peace and joy in his heart and life. After returning to London, Charles met with a group of Moravians. While meeting with this group, Charles realized that salvation is through faith alone. This experience brought a spiritual enthusiasm in Charles that reflects in every facet of his ministry.

In all, Charles would write approximately 6,500 hymns. The motivation for his hymn writing was to communicate the many facets of the Christian life to Church people in a theologically sound fashion. Charles accomplished this by writing hymn texts and "fitting them to any popular tune that suited the meter and message of the lines."

More of the Wesley brothers to come . . . George Rice, Minister of Music

Have a Safe and Happy Independence Day Celebration!



UMW News

United Methodist Women

All women of the church are welcome to join us for good food, study, and fellowship! All meetings are on the 1st Thursday at 9:30 a.m. unless noted.

— Pam Simo

July Meeting – Prayer Walk

When: Thursday, July 7, 9:30 a.m.

Where: Susan Beck's home. Carpool from the church parking lot at 9:15 a.m.

Hostesses: Susan Beck and Reva Doliana.

Bring: Snacks for P.D.O.

Looking Ahead – August meeting

When: Thursday, Aug. 4

Where: Pam Simo's home. Meet at the church parking lot at 9:15 a.m. to carpool to Pam's home.

Who: Speaker from Lucille Raines Home

Devotions: Ruthann Bailey

Hostesses: Pam Simo and Judy Zimmerman

Bring: Canned spaghetti sauce for Salvation Army.

NUMY News

– Sarah Cochran

Programs:

7/6 – NO NUMY

7/9 – Car Wash at IGA 9:30 a.m. to raise money for 30-Hour Famine

7/11-15 – VBS

7/20 – 30-Hour Famine 8:00 a.m. at the church

7/25-30 – Brown County 4-H Fair

Social Concerns Committee



Action of the Month: July

(Estimated savings up to \$30 per year)

Set air conditioner thermostat to 78 degrees or higher

Tips:

1. For every degree you raise your AC thermostat, you should reduce your electric bill by 3%; likewise, for every degree you lower the temperature, you will increase your bill by 3%. (Good suggestions at www.planet-friendly.net/airconditioning.html).
2. Adjust the temperature one degree a week to help you adjust to the warmer air.
3. Use fans to help with less air conditioning.
4. Set thermostat higher than 78 degrees if away from home for an extended period of time.
5. Close shades or blinds during the day to keep out the sun.
6. Clean or change air conditioner filters monthly.
7. Reduce sources of heat in your home by cutting "phantom electricity." What is that???

"Phantom electricity" is electricity consumed by electronics even when they are not in use. For example, unplug toasters, coffee makers, and electric toothbrushes, etc. when not in use. Turn computers off completely when not in use. (Screen savers do not save energy). Goggle "phantom electricity," "vampire draw," "leaking electricity," for more suggestions.

Reducing energy consumption during peak summer heat, reduces the pressure on the electric grid preventing the possibility of brownouts and blackouts.

CLIP & POST ON YOUR FRIDGE!

Miscellaneous Announcements

Note from the Kitchen Committee:

Please be sure that opened food items are secured in either Zip Loc bags or plastic containers with secure lids and trash taken out after church gatherings involving food

New Movie Soon to be Released

The movie "Courageous" from the creators of the movie "Fireproof" will be released to Theaters in September 30th. It is a Christian movie that says "Honor Begins At Home" "Four men (Police Officers), one calling: To serve and protect. When tragedy strikes home, can newfound urgency help these dads draw closer to God... and to their children?"

SENIORS 2011 Outings Calendar (Tentative)

July, 17: This will be our mission outreach month for this year. Please plan on attending lunch together following Worship at the Brown County INN, then we will go to the Brown County Health & Living Center to provide Worship (2 p.m.) and if there is time before the service you may want to visit or if you wish to visit after the service you are welcome to. The Nashville UMC residents that are there currently are Stu Huffman, Marianne Miller, and Jean Harmon (Keith Fleener's mother). If you know of names not on this list that we should add to the list please let us know in the office.

August 14, (Sunday Afternoon) We will attend the musical performance of *How Great Thou Art* at the Palace Theater. We will go to the Holy Cow for supper following the performance. Please sign-up and pay for your ticket (tickets are \$16 for seniors, 60 and over, and \$18 for non-senior adults) by July 31st.

September 27, a visit a local entrepreneur.

October 25, Road Trip TBA

November 15, Lunch at Nashville UMC, Program - Medicare, Medicaid, Medicaid wavers,

hospice, what nursing facility accept, social security, supplemental insurance programs, burial insurance, etc. Please feel free to bring questions, friends, and family members. Guest Speaker.

December 4, Carry-in Lunch and program at Nashville UMC following 10:30 Worship Service, Musical Program Christmas thru the Ages performed by local talent.

Senior outings are open to all ages and everyone in the church and community. Invite your neighbors, friends, and family.



The focus of the Social Concerns Committee for 2011 is **THE ENVIRONMENT**, and the library has purchased some books that will help you focus on what we as individuals and as a church can do to protect what God has made. We told you earlier about *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamkwamba. If you haven't checked it out, we encourage you to do so. Another new book on the environment to check out:

The Green Church: Reduce • Reuse • Recycle • Rejoice, by Rebekah Simon-Peter. Citing Scripture and science, the author weaves together stories of Sabbath, gardening, recycling, camping, and the power of faith. She challenges us to consider our role in the care of creation and to help save the earth for future generations.

