February 2014

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A Dance for All Ages

The phone calls begin to roll in to the church office beginning in mid-December. They come from all across Knoxville and even beyond. They come from church members and people with whom we have previously never had the pleasure to have a connection. They come from fathers and grandfathers, mothers and grandmothers, aunts and uncles.

They may come from different people, but the question is almost always the same. “When is your Father-Daughter dance?”

This year’s dance is Saturday night, February 8, and will begin at 6:00 p.m. Sherri Smith, FCUMC Director of Children’s Ministries, describes the event as a night to celebrate God’s gift of daughters that includes music, dancing, prizes and refreshments.

Tickets are currently on sale and cost for the event is $5 per person.

For more information, contact Sherri Smith at 689-5175 or ssmith@fountaincityumc.org.

Our Celebrations

We celebrate with Tim and Brandi Luttrell on the birth their son, Christopher Bruce Luttrell, who was born on January 9, 2014. His big sisters are Alex, Kate and Elizabeth.

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Our Service

February Greeters and Ushers

Greeters:
Jackie Benshoff, Sue Brichto, Betty Hicks, Wanda Ledford, Lynn Osburn, Erma Prather

8:30 Traditional Service
Head Ushers: Charles and Celia Thompson; Troy Lawson, David and Debbie Vandergriff, Ragan Oliver

11:00 Traditional Service
Head Ushers: Jary Hillard and Mark Hillard; Jason Hillard, Frank and Nancy Faulkner, Buzzy Freeman, Tracy Hillard, Brent and Nicole Eldridge, Perry Benshoof

JOIN US ON SUNDAYS
8:30 AM - Traditional Worship
Sanctuary

9:30 AM - Coffee & Fellowship
Fellowship Hall

9:30 AM - Sunday School for all ages
Churchwide

11:00 AM - Traditional Worship
Sanctuary

11:00 AM - The Journey (Contemporary Service) - Gym

EMERGENCY ON CALL
February 7-9: Randy Frye, 228-5510
February 14-16: Daniel Ogle, 474-0544
February 21-23: Amy Aycock, 423-276-1065
February 22-28: Randy Frye, 228-5510

Medical Transportation
Jean Payne, 688-4165
Stephen Ministry
Gail Clift, 322-9408
Intercessory Prayer
Mary Bolton, 688-6277
Tom Harrington, 687-9460

February Drivers
Before Church: Tim McComas – 687-3349
After Church: Craig Holtzclaw – 689-3082

Our Gifts
Weekly Offering
December 16-22 $42,093.63
December 23-29 $29,458.97
December 30-January 5 $27,162.30
January 6-12 $24,062.67

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Pastors: Randy Frye, Daniel Ogle, Amy Aycock

February 2 The Man at the Pool
John 5:1-15

February 9 The Women at Work
Luke 10:38-42

February 16 The Teacher of Israel
John 3:1-15

February 23 The Man in the Boat

Ash Wednesday Services
Ash Wednesday, the official beginning of Lent, is on Wednesday, March 5. We will celebrate Ash Wednesday at FCUMC with three worship services:
7:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m.
6:45 p.m.

We will have Wednesday night dinner but will not have other programming that evening. We hope that you will plan to begin your preparation of the Lenten Season by joining us for one of these services to receive the imposition of the ashes.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the 40-day preparation for Holy Week and Easter. The period of preparation takes its cue from Jesus’ preparation for his ministry when he went to the desert for 40 days and faced the temptations of the Devil.
Pastor Cornered  
Randy Frye, Senior Pastor

Many years ago, Pastor Bob Moorhead wrote a declaration of his faith. Here are some excerpts from that profession:

"I am part of the fellowship of the unashamed. I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, and my future is secure...I no longer need pre-eminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits, or popularity. I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. I won't give up, shut up, let up or slow up until I've preached up, paid up, prayed up, and stayed up for the cause of Jesus Christ. I'm a disciple of Jesus. And I must go 'til He comes, give 'til I drop, and preach 'til all know. And when Jesus comes to get His own, He'll have no problem recognizing me. My colors will be clear because I'm a disciple of Jesus Christ."

