

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lawrenceburg, TN - OCTOBER 13, 2008

The following is the story of two men, one named Max Jukes and the other named Jonathan Edwards.

Max Jukes lived in New York. He did not believe in Christ or in Christian training. He refused to take his children to church, even when they asked to go. He has had 1,026 descendants: 300 were sent to prison for an average term of thirteen years; 190 were public prostitutes; 680 were admitted alcoholics. His family, thus far, has cost the state in excess of \$420,000. They made no contribution to society.

Jonathan Edwards lived in the same state, at the same time as Jukes. He loved the Lord and saw that his children were in church every Sunday, as he served the Lord to the best of his ability. He has had 929 descendants, and of those 430 were ministers; 86 became university professors; 13 became university presidents; 75 authored good books; 7 were elected to the United States Congress. One was vice president of his nation. His family never cost the state one cent but has contributed immeasurably to the life of plenty in the land today.

If we ever wonder if being a Christian makes a difference, maybe the story of these two men answers that in the affirmative. There is no question that our families are influenced by the kind of life we lead. Being a Christian is about being influenced toward that which is good, has real worth to it, and is positive in the life of community, and being Christian is also about influencing others in those same directions.

By the time this is read I will have had another birthday. I am starting my last year in the decade of the 50s, and the older I get the more I am grateful for my heritage. It is a goodly heritage, and it is a godly heritage. And I have been blessed because of it. My life has been good, and it has been blessed.

My prayer is that in my walk with the Lord and in my service to the Lord I have been able to give others a goodly and a godly heritage. That, I think, is the glorious calling we all have as those who belong to Christ.

Just something to think about.

Until next time, **Bro. Jim**

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Our Charge Conference is scheduled for Sunday evening, **November 2, at 6 P.M.** The following written reports will be expected at that time: Committee on Finance; Trustees; Staff-Parish Relations Committee; Parsonage Annual Inspection Report; Lay Speakers Reports; Martin Representative's Report; and Celebration of Missions Report. **The forms for each are available at the church office.**

ADOPT - A - HIGHWAY

Please mark your calendars. The next scheduled Adopt - A - Highway is Saturday, October 25, beginning at 7:30 a.m. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in this highway clean-up.

NEWS FROM THE HAPPY ELDERS

The Happy Elders have 14 tickets to see the play "Tuna Christmas" on Dec. 4, 2008. We will leave the west parking lot of the church at 9:30 a.m.; have lunch at noon and then the play with dessert at intermission. We should be back in Lawrenceburg around 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. Call Jean Robertson ***** or see Terri in the church office. Sign up and money should be in by Nov. 14, 2008. Cost is \$25.00. First come, first served.

NURSERY WORKER NEEDED

At the end of this year Ann Paley will be stepping down as our paid Nursery worker. Ann has been faithful to this part of the ministry of our church and has done a wonderful job. We express our gratitude to her. If anyone knows of someone who might be interested in keeping the nursery for our church, please leave this information at the office or convey this to a member of the Staff Parish committee.

YOUTH SCARY DESTINATION TRIP

All 7th - 12th graders are invited to go on a scary destination trip on Sunday, October 19th, 2008. We will be leaving the parking lot at 4:30 p.m. and returning sometime

around 10:00 p.m. Bring \$20; we will grab supper and ice cream during the outing. PLEASE call or text Alecia at ***** or the church office to let us know if you are going.

CALLING ALL TRICK OR TREATERS

Sunday, October 26, the Church is hosting Trunk or Treat. A Hotdog supper will be served at 5:00 p.m., crafts and games will follow and as soon as it gets dark, everybody gets to go outside to truck or treat!

NEWS FLASH - UMW BAKE SALE, BREAKFAST AND BEYOND

is fast approaching on November 8, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 in the CLC. If you would be willing to make items for the bake sale, please contact Bonnie Thigpen at *****. Also, plant to join us on that Saturday to shop for breakfast, baked goods, and delicious **carry-out** items for lunch including:

Homemade Stew, Chili, chicken's dumplings, pimento cheese, chicken salad, and desserts. Our new First United Methodist cookbook will be on sale!!!

*****Please remember to bring pint and quart jars that can be used for Carry-Outs.**

TRUNK OR TREAT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH - 5:00-8:00 P.M. CHURCH PARKING LOT

Volunteers are needed to decorate trunks and you may sign up in the church office.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER MENU FOR OCTOBER 22

The menu for Wednesday night (October 22) is as follows: BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Macaroni Salad, Rolls, Cake w/Peanut Butter icing. The children's menu is Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches and Chips. Look for your reservations in Sunday's bulletin, or you may call the church office.

LOAVES AND FISHES MINISTRY NEEDS WINTER COATS

The Loaves and Fishes Ministry is in need of winter outerwear. During the winter months, we see several people who do not have coats/jackets and are very much in need. We would appreciate your donations of gently used coats, jackets, sweaters, and outerwear. Children's and adult sizes are needed.

