WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Guerry and Sallie Simmons with Sam and Brents
May 28, 2017

Ryan and Katie Rudolph with Ansley and William
June 4, 2017

Caroline and Travis Pullen
May 28, 2017

SUMMER GOSPEL SING-ALONG
AND POTLUCK SUPPER

WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING JUNE 7, 5:30 PM,
FOLLOWED BY A POTLUCK AT 6:15 PM

Congregational Meeting & Election is Sunday,
June 18 at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

We will elect leadership nominees as well as approve the
budget for 2017-2018. The 2017 Nominee Slate booklet is
available in the Narthex & Gathering Hall.

Installation of newly elected leaders is Sunday,
June 25 at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Dear Church Family,
Please come see the beautiful piece created by Kathy Turner of New Purpose Vintage. Each week Prayer Slips are available on it, requests are turned in by the Spiritual Journeys for Women Class. Should you have a need for prayer, please let us know.

- Anne Stauffer

### Proposed 2017/2018 Budget

#### Receipts and Revenues

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#### Expenditures & Disbursements

| WORSHIP                                      | 621,810 |
| SPIRITUAL FORMATION                          | 487,869 |
| MISSION & OUTREACH                           | 596,086 |
| CHILDREN & FAMILIES                          | 502,909 |
| YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS                         | 422,165 |
| ADMINISTRATION                               | 131,661 |
| **Total Expenditures & Disbursements**       | 2,762,500 |

Net Surplus/(Deficit)                         -
The Woodmont Board met on Monday evening, June 5th, and has now approved an operating budget for the 2017-2018 year beginning July 1st. The congregational meeting will be on Sunday, June 18th at 10:35 a.m. in the sanctuary where we will officially vote on both the budget and the leadership slate. We had a very strong stewardship campaign this year so thank you to everybody who participated and provided leadership, especially to Jeremiah and Mary Clare Pyron who served as chairs. The generosity and commitment of Woodmont is inspiring. It’s the people who make up the church and it’s up to all of us to continue supporting the mission and ministries of Woodmont.

To date, we have received 333 PLEDGES totaling $2,426,505. This reflects just over an 8% increase in the pledged amount from last year which is very exciting. In an age where many good churches are struggling and seeing budgets decline, we continue to move forward in faith. When our stewardship consultant Bruce Barkhauer was here in April, he encouraged us to develop a narrative budget (along with our line item budget) that shows exactly how our giving goes to support the multiple ministries of Woodmont. In recent months, we have been developing that narrative budget. From a missional view, here is how your dollars are being put to use in the new budget year:

WORSHIP ($621,810) - Worship is the most important thing we do as a community. We gather together each Sunday in community to worship God, be challenged, and to lift each other up. We offer three different styles of worship every Sunday (Informal at 9:30, Contemporary at 9:45, Traditional at 11) as well as many special services throughout the year. We are blessed with incredible musical talent of all kinds. Outstanding worship is one of our core values as a church.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION ($487,869) - This includes Adult education, Small Groups, Connection, Stewardship, Leadership Woodmont, Community Events, Pastoral Care, Membership Assimilation, and Introduction to Woodmont. Spiritual Formation is important in the life of our church. We worship God with our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

MISSION & OUTREACH ($596,086) - Woodmont remains a missional church committed to serving this community and this world. There are so many opportunities to serve including Habitat, Room in the Inn, The Nashville Food Project, the Morgan Scott Project, Tools for Schools, Walk Thru Bethlehem, and many more. We provide significant financial support to many organizations through our grant based program. We are also committed to healing ministries like AA, Ala Non, Divorce Care, Grief Recovery, and much more.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES ($502,909) - We continue to have a thriving children and family ministry. Our Kids Commons is overflowing and in many cases, the classrooms are too crowded. There are many volunteers who make this possible on a regular basis. We want to continue to support all families and parents in the difficult tasks that they have. A healthy family ministry is essential.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS ($422,165) – As our children move up, our youth ministry continues to grow and expand. This is such a formative time in the lives of adolescents. The values that they are taught will last a life time. We also want to continue to reach college and young adults as they find their way in the world.

ADMINISTRATION ($131,661) - In a church Woodmont’s size, ongoing communication and administration is a necessity. We are blessed with a strong administrative staff that works very hard to support the mission, ministries, and programs of Woodmont on a daily basis.

We are thankful to have such a beautiful facility but it takes a lot of resources to maintain it and to keep it looking nice. It is important to note that our facility houses all of our ministries and programs and serves as the base for our mission and outreach. We also actively fund the Tom Mathias Property Reserve Fund which keeps us prepared for any large expenditures that may occur on the facility. Personnel salaries are spread throughout the various ministries that they support. It is important to note that both Property Expenses and Administration directly support all of the ministries and make our mission possible.

