

September 2023

First United Methodist Church of Murphy

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Our **Mission** is to:

Live as a community transformed by God's grace, sent to love and serve like Jesus.

Our **Vision** is to:

Build communities of hope where all people experience belonging and abundant life.



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Dear Murphy First,

In our August Administrative Council meeting, I asked everyone to think about and then share ways they have been changed by God's grace. It really caught my attention how often people said they were changed by God's grace through another person—whether interactions through service, a mentor, children, or some type of church group.

During September, I'm continuing a series on Transformation—taking a look at Romans 12 and our church's mission statement: "To live as a community transformed by God's grace, sent to love and serve like Jesus."

It really is the case that one of the most powerful ways we are changed is through relationships. (Which happens to be one of our church's core values...) The people we rub shoulders with shape how we think and act. Our relationships can teach us good habits, or reinforce bad ones.

Just last week, I was telling someone how glad I am that being part of Murphy FUMC lets me be around so many good men. I'm a better friend, husband, and father because of the men in this church.

I think it is so important that we intentionally spend time together—in service, prayer, study, and fellowship. And it's not just me who thinks that. The writer of Hebrews said, "Don't neglect meeting together...but provoke one another on to love" (Hebrews 10:24-25). And Proverbs says "Iron sharpens iron as one person sharpens the wits of another" (Proverbs 27:17). Jesus says, "Wherever two or three are gathered in my name, I'm there with them" (Matthew 18:20).

This summer, we had a Mom's small group meeting on Wednesday mornings. I think if you asked the Moms who participated, they'd tell you what a blessing it was to them.

If you don't have a regular group in which you are seeking God through study, prayer, fellowship, or service, I want to encourage you: now's the time. Or in the words of Paul from Romans 12: I appeal to you by the mercies of God.

Maybe it's the choir, or a Sunday school class, or a weekday prayer meeting at Main Street. Or maybe it's something new that you start. Whatever it is, I hope you'll seek out ways to be transformed by God's grace in community with others.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Wil



Fellowship Potluck Lunch

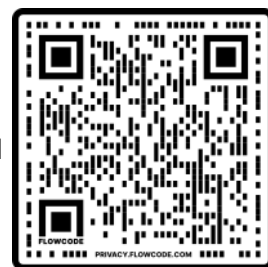
ATTENTION!!! DUST OFF THOSE CHURCH COOK-BOOKS & PICK OUT YOUR FAVORITE RECIPES!!!!

We are bringing back our monthly potluck lunch following worship on the 3rd Sunday of every month from September through May! The first group to host is the Administrative Council, who will be responsible for set up, serving and clean up. The church will furnish paper products and drinks. It has been far

too long since we were able to enjoy a traditional Methodist fellowship meal together, so please make plans to bring something tasty and join in the fun on Sept. 17th!

CHURCH FAMILY, occasionally we need to ask everyone to reconsider the ways in which each of us may participate in the ministries of the church. Interests and circumstances can change with time, so we are asking everyone to use the link included, or scan this QR code, to prayerfully consider each area of service listed. For each item, select "Yes" whenever you feel God tugging at your heart. God bless you all and thank you for your service to God and His church.

LINK: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdpVZJzfH7HMNfCQk3fv0aOOvT4nbGw8Aw_Fpnh5ZeIgvthHA/viewform



Last month, the church membership team sent a letter, form and self addressed, stamped return envelope to everyone listed as a member of the church for whom we had an address. If you or a family member did NOT receive this communication, PLEASE notify the church, either by calling the office at 828-837-2718 or emailing Maggie at admin@murphyfirstumc.org as soon as possible. We are trying to bring our roll up to date and we need your help!



NOTICE to all church members with children:

It has come to our attention that the correct status for baptized children of current members should be "Baptized Member" unless they have already completed Confirmation or been received as full members by profession of faith. To make sure that we have the children recorded correctly, if your children are baptized and not yet confirmed, PLEASE notify the church of the date and location of where the baptism took place for each child. If you would like to have your child baptized into the Family of God, please speak with Pastor Wil.



