

IN MEMORY & IN HONOR

GENERAL FUND

In Memory of Nancy Cloud by Jackie Cook
In Memory of J.B. Morgan by Mary Emma Scott
In Honor of Martha Kerley by Benny & Brenda French,
Pete & Elizabeth Brown, and Loretta Simpson
In Memory of Bob Spahr by Judy Hodge, Mary Emma
Scott, Bruce & Marcia Recktenwald, Paul & Tami Kelder,
Rudy & Carol McBee, Alvin & Marjorie Jenkins, Martha
Rehorn, and Gary & Tammie Davis
In Memory of Virginia Simmons by Mary Emma Scott
In Honor of Tim Sharp by Pete & Elizabeth Brown
In Memory of Chloe Harrington by Rudy & Carol McBee

FOUNTAIN CITY MINISTRY CENTER

In Memory of Sandra Hatcher by Laura & Mahan Archer
In Honor of Martha Kerley by Jackie Cook, and Rosiland
Irwin
In Memory of Bob Spahr by Tom Harrington
In Memory of Julie Barnett by Tom Harrington
In Memory of Virginia Simmons by Christian Fellowship SS Class
In Memory of J.B. Morgan by Christian Fellowship SS Class

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In Memory of Bob Spahr by Mark Biagi
In Memory of Bob Spahr by Christian Fellowship SS Class
In Memory of Bob Temple by Christian Fellowship SS Class

FAITH PROMISE

In Memory of Don & Patti Ball by Susan Ball

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

In Honor of Cliff Boyle by Bill & Martha Routh
In Memory of Chloe Harrington by Jack & Mary Ridenour
In Memory of J.B. Morgan by Jack & Mary Ridenour
In Memory of Bob Spahr by Jack & Mary Ridenour
In Memory of Virginia Simmons by Jack & Mary Ridenour

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

In Memory of Virginia Simmons by Tom Cloud

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

In Memory of Bob Spahr by Bill & Martha Routh
In Memory of Bob Bostic by Bill & Martha Routh
In Memory of Patti Ball by Mary Ellen Whittaker
In Memory of J.B. Morgan by Mary Ellen Whittaker
In Memory of Bob Bryan by Mary Ellen Whittaker

CHOIR FUND

In Memory of Chloe Harrington by Gary & Sandra Cannon
In Memory of Bob Spahr by Tom Cloud
In Memory of Maxine Payne by Harry & Alice Fay Dinken,
Mary Ellen Whittaker, Randi & David Poole, Lili Holbert,
Gary Nichols & Joy Ann Loy, Bill & Katherine McBee,
Randy & Kay Smith, and Kathy Pemberton
In Memory of Nancy Cloud by Mary Ellen Whittaker
In Memory of Chloe Harrington by Mary Ellen Whittaker

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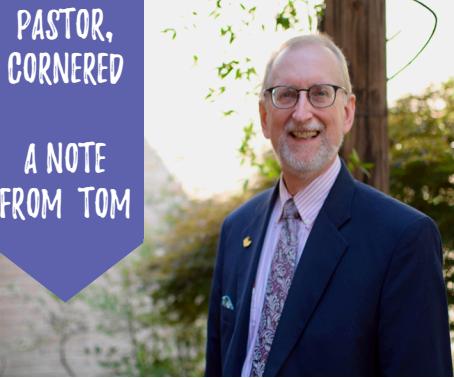
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THE SPIRIT

FOUNTAIN CITY UMC

SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



PASTOR,
CORNERED
A NOTE
FROM TOM

With autumn being upon us, we realize that we are almost in another season that to some degree we can predict: changing foliage among hardwoods before the leaves actually release; holidays like Halloween and Thanksgiving; and of course UT football (predictions abound!). But as we think of changing seasons, it's helpful to consider that we live our lives in "seasons" and that there is a seasonal nature to Christ's Church. Our leadership here at FCUMC is being responsive to how this "season" is impacting us and wants you to be aware of its unfolding. Often these decisions are quite difficult. But difficult is not the same as impossible. We keep moving forward.

From the standpoint of church revenues, we are significantly down compared to date in 2018. Based upon what we can officially track in the church office, over 40% of our giving units give \$0 toward the operating budget. Let that sink in. Does that describe you? Surely, this congregation means more to us than to ignore giving anything financially. Maybe this "season" needs to change for you. How we give is an expression of discipleship, plain & simple.