Total Expenditures: $2,762,500.00

This is an exciting budget and will continue to allow us to do great things on this corner, in this community, and beyond. Feel free to contact us with any questions that you may have. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Blessings,
WOODONT'S ANNUAL GIVING PYRAMID

Total Commitments 2017/18: 333
Pledge total: $2,426,505

Comparison:
2016/17: 322 totaling $2,245,751
2017/18: 333 totaling $2,426,505

The increase in outreach and property allocation is consistent with the budget increase. The property budget still includes a contingency line for unforeseen expenditures (Tom Mathias Property Reserve Fund – expenditures to be Board-approved).

The operating budget for our preschool (WCPS) is separate but available for review. Please contact the preschool office for information.

Your generosity and open heart has changed lives and has enabled us to: bring more people to membership at Woodmont resulting in a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, send our members to Guatemala and build homes for Guatemalan families, serve our church community and Nashville through DivorceCare, Walk Thru Bethlehem, Centre Group, Heavenly Helpers, Mobile Meals, Morgan Scott Project and more. Your support fulfills and expands our mission to seek God, share love, and serve others.

A line-item detailed budget is available on request at the church office.
I recently found myself in a discussion regarding how to not get bogged down by daily life, how to find positive meaning in routine. The conversation meandered and eventually landed upon this - the importance in one’s ability to intentionally choose joy. This idea, weirdly, led me into sadness. I thought about all the people that help me stay positive in a single day and then what in the world I would do if they all disappeared… I can’t manage all the feelings I have on my own! So I called my dad, my wise, caring, insightful dad. And he had these words for me, “Each time you come to me, I’m comforting you, but I’m also teaching you.” Wow. The moments I feel selfish and needy, I am being taught self-care, compassion, and love.

Our great Father offers us this each day. Through prayer, we can find peace. Through community, we can find belonging. Through friendship, we can find comfort. Through worship, we can experience God’s presence. Through silence, we can hear God’s still, small voice. The list is endless. I invite you to call on your Father and explore what He is offering you.

**Finding Positive Meaning**

**by Katie Sheridan-Gossage**

June Memory Verse:

“I’ve commanded you to be brave and strong, haven’t I? Don’t be alarmed or terrified, because the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

- Joshua 1:9
Next Week’s Calendar

Sunday, June 11
8:15 a.m.  “Seekers” Bible Study, Room 105
9:30 a.m.  Worship in the Sanctuary, Sun. School
9:45 a.m.  Worship at The Bridge, Drowota Hall
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary, Sun. School

Monday, June 12
3:30 p.m.  “Geezers” Men’s Bible Study, Boardroom

Tuesday, June 13
9:00 a.m.  Women’s Prayer Group, Campbell-Stone

Wednesday, June 14
6:15 a.m.  Men’s Small Group, Room 100
7:00 a.m.  “Original” Men’s Bible Study, Room 105
7:00 a.m.  Younger Men’s Bible Study, Boardroom
5:30 p.m.  Summer Gospel Sing-Along, Room 105
6:15 p.m.  Potluck Supper, Drowota Hall

Summer Reading List

Clay Stauffer
- Short Stories of Jesus by Amy Jill Levine
- Make Today Count by John Maxwell
- Two Paths: America United or Divided by John Kasich
- Hillbilly Elegy by JD Vance
- The Righteous Mind by Jonathan Haidt*
- What I Wish I Knew before We Got Married by Gary Chapman
- The Gospel of Luke

Roy Stauffer
- Hillbilly Elegy by J. D. Vance*
- The Book of Joy by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama*
- Thank You for Being Late by Thomas Friedman*
- Cracked Up by David Hall*
- Jesus’ Plan for a New World by Richard Rohr*
- The Gospel of Mark by Marcus Borg*
- The Heart of Centering Prayer by Cynthia Bourgeault*

Justin Gung
- Rest in Power: The Enduring Life of Trayvon Martin by Sybrina Fulton and Tracy Martin*
- The Pocket Cathedral: A Collection of Prayers by Farrell Mason
- What is the Mission of the Church?: Making Sense of Social Justice, Shalom, and the Great Commission by Kevin DeYoung and Greg Gilbert
- The Resurrection of the Son of God by N.T. Wright
- Making Sense of God by Timothy Keller

Farrell Mason
- The Hidden Life of Trees by Wohllben
- Love Does by Bob Goff
- The Pocket Cathedral by Farrell Mason
- No Man is An Island by Thomas Merton

Thom Schuyler
- Bonhoeffer (Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy) by Eric Metaxas
- Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance
- Here, There and Everywhere by Geoff Emerick
- The Frontiersman by Allan W Eckert
- My Utmost For His Highest by Oswald Chambers*

Andra Moran
- Only Love Today by Rachel Macy Stafford*
- The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo
- If You Want to Write by Brenda Ueland
- The Weight of Heaven by Thrity Umrigar