United
Women
in Faith

WILLING HANDS All Around: August has been a busy month for us and September is about to get even busier. In August we often get requests for shorts and shoes for the elementary school. In addition, we gather backpacks and school supplies for all three school levels so kids are ready to go back to school. This year we got 57 backpacks: 12 to elementary, 20 to middle school, and 25 to high school, plus a box of supplies went to every school. We were also very pleased with how United Women in Faith Sunday went on August 20th. During September, we are preparing for our WHITE TAG SALE, which is a huge fundraiser for us. We will begin sorting and organizing on Monday, Sept. 18th through 21st in the Community Room, and the actual Sale will take place on Friday the 22nd from 8am to 5pm, and on Saturday the 23rd from 8am to 2pm.

Donations for the White Tag Sale can be dropped off at church any time during open hours (9am-1pm, Monday—Thursday), or by calling the church office to set up an appointment time.

Neither the Willing Hands Circle nor the Greeting Card Ministry will meet in September due to prep for the Sale, but will start again in October.

Know that all women in our church family, and also the community, are invited to these meetings and events. Feel free to contact any member of our United Women in Faith group or call Nancy Jo Willis at 850-428-3636 or Karen Watson at 828-361-9520. For more information about the Card Ministry, contact Sharon Francis at 828-646-1105.



Moms Group

First of all we would like to say a huge thank you to all of the staff and volunteers that made this summer possible for our weekly mom's group.

Having childcare for a couple hours each week provided us the time to spend together as moms to focus on our personal relationships with God and one another. It was such a special time. So much so that we will be continuing through the fall.

We will start back Wednesday Sept 13th. If you are a young mom or know a young mom who would like to join us, please let us know- we'll send more details and would love to have more join us.

Thank you again to all who have made this time possible for moms by providing childcare!

If interested in participating, please contact Lea Posey at 386-688-3329 or Kendra Fokakis at 601-466-3089.



Thank you to everyone who helped make VBS special this year! We had around 30 kids each night who came to learn about how we receive and share with others God's daily bread.

New this year, we added a preschool class (which was a hit!) and ended with a food truck party. Thanks to the generosity of the church, we were able to provide a meal and snow cone to every child and volunteer.

Thank you for helping our children learn, grow in faith, raise money for missions, and have fun!

The VBS team



Murphy FUMC Preschool

This summer, the Preschool Committee has been working through the ins and outs of what it takes to get our Montessori-based preschool program off the ground. That includes work to repair and update parts of the community room where the program will operate, working out details of the program, picking up and putting furniture in temporary storage, and more.

While we still have work we are doing, here at two important updates.

Our current timeline has us looking at starting the program in January 2024. That gives time to complete building repair, work out program details, advertise and enroll kids.

We are excited to share that we were awarded a \$50,000 grant from the NC Rural Center to help with start-up costs for the program! \$30k for the first year, and \$10k each of the next 2 years. This comes through our participation in the NC Rural Center's Community Connect program that helps churches work with community partners to solve a community challenge. We're excited and grateful for this grant!

We've included a FAQ sheet (see page 6) from a previous newsletter that might address other questions you might have.

Please continue to keep this program in your prayers! We know it is a big need in our community, and are grateful that we are able to help make a difference.

NEW Sunday School!!

In our mission statement, we talk about living as a community transformed by God's grace. One of the most powerful ways to experience God's transforming grace is by seeing God together in a group, such as a Sunday school class or other small group gathering.

On September 10, we are starting 2 new Sunday School classes:

- A young adult class using video-based studies through Amplify Media (a branch of Cokesbury). We'll meet upstairs in the Education Building.
- An Elementary School Sunday School class, for all Elementary kids, also meeting upstairs in the Education Building.

Both classes will last from 9:45am-10:45am.

Children's Church

This year when our kids leave the sanctuary for Nursery and Children's Church, our K-2 nd grade kids will get a new experience that lets them explore worship by "playing" with different elements of worship: setting up their own worship space, exploring the Lord's prayer, experiencing the significances of baptism and communion, and more. We're excited to give this opportunity to our kids!

While birth-preschool kids will remain in the nursery on the main floor of the Education Building, the K-2nd grade group will be upstairs in the room also used for Sunday School.

Preschool FAQ

Where will it be located? In the Community Room (beneath the Sanctuary). This room has been many things in FUMC's history—Sharing Center, youth center, fellowship hall, and kindergarten/preschool. This space is ideal for a Montessori-based program and allows us to serve the most kids/families, and does not impact offices or other routine operations.

