



The Fountain

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Can I Get A Witness?

The United Methodist Church changed its membership vows at the last General Conference—we now promise our support of the church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, **and our witness.** The addition is a good one for many reasons. The church depends on our witness more than anything else we have to share and we Methodists have currently lost our nerve at times in bearing witness to the mighty power of God in our lives and in the life of the world. Methodist evangelical fervor - which once raced the saloonkeepers for first shot at frontier settlements and insured there would be a Methodist church at every crossroads in the south and in every county in the USA - now wanes. We hardly know what to say when faced with personal difficulties in our own lives or in the lives of others. Methodist commitment to thoughtful conferences, which cultivated Methodism with all its colleges and universities across the country, finds its voice stretched thin in obedience to a tepid tolerance or a misguided notion of pluralism. Methodist holiness, which gave us an important place in the abolition of slavery and temperance, now wanders unsteadily, not knowing quite where to make its stand.

Methodists since John Wesley days are well known for our witness

We are re-claiming our witness these days. We are gaining confidence in the important contribution religious communities make in our national and our community life. Here at Fountain Avenue UMC we make a strong witness without saying a word as we regularly welcome the neighborhood for Breakfast, for the Street Fair, for Repair Affair where we labor for our neighbor. This month we center on Repair Affair. Don't miss it. This month we have some of our best fellowship times when we witness to each other with our care and conversation at charge conference and district conference. We witness in important ways as we notice and inquire who sits near us for worship and who is missing from our midst; we make a strong witness when we know the names of all the children our church has been given and support them throughout the rhythms of the school year. We witness well when we enter faithfully into conversations with our friends and opponents about the pressing matters of public life and private practice. Our witness is clear when we provide for those in the middle of deepest grief and when we share the highest joys of human healing, marriage, or baptism. We bear

witness to a God who satisfies the hunger of every soul when we invite folks to share with us at worship or join with us at our fellowship meals.

We have a new bus — a commitment we have made in order to make a fresh and improved witness to our community and our own household of faith. We will bless the bus on the first Sunday of this month and dedicate it to God's mission among us. What are all the ways God is calling us to serve using this bus? I know the ways we are practiced at using a bus, however, I am most interested in the other ways God calls us to serve with this shiny new tool. We need some drivers, trained and willing to drive the bus in service to its mission — I count 25 people in our church who might commit to driving the bus regularly for the church. Can you offer your driving for us? Will you ride with us on Sunday morning to make the bus warm and hospitable as we collect neighbors to worship with us?

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Let the holy conversations continue!

Blessings!

Brother Gregory

YOUTH CORNER

My grandmother is the queen of re-purposing! I have been with her countless times when she has seen something at a store and bought it because she might be able to use it someday. And, if the truth be known, she usually does find a use for most of what she buys - although it may not be the purpose for which it was intended. For instance, not too long ago she bought a skateboard. You may ask yourself what a woman in her 90's could possibly do with a skateboard. You'd be surprised! She has used it to move boxes. She has used it to move small pieces of furniture. And recently she used it to sit on while she swept the living room rug with a whisk broom. She'd just sweep and roll, sweep and roll. She's pretty ingenious if you ask me. Her ability to re-purpose has a lot to do with the way and time in which she grew up. During the depression, everything had to have more than one purpose. But I think now it has more to do with finding a way to do things that physically she is unable to do.

While she is busy re-purposing, many of us are stuck trying to figure out what our own purpose is. Wouldn't it be nice if God would just let us take a little peek into the future... maybe

see where we'll be ten years from now? Unfortunately, it doesn't work that way. To find out God's purpose for our future we have to do God's will today. And God's will for us is this - that we prepare for and not worry about the future by living for him today. Do this and when you look back you will find that He has been guiding you to your purpose all along!

In Christ,
Debbie

STAFF PARISH

The Staff Parish Committee will meet Sunday, October 4, 2009, immediately following the dedication of the new church bus in the Memorial Room. We will be receiving Eddie Smith's request for our recommendation for his beginning the process of entering the ministry. We will take about fifteen minutes to review the process before hearing from Eddie and asking him questions.

Andrew

PCM "Reflections"
Broadcast Schedule
cable channel 2
Monday 5:30pm
Tuesday 9:30pm
Wednesday 9:30am



BIG READ:

To Kill a Mockingbird

Join Andrew Halford on Wednesday, October 7, at noon at the McCracken County Public Library as he leads a community discussion on this outstanding novel. He will be focusing on the ethical and moral questions and dilemmas that frame this novel.