I love that profession. It reflects conviction and commitment. It portrays a life that is fully surrendered to God’s purposes and desires. It embodies a spirit that continually seeks to “go deeper in faith.” Every time I read those words, I am forced to reflect upon my goals, my commitments and my desires. Every time I read those words I find myself asking, “Am I yet the person God longs for me to be or is there something more that I can become and that I can do for the sake of Christ?”

If you have never asked such a question about your own faith and walk with God, I encourage you to be with us in worship in February as we continue our sermon series on “Launching into the Deep.” Who knows where God may yet lead us?

In Him,
Randy

Elizabeth Montgomery Concert

Please make plans to join us on February 13 for a special Retirees and Music Ministry Event.

Elizabeth Montgomery recorded her first album of Gospel music as a teenager. Since then, she has released nine albums of Christian music and has appeared in concert throughout the U.S. and Europe. She graduated from Oklahoma State University and later earned a masters degree from Denver University.

"Music is a universal language that we all share,” Elizabeth says. “I intend to reach as many people as I can with the good news of Jesus Christ through song.”

The concert begins at 5:00 p.m. with a light meal to follow. For a meal reservation, please contact Jean Payne at 688-4165 or Leslie Graves at 689-5175.

FCUMC Baptisms

On Sunday, January 12 as part of service of Remembering Our Baptisms we celebrated two baptisms in the Journey worship service. We celebrate with both Alison Bock (right; pictured with her dad, Robert Bock) and Cooper Wyatt (left; pictured his mom, Andrea Brewer).

2013 Financial Giving: Thank you

Thank you so much for the generosity that you displayed in your giving during the last quarter of 2013.

Due to a shortfall in pledged giving through the end of October, FCUMC was facing a budget deficit of slightly more than $66,000. However, thanks to your generosity in November and December, we are proud to report that the church ended the year having receiving $1,477,991 compared to total expenses of $1,469,514 - or a positive difference of more than $8,400. The month of December made the difference, with total giving to the general fund totaling $214,625.

"Once again, we continue to be amazed by the faithfulness of God and the generosity of God’s people here at Fountain City United Methodist Church,” FCUMC Senior Pastor Randy Frye said. “Your willingness to give sacrificially allows us to continue to make disciples of our children, youth and adults and change lives, here in Fountain City and all the way around the world.”

Habitat for Humanity

Nikia Thompson was blown away by the Christmas present she received this year.

Nikia, along with her two children, were the recipients of the home that FCUMC and Middlebrook Pike UMC partnered to build during the months of November and December. The new home, which is located just off of Broadway on Washington Pike, is the result of hours of work and dedication from members of the churches as well as Nikia and the staff of Habitat for Humanity.

On Saturday, December 21, Nikia and her family moved into the home. The next day, she came to FCUMC and shared about the blessing of having a home. It was the culmination of a two-year process through Habitat for Humanity during which she participated in classes and volunteered to earn the volunteer hours needed to receive her new home.

“We really appreciate your help. Our home is your home," Nikia told a group gathered in FCUMC’s chapel. “The volunteers, the love and support – that was the most memorable part. There are good people in the world, people who care and love and help people in need. If you take one step, God will take 100 more for you.”
In Memory and In Honor

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
In Memory of Carrie Carter by Ed Carter and Family
In Memory of Bobbie Searcy by Fred and Billie Graves

CHOIR FUND
In Honor of Jean Payne by Randy and Vicki Frye
In Honor of LeRoy Hatcher by Randy and Vicki Frye
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In Honor of Zack Wood by Randy and Vicki Frye
In Honor of Charles and Kathy Harrington by Tom Harrington

FACILITIES FUND
In Memory of Sue Paden by John and Anna Mays, FCUMC Staff

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In Honor of Tom Harrington by James and Sue Harrington
In Honor of Rick Harrington by James and Sue Harrington
In Memory of Bobbie Searcy by Tom Harrington
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In Memory of Bobbie Searcy by Elmer and Sarah Ridenour