What are the days/times of operation? It will be 3-days/week, 3.5hrs/day.

Who will it serve? Children 3-6yrs old. It will be available to families in the church and wider community. The preschool plans to have "scholarship" or needs-based spots available in order to provide a high quality education to kids who otherwise might not have that opportunity.

How much will it cost? \$250/month

When will it start? Our updated goal is to begin January 2024. There are several factors at play, including work in the room, ironing out details of the program, advertising and enrolling. We agree that a good start is more important than a fixed timeline., but believe this is realistic.

Why only part-time? In our own research and research we accessed through larger agencies, we learned that there are multiple needs related to childcare and preschool in our area. Part-time preschool is a clearly identified need, and is a place where we as a church are suited to step in and meet a need.

What does that mean for space? The Preschool will take up most of the Community Room, but there will be a portion that will be available for adult use at non-school operating times. Handbell and Choir rooms are unaffected. It's great that more and more groups are using church spaces; it also means it's increasingly important that all events/meetings get scheduled through the church office.

How will it be funded? Grant funding will help with start-up costs and material/training purchases. As it gets underway, student tuition will make the school be a self-supporting ministry of Murphy FUMC. It's likely we'll have a Preschool fundraiser as part of our annual rhythm. Donations to help with scholarship slots are always welcome!

Who will oversee it? The Preschool will be run by a Lead and Assistant Teacher. They will be employees of the church, and report to a Preschool Committee appointed by Admin Council, including a representative from SPPRC, Trustees, Finance, Pastor, a preschool parent, and other members as needed.

What can we do? Pray! This is a big undertaking, and it is one we believe is right in line with God's vision for Murphy FUMC. We ask everyone to be praying for the Preschool and the potential kids/families blessed by its existence. If you want to make a donation to support the preschool, that is another great way to help get the school going and help us offer scholarship slots.



The Mission Team organized a food drive to help families with students in the Cherokee County school system. (There is a month long gap between summer feeding programs and the start of school.) Thanks to generous donations from the congregation, we were able to send bags of non-perishable food to students. We were greatly assisted by Rev. Turner from the Texana community and Cherokee County Social Services. Huge thanks to everyone who donated, helped pack food and showed up at the church on distribution days.



We gave away 43 bags of groceries. The beautiful lunch bags decorated by the children at VBS were filled with nutritious snacks and given to the students! The Mission Team hopes to continue and expand this project in the future.

Members of the Mission Team, Cobby and Diane Barfield, visited the Still Place during the month of August. They guided an art project, served lunch, and got to know the families. They also volunteered for a "parents night out" by spending time with three beautiful, smart, talented little girls while the parents went out for a meal and much needed relaxation. There were dramatic adventures created with stuffed animals, a pizza making contest, games and tons of giggles. If you are interested in volunteering at the Still Place, let Diane Barfield know.



Willing Hands Backpacks & Supplies Drive



23 backpacks and a box of school supplies for Murphy High School students



20 backpacks and a box of school supplies for Murphy Middle School students



12 backpacks and a box of school supplies for Murphy Elementary School students



Mea culpa Folks, as the editor of the church newsletter, I alone am responsible for the mistakes that appear here, not the Church. On occasion I have missed members' birthdays and/or anniversaries and inadvertently left them out of the monthly newsletter. With 681 members on the current roll, many of them long gone from the area, and my own limited personal knowledge of "current" members, I will make mistakes and I ask for your forgiveness and patience as the membership team attempts to update the roll. Please don't blame the Church for my mistakes. Thank you.

