

# **The Good Report**

## **GOOD NEWS FOR P.C.O.**

Many of you were able to come out for the “Gospel and Goodies” event here at First Methodist on Sunday night, April 29. It was so wonderful to see three different congregations coming together to sing praises to the Lord. Many people brought in donations of canned goods, and by the end of the evening, Randy Bowen reports that over 456 items of food had been donated for Putnam Christian Outreach. Randy says, “As you know, this food will go a long way toward helping ease the hunger that many in our community are experiencing during these difficult times.” Thank you, Randy, for loading all the cans into your truck and moving them to P.C.O. for distribution.

## **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

We’re pleased to report that around 80 people showed up last Thursday afternoon for the National Day of Prayer Event in our Historic Sanctuary. Seven different churches were represented, and it was great to see everyone coming together “with one accord in one place,” lifting up to God the prayer needs of our community and nation. Plus, the fellowship time afterwards in the Taliaferro House was very enjoyable as we ate together and made new friends. Thanks to Freda Rountree and her crew for their legendary hospitality!

## **CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE: FUN-FAITH-FELLOWSHIP!**

A new Christian softball league is being established right here in Eatonton! The season will last 10 weeks, June 17-August 19. All regular season games will be played on Saturdays unless make-ups are needed. League fee is \$200.00 per team. Could First Methodist field a team? I know we’ve got the talent! There will be an organizational meeting on Thursday, May 17 at 7:30pm at Grace Baptist Church here in Eatonton. We would need a least one representative from our church at the meeting. The Church League is open to adults and youth, and to both genders.

## **CHOIR AND PRAISE BAND**

We thank God for all of our singers and musicians who dedicate their gifts to the glory of the Lord. In case you didn’t hear the announcement made on April 29, our praise band will continue to perform one song at the 11:00 service every other Sunday through June, one Sunday during July, and then every Sunday beginning August 5 (again, one song, always during the 11:00 service). Our choir, as always, will continue to sing at both the 8:45 and 11:00 services. Our prayer is that the “something for everyone” approach at 11:00 will enable us to reach a wider variety of persons with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It’s a blessing to see so many visitors joining us, some at 8:45, some at 11:00. Keep praying for them... we want ‘em to stay! And as we think and pray about God’s church, let’s agree to focus on all the things “of good report.”

**Blessings,**

Dave

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**My Gifts in 2012:**

	4/29	5/06	YTD
Operating Funds Received	\$ 8,050	\$14,795	\$190,118
Operating Budget	\$ 9,279	\$ 9,279	\$176,301
Debt Reduction Funds Rec'd	\$ 160	\$ 1,841	\$ 22,662
Debt Reduction Budget	\$ 1,423	\$ 1,423	\$ 27,037
Total Taliaferro House Budget:	\$15,000		
Taliaferro House Received	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 8,970

Thank you for your generosity to the Lord's work through this church.

**Welcome New Members:** Sunday, April 29, 2012 nine of our youth became full members of our congregation with three being baptized and confirmed.

Maggie Doster	Emma Hayes (baptized)
Sean Dugan	Peri Hayes (baptized)
Carl Fuller (baptized)	Aaron Nipper
Naomi Gregory	Annabelle Odum
Caroline Griffith	



Add to your prayer list

**MY PRAYERS: Our Members:** Anne Hall; Steve Hancock; Joann Harper; Eddie McLeroy; Trent Morgan (son of Vicki Mullis); Dave & Sue Reiff; Bobby & Nancy Sikes; Jim Tuller.

**Nursing/Personal Care Homes:** Elsie Alberich; Grace Bishop; Willie Maude Carnes; Doug Cunningham; Helen Harrell; Lenore Hewitt; Betty Hill; Mary Katherine Hodges; Vernezia Jones; Anne Kirkley; Betts Maddox; Ruth Rogers; Peggy Timms; Frances Wood.

**Family and Friends of Our Members:** Betty Alvarez; Michael Bevins; Zackie Boen; Anita Cotney; Earl Engel; Mary Huggins Fisher; Mary Fuller; Chuck Griffith; Connie Hand; Rusty Holland; Judy Ireland; Nathan Jackson; Frank Jones; Cuyler Kline, III; Thelma Leonhardt; Ben Merritt; Riley Parham; Ernie Tall; Harry Ullmann. *We're now going to purge our prayer list on a monthly basis. If there is someone who needs to go back on the list, simply contact us. Thank you.*

**Our Military:** Erica Alecksen (Afghanistan); Luke Bullock; Brian Rowland; Ashley Wiggins.

**Grieving:** family of Jim Park; family of Bobby Ammons; family of Jane Alford.

**Energizers** will meet May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Great Hall.

**Vacation Bible School:** Adult & youth volunteers are needed for VBS June 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>. **Please contact Debbie Pittman or the office if you will be able to help.**



**Vacation Bible School**  
**June 11<sup>th</sup> - June 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**9am - 12noon**

Please fill out the registration form below and drop in the offering plate on Sunday or mail to the church office. Each child will need a separate form.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency #: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the grade your child will enter next fall.

**K    1    2    3    4    5**

List any information the VBS staff should know about your child.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



In Honor of Mother's Day  
 Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

JYF invites all mothers  
 to stop by the reception table  
 in the Gathering Room  
 and enjoy a cup of punch  
 and a cookie as you leave  
 morning worship

**Wednesday night activities for adults and youth:**

\*6:23-7:30 – Youth Worship Service in the Loft

\*6:30-7:30 – The Men's Wednesday Night BS group continues to meet in the basement of the Historic Sanctuary. We are now studying the new book by Mark Batterson, *The Circle Maker* (Praying Circles Around Your Biggest Dreams and Greatest Fears).