On the expense side of matters, we are on the cusp of a new "season" as well. We don't know what that will actually look like, but one of the ministries that will be in a new season is the paper newsletter that you are now reading. Between online availability, the cost of professional printing, and mailing expenses, we are considering options that will still effectively communicate while reducing costs. Stay tuned for some fine-tuning in this area.

By now, you have probably received the letter about becoming a 13X13 disciple. Please refer to a separate article in this newsletter for further information. I hope you will become part of this group. There is so much to celebrate & to be excited about. God is using us to live into our mission of Making Disciples...Changing Lives. Though seasons may come & go, God is still God, and the mission is still the mission. I appreciate you so much. Let's keep moving forward together.

Peace of Christ, Tom

OUR GIFTS

WEEKLY OFFERING

July 15-21	\$ 24,244.84
July 22-28	\$ 22,558.38
July 29 - Aug 4	\$ 25,342.69
Aug 5 - 11	\$ 87,032.56

	SUNDAY JULY 7	SUNDAY JULY 14	SUNDAY JULY 21	SUNDAY JULY 28	SUNDAY AUG 4	SUNDAY AUG 11
Sunday School	288	259	316	244	304	329
8:30 am Traditional Worship	198	150	142	169	135	153
11 am Traditional Worship	161	225	210	197	200	197
11 am The Journey	114	122	140	110	147	113
Celebrate Recovery	133	137	170	151	147	150
Total Worship Services	606	634	662	627	629	613

OUR SYMPATHIES

We extend our sympathy to Willie Morgan & family in the death of J.B. Morgan on July 19.

We extend our sympathy to Shellie Bryant & family in the death of Michael Bryant on July 19.

We extend our sympathy to Tim McComas & family in the death of Julie Barnett on July 20.

We extend our sympathy to Garold Goodin & family in the death of Jennifer Goodin on July 31.

We extend our sympathy to Louise Spahr & family in the death of Bob Spahr on Aug. 1.

We extend our sympathy to Pamela Jackson & family in the death of Virginia Simmons on August 1.

We extend our sympathy to Joe & Shirley Black & family in the death of Joe Black III, on August 9.

We extend our sympathy to Jordan & Leslie Payne & family in the death of Rob Payne on August 9.

PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE, AND WITNESS

UPCOMING SEPTEMBER DATES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Labor Day - Church building and offices are closed

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

4:00 pm : Off Broadway Kids Worship Ensemble 2019-2020 Season Kick-off (Choir Room)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

All Day : United Methodist Women Sunday (Churchwide)
9:45 am : Retirement Reception for LeRoy Hatcher (Wesley Hall)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:00 pm : Preschool Parent Meeting (Gym)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

10:45 am : UMW Unit Meeting (Wesley Hall)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

11:30 am : Adults 50+ Luncheon (Wesley Hall)
7:00 pm : Wesley House Masquerade Ball (Off-site)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

12:00 pm : Youth Ocoee White Water Trip (Off-site)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

4:30 pm : Churchwide Picnic (Iglehart Farm)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

1:00 pm : Adult Coloring (Room 137)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

All Day : Faith Promise Sunday (Churchwide)
2:00 pm : Keyboard Concert (Sanctuary)
6:00 pm : Church Council Meeting

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27-28

Chancel Choir Retreat

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

5:45 pm : Open Door Community Meal (Wesley Hall)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

All Day : 5th Sunday Offering

**FOR MORE DETAILS
CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE
WWW.FOUNTAINCITYUMC.ORG**

CELEBRATE RECOVERY - NORTH SPOTLIGHT: HOW CR HAS IMPACTED MY LIFE



My name is Felicia. I am the mother of 3 beautiful children and our family has been a part of Celebrate Recovery since May of 2018. CR has become a second home to us, and this community of faith has become our family. Celebrate Recovery has brought so much healing, restoration, love, peace, and joy into our lives. Most of all, it has renewed our minds and opened our hearts to the love, light, and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. The ministry at this church has taken us from pain and drowning in chaos into freedom anchored in hope. We have learned how to trust again and build new relationships with others. I have been changed through Celebrate Recovery and my children are building a steppingstone for their own future to be able to grow up with Jesus. Knowing that no matter what they face, He is there with them.

I am so very grateful for this ministry and we are so blessed to be a part of it. CR means being in a Christ-centered community, and to have a safe place to come when the world falls short, which it does way too often. Celebrate Recovery North is a permanent part of my life now and I cannot imagine life without it!