Sue Bell, FUMC Communicator Editor



GENESIS & REVELATION CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13TH

FROM 3:15-4:30PM

Murphy First United Methodist Church

www.murphyfirstumc.org/music

GENESIS CHOIR
AGE 4-2ND GRADE

REVELATION CHOIR
3RD-5TH GRADE



WHITE TAG SALE

COME CHECK OUT
ALL THE GOODIES

JEWELRY
HOME GOODS
KITCHEN
SMALL APPLIANCES
TOYS
LINENS
HOLIDAY DECOR
BOOKS

FRI, SEPT. 22
8AM - 5PM

SAT, SEP. 23
8AM - 12PM

MURPHY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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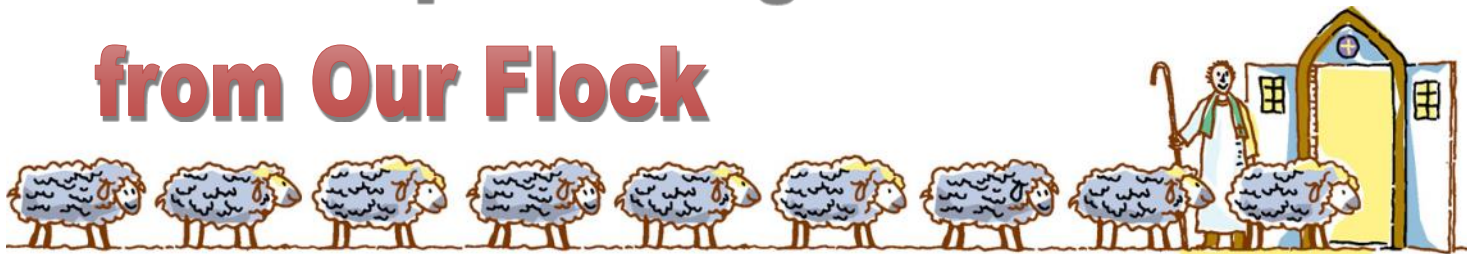
**Donations for the White Tag Sale can be dropped off
at church 9am-1pm, Monday—Thursday, or by calling
the church office to set up an appointment time.**

Church happenings worth celebrating:

The SPPRC (Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee) and the Finance Committee held a joint meeting on July 24 to collaborate planning details for a new ministry of the church. Plans are underway to implement a part time, 3 days a week, 3-4 hours a day Montessori-based pre-school program. This is not to be a full time childcare center, and the preschool will be located in the newly renovated community room in the basement of our Sanctuary. The preschool will be a self sustaining, private paid program with a designated number of scholarship opportunities available for families in the community needing assistance. Two experienced, certified teachers will be leading the teaching and programming. The need for childcare and children's programs are great in our area and the preschool was fortunate to receive a \$50,000.00 grant to assist with this endeavor through the NC Rural Center. The grant funding will help greatly in getting things set up and going. The current plan is to open the preschool in January of 2024.

Another celebration to report is a successful summer Mom's Small Group program held on Wednesday mornings during the summer. Nursery workers were available in the church nursery to care for the children of mothers involved in the group gathering. Funds were available to pay nursery workers from a generous donation. The mothers who participated in the summer program expressed gratitude for the opportunity to study God's word with other mothers and visit, while allowing their children to be happily cared for in the nursery and on the playground. The Mom's Small Group program will resume this fall and continue using donated funds to cover the cost of nursery workers.

Lost Sheep Missing from Our Flock



In our effort to reach out to all of our members, the following list represents folks for whom our address is invalid. If you know how to reach any of these people, please send the information to Sue Bell via the church office.

* Rita Baxter	* George & Diane Jurand	* Larry & Charlotte Schwalm
* Calvin Beaver	* Susie Kahl	* Mark Simmons
* Kathy Beaver	* Jonathan King	* Price Stiles
* Mike & Terry Benson	* Grant Lindsay	* Casey & Shannon Stuart
* Dennis Blakemore	* Phillip & Virginia Mattox	* Karen Talak
* Mary Caroline Bondurant	* Beverly Murano	* Addison & Liz Wareham
* Larry & Geri Heier	* Melody Nichols	* Nolan & Lena Wilcox
* Jessie Holmes	* Geoff Rollins	* Ellen Winchester
*	*	* John & Tina Woods

As other letters are returned as undeliverable, we will update this list and continue to ask for your help in locating our “lost sheep”.

Our 2023 Back to School Blessing!



The next Soul Table meal is scheduled for Thursday, September 7th and will be serving baked spaghetti and rolls. Single serve desserts are needed and would be greatly appreciated!



The following letter was published in the *Cherokee Scout* to promote Soul Table and solicit community sponsors.