GIFTS:

In Honor of Wallis P Barron:

LaNell & James Smith

In Memory of Lillian Moore:

Carl Moore

In Memory of Earl Richardson:

Eileen Stone Winn Huyck
Freida Cason Carl Moore
Julia Wood Ann Bowers
Jackie Bowling Jayne Sevenski
Sandra Williamson Shirley Poppe
Dan & Jane Frazier
Bob & Hazel Young
Don & Martha Peck
Rick & Lynne Stoerger
Christina & Bill Vickery
Russell & Mayme Evans
Jennifer & Ronny Travis
John & Margaret Robertson
Madonna & Ted Brian
Billy & Helen Kraemer
Gary & Holly Wilson
Dorothy Turnbough & Family

NASHVILLE DAY TRIP DECEMBER 4

OPRYLAND HOTEL LIGHTS
&
GAITHER
CHRISTMAS
HOMECOMING
CONCERT

\$55 plus meal

Reservations: 443-1724 or
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LAWNCARE

10/2 Greg Wiley
10/9 Wells Heath
10/16 Rollie Brown
10/23 Owen Lynn
10/30 Charles Hammonds



OCTOBER

- 4 Tony Mangina
- 5 Bill Cromwell
- 5 Ashley Bowling
- 8 Kirk Smith
- 9 Lila B. Andrews
- 10 Rollie Brown
- 11 Anna June Nickell
- 11 Jenny Nirmaier
- 15 Ellen French
- 15 Shirley Grimes
- 16 Joellyn Boggess
- 16 Eileen Sember
- 16 Debbie Beeny
- 17 Kelley McCann
- 18 Julia Wood
- 19 Alex Sember
- 19 Wayne Albertson
- 21 Jean Hannon
- 28 Andrew Halford
- 29 Mary Kate Chambers
- 30 Suzi Mangina

NOVEMBER

- 1 Tempie Blakely
- 1 Mary Jean Lummis
- 2 Sarah Huyck
- 5 Betty Ormes
- 5 A.J. & Jordan Ross
- 7 Wells Heath III
- 9 Cynthia Gardner
- 10 Jennifer Lummis
- 11 Gayle Kaler
- 12 Margaret Reese
- 12 Dorothy Poat
- 14 Charley Hammonds
- 16 Greg Dorris
- 17 Alma Canfield
- 20 Mayme Evans
- 20 Lou Harvey
- 21 Iris Garrott
- 22 Brittany Bowling
- 24 Stuart Evans
- 25 Jennifer Bledsoe
- 28 Jan Whitaker
- 28 Barbara Nitschke
- 29 Daly Moore



*FOUNTAIN AVENUE
NEIGHBORHOOD
FALL FESTIVAL
AT LANG PARK
Thursday, October 8
5 - 9:00pm
Free children's activities
Free food
Bring a blanket or lawn
chair for viewing an
outdoor movie!*

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A Bridal Tea for
Carolyn Sheffer
&
Wayne Albertson
Sunday
October 11, 2009
2:00 - 4:00pm

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The Wedding of
Carolyn Sheffer
&
Wayne Albertson
Saturday
October 17, 2009
2:00pm

A harvest of...

Autumn brings many visible changes. God makes lots of foods and grains ready for harvest. He also tells us that if we sow in peace, we, too, can raise a harvest.

Find and circle the bold (dark) words from James 3:17-18, NIV.

"But the **WISDOM** that comes from **HEAVEN** is first of all **PURE**; then **PEACELOVING**, **CONSIDERATE**, **SUBMISSIVE**, full of **MERCY** and **GOOD FRUIT**, **IMPARTIAL** and **SINCERE**. **PEACEMAKERS** who **SOW** in **PEACE** raise a **HARVEST** of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**."

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Cookies for Friends

Autumn is the perfect time of the year to sow kindness and reap a "harvest" full of friendships. Make this special treat to share with someone.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- ½ cup butter or margarine
- 1½ cups sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup cooked or canned pumpkin
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1½ cups diced, roasted almonds
- 1 cup chocolate pieces
- Raffia or fall-colored ribbon (optional)

What you do:

1. Cream butter and sugar together until light and fluffy.
2. Beat in egg, pumpkin and vanilla.
3. In separate bowl, mix flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, nutmeg and cinnamon.
4. Add dry mix to creamed mixture.
5. Add almonds and chocolate pieces; mix thoroughly.
6. Drop by teaspoons onto well-greased cookie sheets.
7. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until lightly browned.
8. Cool on racks. Makes about six dozen.
9. Stack two cookies on top of each other. Then tie them like a present with the raffia or ribbon. Give the cookies to friends and family to thank them for their friendship.

