

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Rev. Nancy Johnston Varden, Pastor

The Visitor

Early Church – 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School – 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service – 10:50 a.m.

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July 27, 2017



Lynn Yates, Martha Moore, Tom Kelly, Kelly Johnson, Richard & Lyda Rice, Michelle Richter, Pastor & Church, Ronnie & Joyce, Leslie Marcum, Persecuted Christians, Mike Milner, Wanda & Butch Sandling, Rev. David Bayer, Will Elliot, Jim & Julie Ketterman, Jimmy Brasure, Susan Parr, Kim Murray, Debbie Wheeler Williams, Kristi Rezabek, Stacey Homra, 3-in-1 Children, Parents, and Volunteers, Vicki, Family of Shelby Jean Kennemer, Georgia Wright, Men & Women Serving in Uniform, First Responders, Joyce Tibbs, Janis & Steve Mooney, Debbie Tobar, Greg & Debbie Williams, Sara Laganelli, Peggy Cruce, Pam Flannery, Jeannie Fournier, Joe Johnston, Buddy McCloud, Persecuted Christians

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Nursery

July 30 Linda Faulkner
Aug 6 Pat Frazier
Aug 13 Mary Margaret Joyner
Aug 20 Adrienne Joyner

Children's Church

July 30 Linda Barclay
Aug 6 Jordan & Kelly Barnes
Aug 13 John & Katie Parr
Aug 20 Dave & Amy Barclay

Acolytes

July 30 Hannah Varden
Aug 6 Elizabeth Pirtle
Aug 13 Miriam Varden
Aug 20 Hadley Barnes

Altar Flowers

July 30 Judy Jones
Aug 6 Judy Jones
Aug 13 Suedell Ragsdale
Aug 20 Suedell Ragsdale

UMW

The UMW are collecting school supplies for our local schools. Baskets are located at the 2nd Street and Atrium entrances. Thank you for helping the students have the supplies they will need when the schools open.

The UMW's Mission Workshop will be held on Saturday, August 5th in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00am. Please bring thread and needles to sew teddy bears. Bring a sack lunch with you.

The Executive Team Meeting will meeting at 9am before the workshop.

UMYF

Swim and Scripture @
Voegeli's on Wednesday the
3rd!

Fall Kick-Off is being planned
for August 20th! Stay tuned for
details!

UMM

UMM meet August 5th at 8am.

Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 6 from 4 p.m.
to 6 p.m at the Willingham
Center. It is a welcome for our
new Youth Minister Kat Keller.

Food and Homemade Ice
Cream provided. Come and
bring a friend! Bring a chair if
you want to sit outside.

The event is sponsored the
Congregational Care Team.

Staff Lunch

The office staff will take an hour lunch daily somewhere between the hours of 12:00pm-2:00pm. Please plan all office needs around this and refrain from calling or needing office staff during these hours.

5th Sunday Brunch

Adult 5th Sunday
Sunday School Fellowship
July 30th 9:45-10:30am
Fellowship Hall

Speakers: Betty & Bill Milliken and
Rev. Nancy Varden

Their joint presentation will feature highlights from the 2017 Annual Conference and actions that have arisen from it.

Bring your favorite breakfast dish to share with others at this Sunday morning fellowship! Invite a friend!

*Our next 5th Sunday will be Oct. 29th. We still need suggestions for future programs. If you have ideas, See Leslie Whitesell.

3-in-1 Program

Three in One program will resume September 13, 2017. Our children will have begun school, Labor Day passed, parents, grandparents, and caregivers will have their schedules established. Our Volunteers will meet in August, so please know that everyone is needed. Please continue to pray for the Three in One program. God bless our faithful volunteers. Thank you.

Thank You

Thank you so much to everyone who helped during Dayshore Camp. The Sunday School classes out did themselves. It was mentioned that it was the best meals they have had. Those that came and gave time were great. Van drivers and riders, thank you so much. Those who brought breakfast, it was great. We have a great church as has been witnessed this summer. Your love for our children is greatly appreciated. Thanks- Pam

LifeLine Screening

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at First United Methodist Church on 8/24/2017. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or** [visithttp://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) or text the word circle to 797979

Lay Pastors

We have a big need in this church. We have a number of members that can no longer actively participate in Worship and activities. They may be home bound, sick, or just out of touch. So we're going to reform the Lay Pastor program - with a little change; We'll not only have a Visitation Team - we'll also have a Phone Team! Our Visitation Team will make the physical visits. They can take communion, devotionals, the current Newsletter, maybe flowers or the latest happenings at the Church - but the important part is that they'll share the blessed fellowship of the Body of Christ.

For our Phone Team, we'll be able to include some of our members that cannot get out like they used to, but they still want to be involved.

They can share God's love and grace over the phone. It lets our members know they're still part of the Body of Christ at Fulton First UMC.

Both teams will share the Card Ministry (yes, we've missed that, too.).

And this way, we'll also be able to ascertain needs that Pastor Nancy may need to be made aware of.

Are you interested? Know someone who might be? And, just as importantly;

Do you know of people that will benefit from this Ministry?

Contact Pat Dunker@

patdunker@bellsouth.net.

I'll be calling a meeting soon - a 'get-acquainted, find-out what's-going-on' meeting.

This is a vital part of being the Body of Christ. Christ calls us to take care of each other. This is a wonderful way to do just that. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this Ministry.

Grace and peace,
Pat Dunker



There will be heavy construction going on in the women's restroom for a couple of weeks. The bathroom will be out of order. Please excuse any mess in the Church while this work is completed.

From the Pastor's Desk...

Life has many surprises. After an earthquake, a small boy is found alive under the rubble four days later. In the aftermath of devastating ice storm people are willing to reach out and help each other unselfishly. In the pain of a critical illness, a family learns the beauty of caring for each other.

I hope you all have had the opportunity to read the Book of Micah since our last newsletter. Our sermon series *Restoration: A Study of the Book of Micah* is two weeks in with two more to go. Prayerfully we are all finding ways to look at our own context of ministry and our lives as we look through the lens of the ancient Hebrews.

Micah, the prophet, has his share of surprises for us. In a sinful, battered and broken society, he brings the word of hope. In the middle of judgment and discipline he speaks of grace.

This is what we as a post-Messiah, Christ-centered community are called to offer—bring the word of hope and in the middle of judgment and discipline speak grace. But it often seems a difficult task in today's context to bring hope and grace. Many of us find it easier to condemn and judge. But that is not our vocation.

I recently read a colleague's short reflections on part of Micah, he wrote about, "Christ vision for our vocation, how work is a way we reflect the image of God, and how the perfect Son of God worked on

our behalf to defeat sin and death so that we might be saved to bring him glory...even through our vocations."

So that's *why* we work. But *how* are we to work? What does it look like to live out the image of God in our various vocations in our church? Micah 6 teaches us how we are to work and gives us three applications for our daily lives.

Work without wickedness "*The voice of the Lord cries to the city...Your rich men are full of violence; your inhabitants speak lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth. Therefore I strike you with a grievous blow, making you desolate because of your sins.*" (Micah 6:9,12-13)

Work with justice, kindness, and humility "*He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*" (verse 8)

Work with daily faithfulness "*With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?*"...*What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*" (6,8)

Micah is so good! I would love to hear the reflections and challenges that you hear as we face this prophetic book.

-Pastor Nancy