Dear Neighbor:

The Soul Table is a mission of First United Methodist Church of Murphy. The program started out as a free lunch once a month, but has expanded and become much more. We are about to celebrate our one year anniversary and expand to two times a month—first and third Thursdays from 11:30 to 1:00. We have also been able to connect with our neighbors and learn more about them, their wishes and needs. Through Soul Table the Mission Team is reaching out to more and more members of our community. It has been, and will continue to be, a wonderful learning experience for our church members

Because of the bigger scope of Soul Table, we are asking for businesses, groups and individuals to consider sponsoring one or more Soul Table meals. Some of the options for sponsoring include:

1. Fully sponsor a meal (provide the food, cook, serve and clean up in our fellowship hall)
2. Serve, visit with our neighbors and help clean up.
3. Provide funds for a meal. Each meal costs up to \$100 but we try to keep it as economical as possible. No food goes to waste. It is shared with the food bank, homeless shelter and taken home by our guests.
4. Bring and share information about services and resources you might provide to the community. Eat and talk with our neighbors.
5. Any combination of the above AND/OR your own creative ideas.

Soul Table is an opportunity to serve others. The meal is brought to the table on china and our guests are served by volunteers. Decorations and music make the time comforting and special. In addition to our regular meals, we will be offering a special Thanksgiving and Christmas meal. Anyone in the community is welcome to attend. We are finding that loneliness is a huge problem in our area and people need to be with others. Soul Table offers that opportunity. We hope that you will consider joining this effort, even if you just come to eat. Please contact us if you need more information or if you would like to sponsor in some way.

Thank you,

First United Methodist Church Mission Team

Contact: Cobby Barfield, cobbyb@yahoo.com, 8285579408





Community Events

SHARING TABLES MEETING NEIGHBORS LEARNING STORIES

Common Ground is a grassroots organization working for peace and justice in WNC through education, advocacy, & community building that is inclusive & intentional. We believe in the sacred worth of every person and are committed to finding & creating common ground where everyone can flourish & belong.

Purpose

We create spaces to grow in love, acceptance, respect, and understanding of all.

Contact

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Sue Corley

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pastorsuecorley@gmail.com

Wil Posey

386-647-6181
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Common Ground(s)

We typically meet for coffee on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. 1pm @ Rare Bird Emporium. Purchase a drink and join in sharing what you're learning. Books, podcasts, stories, experiences. We're all here to learn & grow.

Calendar *requires reservation for planning purposes

- **June 26, 2023**
Unto These Hills Event- Cherokee, NC
\$45/person* Leave Murphy 5pm
- **July 25, 2023**
National Center for Civil & Human Rights
Martin Luther King, Jr National Historic Park
\$30/person* Leave Murphy AM return PM
- **August 10, 2023**
Community Supper & Stories
FREE and fun! 6pm - 7:30pm
- **September 14, 2023**
Community Supper & Picnic at Konaheta Park
FREE and fun! 6pm - 8pm (weather permitting)
- **October 12, 2023**
Community Supper & Stories
FREE and fun! 6pm - 7:30pm
- **November 9, 2023**
Community Supper & Stories
FREE and fun! 6pm - 7:30pm
- **December 21, 2023**
Service of Hope
Refreshments provided
- **February 2024**
Celebrate Black History Month & MLK Jr Day
TBD

Connect with us

Sign up here to receive updates & hear more about events



ATTENTION ALL HANDBELL RINGERS! Suzanne will be participating in this festival and workshop and encourages everyone interested to attend. It will include sessions on techniques as well as three pieces of music. The Wesley Ringers group will return to weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, Sept. 13th.

HANDBELL WORKSHOP AND FESTIVAL

Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023

9:00am-4:00pm

\$45 per group

Registration deadline August 15

LOCATION

All Saints Lutheran Church
83 Earl Shelton Rd.
Blairsville, GA

**Presented by
VALLEY RIVER RINGERS**

***MORE INFO
KAY POINDEXTER***

POINDEXTERKAY15@GMAIL.COM

321-863-1971





Keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Ruth Vespasian; Scott Adams; Tony Licata; Matt Licata; Trina Iurilli; Christine Iurilli; Carl Swanson; Ukraine and its people; Paul Britten; Veronica Bright; Arlene Murphy; Harrell Barfield; David Hotchkiss; David Chapman; Misty; Carl Auvil; Dor Schmid; Dorothy Purcell; Elizabeth Thompson and family; Beth Loudy; Lori Alvior; Harrison Gray; Michael Dlosko and family.