Calling all kids!!! We have some new books for the BIG RED BOOK TRAIN, all enchanting stories in their own right, but stories with lessons for all of us:

Babba and I Went Hunting Today. . . and God Sent a Sunset 'Cause My Babba is Sick. The title says it all, and the author, Stacy Barton, writes sensitively about talking with children regarding difficult illnesses.

Goodnight, Daddy, by Angela Seward. Author Angela Seward poignantly shows a little girl's love for her absent father and her disappointment when he doesn't show up as scheduled.

Silent Dreams, by Dandi Daley Mackall, tells a tale reflecting the kindness of community in the face of misfortune and the healing power of story.

Patrick Learns About Parkinson's Disease, by Kim Gosselin, tells the story of a special bond between friends.

Allie Learns About Alzheimer's Disease, by Kim Gosselin, is a family story about love, patience, and acceptance.

A is for Abigail: An Almanac of Amazing American Women, by Lynne Cheney, who says, "What American women have accomplished is truly amazing. In their dreams, hard work, and high achievement, all of us can find inspiration." This is an especially inspiring book for girls.

—Gloria Berryman

Little Yellow House Mission News



Hoorah for Summer! We are able to enjoy our beautifully mulched playground! Special thanks to the Cochran Family and NUMC Youth for making it look so terrific!

Kind thank you's to the United Methodist Women for a donation of snacks and cereal.

Thanks, too, to the Cook family for donations of food and cleaning supplies.

Many thanks to Alisha Gredy and girls for donations of toys, clothes and other goodies.

Thanks to Linda Baker, former custodian, for a large donation of boy clothes. Some we kept, others we gave to needy families.

A big shout out to the Roush family for donation of clothes and toys. Also thanks to the Turners for a new vacuum cleaner to replace the "smoking" one.

Thanks also to Rita Simon for paper supplies and a yummy jello treat after Sunday's church.

It takes a Village!

Blessings! Melanie

PS: Our state inspection was 100 percent for this half of 2011. Kudos to a fantastic PDO staff!

PDO needs:

SNACKS

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| Honey Nut Cheerios | |
| Honey Sweetened Cereals | |
| Shredded Wheat | Snack Crackers |
| Saltines | Cheeze-Its |
| Graham crackers | Peanuts |
| Raisins | Applesauce |
| Canned Fruits: | Peaches |
| Pears | Pineapple |
| Oranges | Mixed Fruit |
| Chips (Corn) | Salsa |
| Popcorn | Trail Mix |
| Pretzels | Fruit Snacks |
| Fresh Fruits | Juices |
| Yogurts | Seasonal Treats |
| Goldfish | Ketchup |
| Ranch dressing | Paper plates |

ACTIVITY SUPPLIES

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| Foamy paper | Shakers |
| Stick on shapes | Glue |
| Gluesticks | Glitter glue |
| Glitter | Tissue paper |
| Stamp arts | Beads |
| Craft supplies | Watercolors |
| Finger paints and paper | Crayons |
| Magic Markers | |
| Coloring Books | |
| Seasonal Ready-to Use Craft Projects | |
| Playground vehicles | |
| Playground stand-alone equipment | |
| Balls | |

CLEANING SUPPLIES

- Magic erasers
- Clorox wipes
- Lysol spray
- Sponge pads

Angel Donations needed at PDO!



Help a family by sponsoring one day of child care with a tax-deductible donation of \$25.00 or more!

Your generosity will support this important NUMC mission.

Vacation Bible School











Vacation Bible School is coming on **July 11-15, 2011**. We have a wonderful opportunity to minister to the children in our community. There will be a morning and an evening VBS. Morning is for Pre-schoolers and evening K-elementary. Also, if needed, there may be a class in the evening for Preschoolers. Please contact Laura Stuart (812-988-9072) or the Church Office (812-988-4666) if you can help. We need teachers, leaders, skit presenters and rooms decorated, craft people, storytellers, etc. If any Sunday School Class or group in the church would like to help that would also be greatly appreciated. You are needed at "The Shake IT Up Cafe".

Also, if you have children or grandchildren who will be attending please pick up a registration form in the church entryway and fill it out and turn it into the church office as soon as possible or watch for a copy to be added to the website at www.gbmg-umc.org/nashvilleumc/ then fill it out and email it to the church office at nashvillemetho@sbcglobal.net

Please keep Vacation Bible School in your Prayers. Mark 9:36-37, He (Jesus) took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."



JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School  10:30 Worship	4 Independence Day Church Office will be closed No Scouts	5	6 No NUMY	7	1 8 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Folding 12:00 Scrap-booking wknd	2 9 NUMY Car Wash – 9:30 a.m. IGA
10 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School  10:30 Worship	11 7:00 p.m. Scouts  7:00 p.m. Missions/ Evangelism	12	13 6-8 p.m. NUMY	14 7:00 p.m. Finance	15 9 a.m. Bulletin Folding	16 4:00 p.m. Eskins/Williams wedding 7-9 p.m. Cub Scout mtg.
17 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School  10:30 Worship Seniors meet for lunch at BC Inn and 2:00 worship service at Health and Living Center	18 7:00 p.m. Scouts 	19 6:00 p.m. PDO	20 6-8 p.m. NUMY – 30-Hour Famine	21 7:00 p.m. Fallfare Meeting (FH) 7:00 p.m. Trustees Gathering Place	22 9 a.m. Bulletin Folding Trommater Wedding Rehearsal	23 Trommater Wedding
24 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School  10:30 Worship Education meeting following 10:30 service	25 7:00 p.m. Scouts 	26 1 p.m. Knitters 7:00 p.m. Church Council	27 NO NUMY	28	29 9:00 a.m. Bulletin folding	30
31 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School  10:30 Worship 5 th Sunday Dinner hosted by UMW						