\*6:30-7:30, beginning Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> Donna Hinson will be teaching "Methodism 101," a six week series open to both men and women. This will be a great crash course on the theology, doctrine, structure, and history of the United Methodist Church. The class will meet in the Upper Room.

**The Finance Committee** will meet Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm in the Upper Room.



**Hebrews 1:11 AMP – NOW FAITH IS the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things we hope for, being the proof of things we do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].** Are you exercising this "sixth sense" of faith as a born-again believer? Our level of faith is directly related to the degree of God's Word dwelling in our hearts. Faith is an action. There is a direct correlation between increase in faith and increase in obedience. **Hebrews 1:6 AMP – But without faith it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him out.**

**Today, May 8<sup>th</sup> is Margaret Jones 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!** Last week she suffered a stroke and has been admitted to a hospital in Memphis, TN where her daughter lives. You may contact her at: Room 418; Methodist Extended Care Hospital; 225 S. Claybrook Street; Memphis, TN 38104.



In Honor Of

**Boyd & Mary Alice Dennard** given by Gary McElhenney.

# Things Noteworthy

What a Great night we had singing hymns, praise choruses, and being inspired by the mass choir as they shared several of their favorite anthems. The choir consisted of singers from Gray United Methodist, Eatonton First United Methodist, and Eatonton First Baptist. Two praise teams, one from Gray and ours, lead the praise choruses with each church's pastor; Ricky Varnell, Keithen Tucker, and Dave Hinson bringing messages about Holiness. To top it all off we had a fellowship time afterwards with plenty of goodies. Please join me in thanking the ladies from First Baptist and FUMC for all the great food. Everyone was pleased with the evening especially the choirs. They are ready to try it again in the near future.



**6:23**

6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade welcome every Wednesday from 6:23-7:30 to join us for worship, a message, and fun!  
5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30

## Chattanooga Mission Trip Meeting

Spots are still open for students wishing to go on the middle school mission trip to Chattanooga (July 8-13). The cost for the trip is \$375. Please contact Adam for more information.

## UMYF E-Newsletter

Sign-up to be on the monthly e-newsletter mailing list at [www.eatontonfirstumc.com/umyf](http://www.eatontonfirstumc.com/umyf). The summer newsletter will be sent on May 17th. This will include a full listing of summer activities leading into August.

## **Junior Youth Fellowship**

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Graders • Sundays 4-6pm

[FUMCJYF.Shutterfly.com](http://FUMCJYF.Shutterfly.com)

**Come join the fun every Sunday afternoon!!**

The United Methodist Women are sponsoring a church-wide project (no money involved). All you need do is save box tops and labels for "**Labels for Education**" and "**Box Tops for Education**" found on Cheerios and Campbell's soup, etc. One of the label groups go to Murphy Harpst Home and the other to the Elementary School. Another item being collected is soda can and food can tabs for Ronald McDonald House.

It seems like everyone is in a mad rush with school ending soon. This time of the year brings special events such as dance and piano recitals, end of the year band and chorus concerts and graduations. Some will be graduating from middle school to high school and elementary to middle school. Others will be finishing a long hard course of study in an effort to graduate from college. Then it's time to put all that's been learned to good use. Jobs are hard to come by and it can be a long ardent process in finding one. My advice to anyone looking for a career is simple. Find something you love doing, something that brings you joy and fulfillment in life, something that helps others in their daily journey through life and then comes the hard part; find someone that will pay you while you are having all this fun. I've had great jobs in my life. God blest me with jobs beyond my wildest dreams. He also led me down the path to finally realize my calling into full time Christian service. Music ministry is something I love doing and have fun doing it. It's my calling and I thank God every day for the opportunity to serve. Much prayers and a whole lot of listening will usually bring good results. So Good Luck seniors, my prayers are with you and your families.

In the coming weeks we will turn our thoughts and focus on the family. This Sunday will be Mother's Day and Baby Recognition Sunday. Later we celebrate Graduation Sunday and Father's Day. All these special Sundays are important to our families and our church. I pray our music selections will be inspirational and enlightening.

Let me close by inviting you to our **Spring Piano Recital** on May 20, at 2:00 in the Great Hall. It is a joy for Mary Alice and I to work with each student and watch them develop into fine musicians. We are grateful for you allowing us to use of the facilities here at FUMC for this special event. There will a time of food and fellowship afterwards.

*To God Be the Glory  
Boyd*

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We would like to send you the newsletter by email!

Send your address to:  
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**MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS**

Acolytes.....Jackson Embry, Jackson Phillips (13<sup>th</sup>)  
Tori Dooley, Nick Dooley (20<sup>th</sup>)  
First Friends.....Jim & Mary Ann Shrader (8:45)  
Randy & Faye Bowen (11)  
Kidz Worship (Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade).....Debbie Pittman  
Newsletter Mail-out.....Helen Gregory, Nancy Brake  
Stephen Ministry.....Gerrye Jenkins  
Usher Chairs.....Diane Griffin (8:45); Mike Rainey (11)  
Ushers, 8:45am.....Connie & Michael Sherman  
Ushers, 11:00am.....Clay Lowery, Tim Nipper,  
Richard Boyer, Tom Usery