If you have specific prayer needs, fill out and submit a blue Prayer Request Card, or call the church office or pastor (828-837-2718), or email the Prayer Team at: prayfumc@gmail.com.



Safe Sanctuary Training & CPR/First Aid Training

On Sunday, Sept. 24 at 9:30am we will have a Safe Sanctuary training in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone who volunteers with children, youth, or vulnerable adults, **MUST** take this training every 2 years.

While many have taken online training over the last year or so, there's nothing like doing the training in person with fellow church members.

If you volunteer in the nursery, help with VBS or Alpha, children's music, or special programs, please sign up.

After worship on the same day, you have the opportunity to take a CPR and First Aid certification class in Fellowship Hall. There is a cost for certification.

To register for either of these sessions, text Grant Corrigan at 727-282-9607 or email him at grant.corrigan@gmail.com.



Children's Volunteer SCHEDULE

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS	OFFERING COUNTERS	SUNDAY NURSERY HELP
Monday, Sept 11,18: Liz Pipes	Sept 05: Janie Forrister, Karen Watson	Sept 03: Terri Stroup, Rob & Mary Robertson
Tuesday, Sept 5,12,19,26: Linda Ray	Sept 12: Dottie Wershing Anita Sloan	Sept 10: Esther Manchester, Kevin Mendoza, Liz Pipes, Lea Posey, John Snow,III
Wednesday, Sept 13,20,27: Marilyn Jones	Sept 19: Catharine Brown Dottie Wershing	Sept 17: Kayla Clonts, Nikol Ed- wards, Katrina Palmer, Kathryn Jenkins
Thursday, Sept 7: Marilyn Jones Thursday Sept 14,21,28: Dottie Wershing	Sept 26: Karen Watson Anita Sloan	Sept 24: Erin Brophy, Monica Matthews, Nikki Washburn, Tori Hughes, Lindsay Campana
OPEN: Wednesday, Sept 6, Monday, Sept 25	Oct 03: open open	



STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENTS FOR SEPTEMBER***

We ask that you come to church on Sundays or continue to watch our Sunday worship livestream platform and stay in touch with your friends and family.

Cross Bearer: James Jallah***

Acolytes: Agnes & Agna Jallah***

Reader/Liturgist: Robin Burnette***

Offering Prayer: TBD***

Greeters: Anita Sloan & Sue Bell***

Pew Maintenance: Welcoming Committee

Communion Preparation: Worship Committee

Fellowship Lunch Host: Administrative Council

Counters: Janie Forrister, Karen Watson, Dottie Wershing, Catharine Brown, Anita Sloan

Office Volunteers: Liz Pipes, Linda Ray, Marilyn Jones, Dottie Wershing

TRUSTEE On Call: Ricky Hill (919-222-3551)

Communications Team: [Sue Bell](#), [Nancy Jo Willis](#), [Lori Nicholson](#), [Diane Barfield](#), [Marji Hill](#)

*** Substitutes can occur.

In September,
FLOWERS
for the altar each
Sunday will be
provided by:

Sept 3—**OPEN**
Sept 10—Norma Jean Kemp
Sept 17—**OPEN**
Sept 24—Grant & Maggie
Corrigan

To reserve a Sunday in 2023
to provide altar flowers, please
call the church office at 828-
837-2718. Thank You!

Trustee on Call for September:
Ricky Hill (919-222-3551)



for submitting information
for the **October** edition of the
newsletter!

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

SERVING IN WORSHIP



Serving in Worship

If you are interested in
serving as a Liturgist,
Crucifer or Acolyte (age
7+), please contact Kathryn
Jenkins at (404) 395-2390
or
rkjenkins330@gmail.com.



on
Monday
September
4th

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Music—Suzanne West

music@murphyfirstumc.org

Maggie Corrigan—Admin Asst

admin@murphyfirstumc.org

Patty Singer—Nursery Assistant

Mary Lee—Nursery Assistant

Marlene Gray—Nursery Assistant

CALLING ALL ABLE BODIED FOLKS OF THE CHURCH!



