

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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A few months ago in my column I gave a list of quotes I had found. Some were somewhat amusing. Others were more serious, and still others pertained to the Christian faith. In this edition I want to share more of those quotes I have collected. Again some are somewhat amusing while others are more serious.

The ability to get into trouble and the ability to get out of trouble are seldom present in the same person.

We don't become more moral as we grow older. We just choose our sins more carefully.

Sign in the church nursery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.

One thing you can say for small children - they don't go around showing off pictures of their grandparents.

Courage in people is like a tea bag. You never know their strength until they're in hot water.

People will accept your idea much more readily if you tell them Benjamin Franklin said it. David Comins.

Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm. Publius Syrus.

Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it. Helen Keller

The gem cannot be polished without friction, nor man perfected without trials. Chinese Proverb.

Fear makes the wolf seem bigger than he is.

It is more important to know where you are going than to see how fast you can get there. Martin Vanbee

Nothing will ever be accomplished if every objection has to be overcome. Samuel Johnson

Commitment means a willingness to be unhappy for a while.

Kindness will influence more than eloquence.

Children are not things to be molded but are people to be unfolded.

The Lord gives us friends to push us to our potential - and enemies to push us beyond it. Jim Vorsas

Church members are like automobiles - they start missing before they quit.

If you don't go to God's house, why should He go to yours.

Christ's perfect life was the perfect manifestation of human life **as God intended it.**

"For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before hand to be our way of life." Ephesians 2:10 Just something to think about.  
Until next time, **Bro. Jim**

### SPEAKER FROM THE HENDERSON SETTLEMENT - SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>

On Sunday, September 21, Vicki Stevenson from the Henderson Settlement will be speaking at both services. The Henderson Settlement serves the needs of those living in the Appalachia areas of Kentucky and Tennessee. Mission opportunities are available in Frakes, Kentucky and White Oak, Tennessee. The Henderson Settlement has a variety of ministry areas which Mrs. Stevenson will be speaking about.

### 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.**

**CHRISTMAS PACKAGE - OPRYLAND HOTEL RESORT - NOVEMBER 14-15, 2008**

1. Opry Mills Mall/Ice Experience/Treasures for the Holidays/Dinner at the Water Slide Restaurant/Rockettes Christmas show/Lodging at the Opryland Hotel.

2. Leisure morning-Tour the Beautiful Hotel/Ride on Delta River Flatboat/General Jackson Holiday cru

Price per Person:	Single (\$499)	Double (\$399)
	Triple (\$379)	Quad (\$359)

Package includes: Round-trip deluxe motor coach transportation, 1 nights lodging at Opryland Hotel, admission to Rockettes, Lunch and show cruise on General Jackson Showboat, Dinner buffet at Water Front restaurant, ICE! Treasures for the Holidays, one ride on Delta River Flatboat, and shopping at Cool Springs Mall. Taxes and gratuities on included meals, tour director, luggage handling. Not included: Gratuities for tour director and motor coach driver.

2 meals: 1 dinner, 1 lunch

Deposit deadline: \$100 per person; deposits must be received by September 20

Balance due: Must be paid not later than October 13.

Call Jean Robertson at \*\*\*\*\*, or contact the church office.

**LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE TO MEET SEPTEMBER 28**

The Lay Leadership Committee will meet Sunday, September 28, at 4:00 p.m. Members of the Lay Leadership Committee are: Rev. Jim Gardner-Chairperson, Bonnie Thigpen, Mark Brewer, Beverly Philpot, DeAnna Saliba, Leslie Hunt, Keri McMahan, Linda Newton, Judy Benson, and Beth Benson.

**STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee will meet Monday, September 29, at 7:00 p.m. Members of the SPRC are: Chris Thigpen-Chairperson, Rick Lucas, Barbara Brewer, Virgil Crowder, Gayle Wright, Marc Lerner, Jansen Holt, Bobby Belew, Judy Brewer, Jerry Moore (Lay Leader) and Nancy Moore (Lay Member-AC).