Alexis James Waggoner
- The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander
- Welcoming the Stranger by Matthew Soerens and Jenny Hwang
- Prophetic Imagination by Walter Brueggemann
- Being Mortal by Atul Gawande
- The Spiritual Child by Lisa Miller

Anne-Marie Farmer
- Confederate Streets by Erin Tocknell
- Also a Mother: Work and Family as a Theological Dilemma by Bonnie Miller-McLemore*
- March. Book One by John Lewis
- The Giver by Lois Lowry

Sundays in the Challenge Class
Please join us in The Challenge Class, Room 200, at 9:30 AM, during the month of June for a special bible study class brought to us by Matthew D. Groves, a Disciples Divinity Master’s student, on the topic of “Science and Theology”. Matthew has a physics background and is always interested in talking about science and religion. Come visit for this special series and let’s see if science and theology do indeed fit together. This study will have two separate sub-topics: 1) Genesis and evolution (3 weeks) and 2) Climate change and the big bang theory. We hope to see you there.
- Paul Jardin

Uninvited Wednesday Women’s Bible Study
This study examines past and present hurts to discover how the Bible can help with feelings of being left out, isolated or lonely. The class uses the video, Uninvited, by Lysa TerKeurst as a springboard to discover healthier ways of looking at rejection by going to new places spiritually with the help of Jesus.

Since the class is video based: you don’t have to buy the book to attend! Even if you can’t make all the sessions, there is still something for you to use in your daily life.

Class meets in the Boardroom at 6:45 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: June 7, June 21, June 28, July 5, and July 12 with a concluding social event later in July. Call Lisa Rollins with any questions 615-377-1326.
A DEAL IS A DEAL!

Before Game 3 of the Stanley Cup Finals, Clay promised to preach in a Nashville Predators jersey if they won.

Promise kept!

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

IN THE HOSPITAL:
Porter Earnest Short, infant son of Cory and Beth Short, NICU St. Thomas Midtown

CONTINUING CONCERNS:
Robbie Richardson, Woodcrest
Willie Bandy, Woodcrest
Marcella Derryberry
Ellen Anderson
Joe Taylor
Robbie Graham, nephew of Michael Graham

Tammy Regen, daughter in law of Gene and Elizabeth Regen. Knoxville, TN
Vicki Phillips
Al Richardson, Belmont Village
Lee Ann Hawkins
Gus Stranch, son of Gerard & Patty Stranch
Clay Perry, son of Diane & Tim Perry, grandson of Betty & Bill Johnson. Seattle
Ben and Gayle Cherry

MILITARY:
Dave Albritton, nephew of Pat and Dave Malone

THIS WEEK, THE ELDERS OF WOODMONT ASK YOU TO JOIN THEM IN PRAYER FOR:

Those who are planning for the future of the church.
The Youth group.
Vacation Bible School.
The Children’s Ministry.
The Coptic Christians who are persecuted for their Christian faith.

THE JUNE MEETING OF THE WCC BOOK CLUB WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 20TH, AT 10:30 IN ROOM 107. A DISCUSSION OF “THE NIGHTINGALE” BY KRISTIN HANNAH WILL BE LED BY GAYLE HUGHES. ALL ARE INVITED!

THE 2017 HEART FOR AFRICA DIAPER DRIVE

400 DIAPERS A DAY = 146,000 DIAPERS A YEAR
1,600 WIPES A DAY = 584,000 WIPES A YEAR

THAT’S A LOT!
Heart for Africa is a charity that provides homes for orphans in Swaziland, Africa. They are in need of diapers and wipes. Help us meet this urgent need!

Our goal is to collect 146,000 diapers and 584,000 wipes, which should last us a whole year. 300 friends of Heart for Africa have already purchased 94,000 diapers and 315,000 wipes to date! We still have a ways to go before the container ships at the end of June, so please go to our Baby Registry Amazon accounts today and help us reach our goal. When you shop on those registries, the diapers are shipped directly to our warehouses in the US. It’s just SO easy: http://bit.ly/2017diaperdrive

Diapers will also be collected by Mary Welsh Owen at Woodmont until June 27. Please leave them on the back table in Drowota Hall.

Worship Services June 11, 2017

9:30, 9:45, & 11:00 A.M.
Summer Series: The Parables of Jesus “The Rich Fool”
Clay Stauffer
Luke 12:13-21

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Deacons Serving

- Communion Prep: Joel Hysmith
- Service Coordinator: 9:30 - Tom Woodard
- 9:45 - MariKate Hopper  11:00 - Linda Webb

- Video Camera: 9:30 - Bob Faricy
- 11:00 - Christy Crider

Elders Serving

- 9:30 a.m. Sandy Smith Faye Tevebaugh
- 9:45 a.m. Jade Forlidas
- 11:00 a.m. Pam Richardson Marcella Derryberry

Hospital - Pam Richardson