A small group of volunteers tries to meet every few weeks, just before Easter Sunday until the fall season, to keep the cemetery at Harshaw Chapel mowed and trimmed. We have access to two riding lawn mowers in addition to string trimmers and battery and gasoline push mowers, but we need more help. If a few additional people would be willing to help us with this work, please contact Flip Watson at 828-361-9519 to add your name to the list. The more helpers we have, the quicker the work. Thank you!

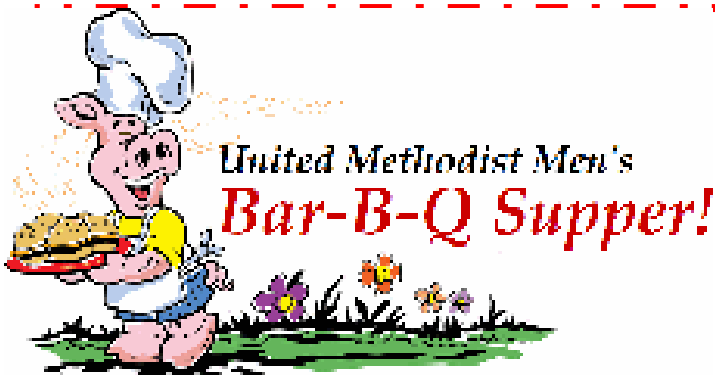
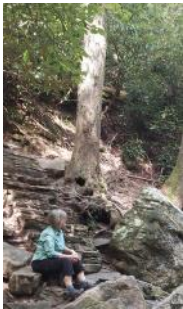
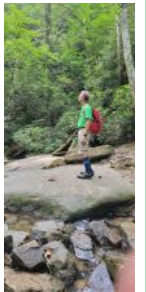


FUMC KAYAKING & HIKING GROUP



The Hiking/Kayaking group had a great outing to Benton Falls. Always a learning experience when Dr. Dan is along to identify the wildflowers. Be on the lookout for an outing soon. If you want to be on our email group, send your email address to cobbyb@yahoo.com or follow us on our Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/263176598339074>



The **Cherokee County United Methodist**

Men announce their First Annual BBQ

Dinner!!!! It will be held in Fellowship

Hall on Saturday, September 30th from

4:30-6:30pm. The meal will include **beef brisket, smoked chicken breast, pork sau-**

sage, beans, potato salad, bread, desserts and drinks. Tickets are \$10 for adults with discounts for children. Carry out is available. The proceeds go to the local missions supported by the group.



THIS MONTH'S birthdays

09/02—John Bruce
 09/04—Jackson Badger; Nora Posey
 09/05—Bill Hughes
 09/06—Dawn Tanner
 09/07—Janie Forrister; Marji Hill
 09/09—Pam Messenger; Diane Sims
 09/11—John Joyner Snow, IV
 09/12—Bette Feistkorn; Sharon Hotchkiss;
 Emma Laney; Ellie Martin
 09/13—Martha Palmer; Nadia Svitil
 09/14—Alaina Palmer
 09/15—Matt White
 09/17—Cora Edwards; Steve Smith
 09/19—Hazel Harris
 09/24—Nancy Cate; Marie Kumar
 09/27—Dottie Wershing
 09/28—Dan Stroup
 09/29—Debbie Alringer; Andrew White
 09/30—Harbour Clonts; Bill Tanner



THIS MONTH'S anniversaries

09/01—Tim & Lori Nicholson
 09/03—Tom & Jane Payne
 09/04—Flip & Karen Watson
 09/08—John & Rachel Snow, III
 09/19—Jim & Sheila Jordan
 09/25—William & Connie Madden
 09/26—Danny & Karen Lawrence
 09/28—Grant & Maggie Corrigan
 09/30—Patrick & Elaine Svitil




SignUp

Volunteers, the church has begun to use a volunteer reminder and management tool called **SignUp** to help group leaders schedule their volunteers and send reminders to those volunteers about their schedules. The tool will work on your phone, tablet and computer simply by clicking on a link, will sync with your calendar, will allow you to manage your schedule, and will send you reminders via email and text message. To receive text reminders, make sure that you set the authorization for texting in your SignUp Profile. Each of you will have an individual profile connected to your email address and can use this to manage your availability. If you need help with this tool, please contact Sue Bell.