October 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00AM QUILTERS	2	4
4 9:00AM FELLOWSHIP 9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45AM WORSHIP 12:00N BUS DEDICATION 12:30PM SPRC 4:00PM BLESSING OF ANIMALS 7:00PM PRAYER SERVICE FOR HEALING	5 9:00AM QUILTERS 6:00PM SCOUTS 6:30PM TRUSTEES 7:30PM CONCERT/REVIVAL COMMITTEE	6 10:00AM ALDERSGATE CRAFTERS 10:30AM BIBLE STUDY	7 5:30PM CHURCH DINNER 6:00PM PROGRAM/UMYF 7:00PM CHOIR REHEARSAL ARCADIA UMC	8 9:00AM QUILTERS FOUNTAIN AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD FALL FESTIVAL LANG PARK 5:00 – 9:00pm	9	10 8:00AM COMMUNITY BREAKFAST & REPAIR AFFAIR
11 9:00AM FELLOWSHIP 9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45AM WORSHIP 2:00PM SHEFFER/ALBERTSON BRIDAL TEA 5:00PM YOUTH EVENT PLEASANT HILL UMC	12 9:00AM QUILTERS 10:00AM UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MTG. 6:00PM SCOUTS 6:30PM FAITH IN FILM	13 10:00AM ALDERSGATE CRAFTERS 10:30AM BIBLE STUDY 6-8 PM POPS MINISTRY WITH HANDICAP ADULTS BROADWAY UMC	14 5:30PM CHURCH DINNER 6:00PM PROGRAM/UMYF 7:00PM CHOIR REHEARSAL ARCADIA UMC	15 9:00AM QUILTERS	16 6:00PM WEDDING REHEARSAL	17 CAROLYN SHEFFER & WAYNE ALBERTSON WEDDING 2:00PM
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25 LAITY SUNDAY 9:00AM FELLOWSHIP 9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45AM WORSHIP 3:00PM PADUCAH REHAB SERVICE 4:00PM LEADERSHIP COUNCIL	26 9:00AM QUILTERS 6:00PM SCOUTS	27 10:00AM ALDERSGATE CRAFTERS 10:30AM BIBLE STUDY	28 3:00PM GAITHER SUITES COMMUNION 5:30PM CHURCH DINNER 6:00PM PROGRAM/UMYF 6:30PM CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:30PM CHOIR @ ARCADIA	29	30	31 <i>TRUNK OR TREAT 5:00PM</i> "Fall Back" Tonight! Change your clocks!

Sunday, October 4: SPRC 12:30pm

Monday, October 5 Trustees Meet - 6:30pm

Concert/Revival Committee - 7:30pm



Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 31

Beginning at 5:00pm

A PRAYER FOR PUMPKIN PEOPLE

After Liz Curtis Higgs wrote the popular children's book *The Pumpkin Patch Parable*, people began using her analogies to say a prayer while carving their Halloween pumpkins. The pumpkin prayer reminds people of all ages what God has done for us. Use it when your family makes jack-o'-lanterns.

While cutting off the top of the pumpkin, pray, "Lord, open my mind so I can learn new things about you." (See Proverbs 1:7)

While removing the seeds and pulp, pray, "Remove the things in my life that don't please you. Forgive the wrong things I do, and help me forgive others." (See Matthew 6:14-15)

While making eyes, pray, "Open my eyes to see the beauty you've made in the world around me." (See Psalm 104:24)

While making the nose, pray, "I'm sorry for the times I've turned up my nose at your many gifts." (See James 1:17)

While making the mouth, pray, "Let everything I say please you." (See Psalm 19:14)

While lighting the candle, pray, "Lord, help me show your light to others through the things I do." (See Matthew 5:16)

After carving your pumpkins, display them as examples of how God's love transforms us into new creations.



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Sunday
October 4
4:00pm

*Please use a leash,
harness or carrier
for pet safety.*

NEW CHURCH BUS!!

**Dedication Service
Sunday, October 4**

12:00noon