GENERAL FUND
In Memory of Fran Schantz by David and Lucy Smith
In Memory of Warren and Lela Nichols by Grace Cooper
In Memory of Sandra Hatcher by Teresa and Pat Burns
In Memory of Rick Harrington by Carl and Suzanne Tolbert
In Honor of LeRoy Hatcher by Virl Huskey
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In Memory of Bobbie Searcy by Myra Nine
In Honor of Dick Foster by Dot Stuart
In Honor of Phil and Beth Ellis by Dot Stuart
In Memory of Robert McConkey by John and Anna Mays, Judith Myers

HOLSTON HOME FOR CHILDREN
In Memory of Bobbie Searcy by Harold and Dottie Loy

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS
In Memory of Bobbie Searcy by Larry and Alta Huskey, John and Anna Mays, Judith Myers

LOST SHEEP MINISTRIES
In Honor of Martha Kerley by Brenda French

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Youth from FCUMC worshipped and fellowshipped at Resurrection 2014. More than 60 students attended the weekend event. High School students attended January 17-19 and middle school students attended January 24-26.

This year's theme was Hope and focused on Psalm 27:14, “Wait patiently on the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord.” The weekend was filled with praise and worship along with thousands of other youth. A number of students from FCUMC made new commitments to follow Christ and others re-committed their lives. God moved through the City Harmonic band, pastor Andy Nixon and dedicated adult leaders from FCUMC to make Resurrection 2014 a success.

Lenten Psalm Project

The Psalms describe humanity at full stretch and cover every aspect of human experience – joy and celebration, disappointment and depression, wonder and amazement, anxiety and heartbreak.

For this reason, we will be preaching through some of the Psalms during our Lenten sermon series. To complement this series, we will be launching an online Lenten Devotional Guide based on the Psalms.

Each day during Lent, we will be posting a reflection on one of the Psalms from someone connected to FCUMC online at www.fountaincityumc.org and on Facebook. We will also compile a printed version of the devotional that can be picked up in the church office for those who prefer a hard copy.

We would love for you to contribute to this project! We are looking for a diverse group of people who would be willing to write a brief (2-3 paragraphs) reflection based on a psalm that you would be given as a prompt. If you would like to participate or would like more information, please contact Daniel Ogle. He can be reached at 689-5175 or by email at dogle@fountaincityumc.org.
**Upcoming Events**

**MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**
Monday Morning Bible Study has returned with a study of the book of Gideon. Gideon isn't just a name, but he has a big story that involved God and His love for people. This study, which meets from 9:30 a.m. to Noon in Room 106, will encourage you to experience the fullness of God's strength in your life. Study books may be purchased at Lifeway. For more information, contact Carol Sewell at caroljosewell@comcast.net. To request childcare, contact Jenny Cook at jenny.cook@fountaincityumc.org.

**PROJECT SERVE: A FAMILY MISSION OPPORTUNITY, FEBRUARY 8**
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**UMW CIRCLES MEET, FEBRUARY 10**
The Ruth Circle will meet in Room 135 at 10:00 a.m. The Sarah circle will meet at 1:00 p.m. The Mary Martha Circle will meet at 6:30 p.m. The Sarah circle will meet at 1:00 p.m. For more information contact Sherri Smith at ssmith@fountaincityumc.org.

**YOUTH MINISTRY FUNDRAISER DINNER, FEBRUARY 15**
Make plans now to join our youth ministry for an evening of fine dining and entertainment on Saturday February 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the gym. We invite you, your Sunday School Class, or maybe your Valentine sweetheart to enjoy a nice dinner in the multi-purpose room followed by their program at 7:00 p.m. They are also studying Beatitudes from the Backside.

**PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2014-15, FEBRUARY 24-28**
It's that time to register your child for our preschool for the 2014-15 school year. Church members can register their children during priority registration from February 24-28. For more information, please contact Preschool Director Susan Todd at 689-5518 or stodd@fountaincityumc.org.

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<td>4:30 p.m.: Dance for Joy (Old Fellowship Hall)</td>
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