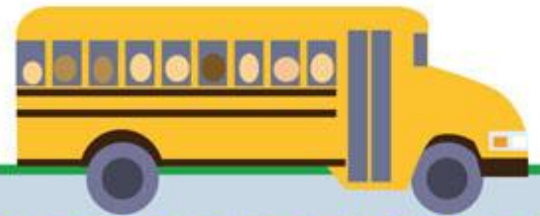


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 School Blessing 10am Adult SS Class 10am Nursery 10:55am Worship 11:15am Children's Church (K-2nd) 3pm School Blessing & Ice Cream Social 5pm AA Mtg	28 11:45am Chair Exercises 5pm SPPRC	29 9:30am Offering Counters	30 11:45am Chair Exercises	31 10am Quilters	1 11:45am Chair Exercises	2
3 COMMUNION SUN 10am Adult SS Class 10am Playground Church 10:55am Worship 11:15am Children's Church (K-2nd) 5pm AA Mtg	4 11:45am Chair Exercises	5 9:30am Offering Counters 5:30pm VRR	6 11:45am Chair Exercises	7 10am Quilters 11am Soul Table 5:30pm Finance	8 11:45am Chair Exercises	9 8am UMM Mtg
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17 Fellowship Lunch 10am SS Classes 10am Nursery 10:55am Worship 11:15am Children's Church (K-2nd) 12pm Fellowship Lunch 3pm Nom & Leadership 5pm AA Mtg	18 9am VAYA Health 11:45am Chair Exercises 12pm Missions Team	19 9:30am Offering Counters 5:30pm VRR	20 9:30pm Mom's Grp 11:45am Chair Exercises 3:30pm Genesis Ch 4pm Revelation Ch 5pm Wesley Ringers 6pm Choir Reh.	21 10am Quilters	22 8am-5pm White Tag Sale 11:45am Chair Exercises	23 8am-12pm White Tag Sale
United Women in Faith White Tag Sale—Set Up, Sale, Clean Up						
24 9:30am Safe Sanc. Class 10am SS Classes 10am Nursery 10:55am Worship 11:15am Children's Church (K-2nd) 12pm CPR & 1st Aid 5pm AA Mtg	25 10am White Tag Clean Up 11:45am Chair Exercises 5pm SPPRC	26 9:30am Offering Counters 5:30pm VRR 	27 9:30pm Mom's Grp 11:45am Chair Exercises 3:30pm Genesis Ch 4pm Revelation Ch 5pm Wesley Ringers 6pm Choir Reh.	28 10am Quilters	29 11:45am Chair Exercises	30 4:30pm UMM BBQ Supper 9am-4pm Handbell Workshop

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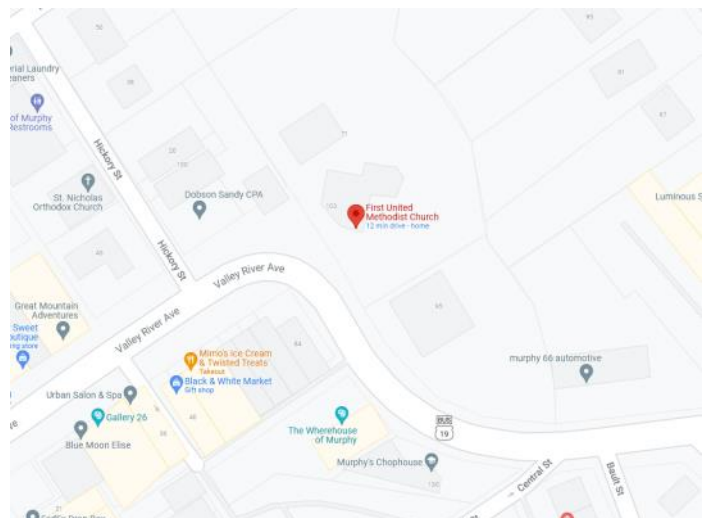
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OFFICE HOURS:

The church office is open Mondays thru Thursdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

If you wish to speak with a member of our church staff, please call the church office at 828-837-2718 and leave a message, or call the desired individual on their cell

The mission of First United Methodist Church is to live as a community transformed by God's grace, sent to love and serve like Jesus.