**OUTREACH MINISTRIES MEETING**

The Outreach ministries committee will meet on Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. Members of the Outreach committee are: Jerry Gibbs-Chairperson, Sonny Duke, Beverly Duke, Martha Jo Gibbs, Harlon Griffin, Frances Griffin, Sid James, Carol James, Judy Benson, John Benson, Polly Marsh, Pam Shaffer and Jeff Shaffer.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHILDREN'S OUTING - SAT. OCT. 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2008**

Sign up in the Church office to ride the Church van to Nashville, to see a Live Veggie Tales show. See Larry and Bob and all your favorite Veggie Tales characters live! \$12 secures your spot on the Church van. The bus only holds 14, so first come first serve. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by a parent. Deadline to sign up for the fabulous trip is Monday, September 22, 2008. For more information, contact Alecia Fischer in the office.

**AGE LEVEL MINISTRIES MEETING**

There will be an Age Level Ministries meeting on **Wednesday, October 1, at 5:00 p.m.** in the large classroom next to the church office. Members will be meeting to discuss the Safe Sanctuaries policy for Lawrenceburg-FUMC, as well as upcoming activities and opportunities for ministry. Members of the Age Level Ministries committee are:

Judy Benson-Chairperson, Kathy Burns (Children), Keri McMahan (Youth), Leslie Hunt (Young Adult), Linda Ledbetter (Adult), Bruce & Barbara Edwards (Family), Harlon & Frances Griffin (Older Adult) and Jean Robertson (Older Adult).

### **UMW NEWS**

**WHAT:** UMW B, B, & B (bake sale, breakfast and beyond)

**WHERE:** FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CLC

**WHEN:** SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8, 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 12:00 NOON

**WHO:** YOU, Please dust off your favorite recipes and bring items for the B, B, & B. Our committee members will be contacting you soon.

**\*\*\*Please remember to bring pint and quart jars that can be used for carry-outs.**

### **MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8!**

This year our UMW will not be having our traditional Fall Luncheon and Bazaar. Instead **Bake Sale, Breakfast and Beyond** describes our new fall event.

**Bake Sale** - tables full of goodies including homemade breads, cakes, pies, cookies, candy, spiced tea and hot chocolate mix. The latest edition of the First United Methodist Church Cookbook will make its debut. Also, look for an assortment of jellies, jams, canned fruits and vegetables. Plenty of great gift choices!

**Breakfast** - Sausage & biscuit, juice and coffee to be enjoyed while you shop.

**Beyond** - Homemade lunch items such as pimento cheese, chicken salad, stew, chili, chicken & dumplings, and desserts conveniently available for carry out.

**Prayerfully consider how you can plug in. Success depends on everyone's participation.**

### **UMW & YOUTH PARTNER TO PROVIDE FLOOD BUCKETS**

The youth have partnered with the UMW and have put together five flood buckets to send to Nashville for Hurricane relief. The UMW donated the funds. Last Wednesday the youth were told they were going on a mystery trip. They loaded the van, went to Wendy's and McDonald's for supper and ended up at Wal-Mart. The youth were then divided up into 3 teams and had ten minutes to get items on their list. All the items to make five flood buckets were brought back to Church and this week the youth will finish putting them together. The youth want to thank the UMW for providing the funds.

### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH HAND BELLS**

Children and Youth hand bells will resume on **Wednesday, October 1st**. Youth bells will meet at 5:00 p.m. and Children's bells will meet at 6:00 p.m.

### **A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM**

Please note the insert in this newsletter concerning "A Night in Bethlehem", a community outreach event scheduled for **December 6 & 7**. You may put your volunteer sheet into the offering plate or the church office. If you misplace your volunteer sheet the church office has more. Everyone's help is needed for this special event.

### **WITH ONE ANOTHER**

David Robertson  
Freddie Mae Jackson  
Oscar and Agnes McCarter  
Bill Evans  
Selene Crews