UMW NEWS

UMW District meeting, Saturday, October 18, at 9:00 a.m. in Waynesboro. No pre-registration necessary. We will be taking the church van and will leave the CLC parking lot at 8:00 a.m. Hope to see you there.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity of Lawrence County has started a project at 514 1st St., Lawrenceburg, TN. The foundation will be completed sometime this week. For the next few months, volunteer workers will be needed to complete this home for Sandy Shultz and her family.

If you are able to volunteer any time to help build this home, please call Pam Shaffer at *****. We need volunteers with varying skills, from sheet rocking, pounding nails, roofing, painting walls, putting up cabinets, plumbing, to cleanup and providing food and drink for the volunteer workers. Any amount of volunteer time will be greatly appreciated, even if it's just a couple of hours.

"NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM" VOLUNTEER MEETING

There will be a of the "Night in Bethlehem" volunteers on Monday, October 20, at 7 p.m. Everyone who signed up is encouraged to attend.

MARY - MARTHA CIRCLE MEETING

The Mary-Martha Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 21st, at 6:30 p.m. in the CLC.

Members are asked to bring items for Spiced tea and Cocoa.

DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Disaster Response Team on Tuesday, October 21, at 6:00 p.m.

LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

The Lay Leadership Committee will meet on Sunday, October 26th, at 3:00 p.m. Members of the Lay Leadership Committee are: Bro. Jim-Chairperson, Bonnie Thigpen, Mark Brewer, Beverly Philpot, DeAnna Saliba, Leslie Hunt, Keri McMahan, Linda Newton, Judy Benson and Beth Benson

STAFF-PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING

The Staff-Parish committee will meet on Monday, October 27, at 6:30 p.m. Members of the SPRC are: Chris Thigpen-Chairperson, Rick Lucas, Barbara Brewer, Virgil Crowder, Gail Wright, Marc Lerner, Jansen Holt, Bobby Belew, Judy Brewer, Jerry Moore and Nancy Moore.

NURTURE MINISTRIES MEETING

There will be a Nurture Ministries meeting on Tuesday, October 28, at 6:00 p.m. Members of the Nurture committee are: Carol Beasley-Chairperson, Cissy Holt, Layde Ezell, Cathy Skinner, Leslie Hunt, Tony Clayton, Teresa Glover, Allen Newton, Jean Grimsley, Mary Ann Clayton and John Benson.

BACKPACK PROGRAM

(A letter from Earl Davis, Pastor at Antioch UMC)

Antioch UMC is looking for a church or churches to partner with them in the Backpack Program at Lawrence County Public School.

The Backpack Program is designed to provide food on the weekends for children who receive free or reduced price breakfasts and lunches at school. Several years ago, it was determined that many of these children were going hungry on the weekends. Antioch began working with Lawrence County Public School last year is continuing this school year. The number of children served has grown to 52 per week at a weekly cost of \$130 and is still growing. We try to provide nutritious snacks (such as juice, cereal, fruit cups, cereal bars, etc.) in individual bags each week. These bags are delivered to the school each Thursday morning and are distributed to the children on Fridays to go home in their backpack for the weekend.

We are committed to this program but could use some help. Would your church or UMW like to take on one week or two weeks a month? Or would you like to sponsor a week or two each month financially? I would be glad to answer any questions you might have. Contact me at 931-852-4658 (office), ***** or at brotherearl@tlorettotel.net.

Grace and Peace,

Earl Davis, Pastor
Antioch-Dunn UMC Charge

WITH ONE ANOTHER

David Robertson
Freddie Mae Jackson
Oscar and Agnes McCarter
Bill Evans
Selene Crews
Edythe Edwards
Robert White
Elmer Hackney

Scottie McMackin
Ivene Hammond
Rev. Clifton Johnston
Ruby Lopp
T. J. Moore
David Shaw
Meredith Nordin
Elmer Cooke
Norman Marston
Ellen Crews
Jane Brawner

CHRISTIANS CONNECT

The Christians Connect page has been updated on the church website. Be sure and check out the latest photos from October 12th.

ADULT HAND BELLS

Adult Hand Bells will resume on **November 2nd at 5:00 p.m.** (time is due to Charge conference being at 6:00 p.m.). **Please pick up your music from the bell room on October 26th** (you may stop by before Truck or Treat).

I Will Be Loyal To The United Methodist Church And Support It With:

My Presence:

Sunday, October 12, 2008

8:15 a.m. Worship Attendance.....29

Sunday school Attendance.....72

10:30 a.m. Worship Attendance.....78

My Service: Sunday, Oct. 19, 2008

Acolytes: J. P. Story and Alexis Fann

Nursery Helper: Carol Beasley

Volunteers are needed in the nursery on the following dates:

December 14

December 21

December 28

Please call Cissy Holt at **** or leave a message with the church office (762-3696).

Loaves and Fishes: Tues. & Thurs.

Tues. 21: Loulie Brown & Gracie Henson

Thurs. Oct. 23: Joan Cochran & Pam Shaffer

We are always in need of more volunteers in the Loaves and Fishes Ministry. If you would like to help, please contact the church office.