LERoy HATCHER, DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL CARE IS RETIRING



We will have a retirement reception for LeRoy Hatcher on September 8 during the Sunday School hour in Wesley Hall. LeRoy is a long-time member of Fountain City UMC and as Director of Congregational Care, he has provided leadership for ministry to and with our homebound members. Please join us to celebrate LeRoy!

EMERGENCY ON CALL

Sept. 6-8: Kristen Burkhardt (865) 357-6354

Sept. 13-15: Tom Ballard (423) 585-7054

Sept 20-22: Kristen Burkhardt (865) 357-6354

Sept. 27-29: Tom Ballard (423) 585-7054

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FOUNTAIN CITY UMC
— A SERIES OF —
FORTUNATE EVENTS
EVENT THREE:

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC
SEPTEMBER 15 at 4:30 p.m.



Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 15 for our annual church picnic at the Iglehart farm! Every year, the Igleharts graciously welcome us to their home for some games, fellowship and a delicious barbecue meal! The address is 6161 Edmondson Lane.

Please plan on bringing a side dish or dessert to share. Doug and his crew will provide the barbecue! Make sure to bring some lawn chairs or a picnic blanket and any outdoor games you want.

As always, the picnic is free for our church family to enjoy, but if you want to make a donation to offset the cost, we won't say no!

ADULTS 50+ UPDATE

September Luncheon

Please join us for "Good Times with Jack" on Friday, **September 13** at 11:30 a.m. in Wesley Hall! We will enjoy delicious food, fellowship, and fun music with Jack Stallard! He is famous for his sing-a-longs for churches and friends in the Kingsport area. Jack will entertain us with some of his favorite solo pieces including show tunes, sing-a-longs (for those who want to join in), and popular melodies as well as his humorous stories! The cost is \$6 and the deadline to RSVP is Tuesday, September 10.

September Service Projects

We have two service projects to choose from:

1. Collecting Stuffed Animals / Toys for Judge Irwin's Court

It is time for our annual service project - collecting items for Judge Irwin's Family Court. Each child coming through his court room (through no fault of his or her own) may select an animal or toy to keep. In addition to stuffed animals of any kind, color, and size, we are collecting toys for boys ages 12 and up, who prefer action figures, Match Box cars, and Hot Wheels! If you would like to help out with this worthy cause, simply bring NEW stuffed animals and/or toys to any 50+ events, including our September 13 luncheon where there will be a donation table. The deadline to bring items is December 5. This is our Christmas Project! We are hoping Judge Irwin will continue to have plenty of items to hand out as children come through his court.

2. Inskip Snacks

There will be also be a donation box at our September 13 Luncheon for anyone who would like to donate snacks for Inskip Elementary School. Please bring items that are individually packaged and no peanuts please!

Adult Coloring Fun

Coloring is relaxing and fun! If you have never been to our amazing Adult Coloring group, join our host, Susan Schumpert, on Thursday, **September 19** from 1-3 pm in room 137. We will have plenty of supplies on hand. No reservations and no experience needed. It's free! We hope to see you there!

For reservations to the luncheon or questions on all Adult 50+ events, please call the church office at (865) 689-5175 or email jeanie.tillman@fountaincityumc.org.

ABOUT THE COVER PHOTO:

An usual hydrangea bloom! Photo by Allison Owens Lore. If you'd like to see one of your photos grace the cover of future *The Spirit* newsletters, please email kathleen.bloom@fountaincityumc.org.

OUR PRESENCE CELEBRATING WITH OUR FCUMC FAMILY

Our extended church family continues to grow! We certainly have a lot to celebrate as a congregation. You are invited to rejoice in the following blessings with us!

Join us in celebrating the marriage of Ashley Ellis and Davis Mitchell on July 5.

Join us in celebrating our new church member, Phillip Archer. He joined our church body on August 4. Welcome!

Join us in celebrating our new church member, Joanna James. She joined our church body on August 4. Welcome!

We at FCUMC have a great many things to celebrate with our church family! If you have a celebration to include, please email kathleen.bloom@fountaincityumc.org. Photos are always welcome!

AN UPDATE FROM THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

We are making and finalizing plans for our upcoming missions! Please sign up to help serve our community.

The fall semester dates for Sunday evening meals at UTK Wesley Foundation are set. We will serve meals on **September 8, October 27, November 17, and December 8**. We need Sunday school classes, circles, or individuals to sponsor each of these meals for the students. Sharon Bowers, UTK Wesley Foundation Director, is also inviting speakers to share a message at the worship service prior to the meal. To sign up or if you have questions, please contact Becky Ripley at edripley@comcast.net.

We will once again serve meals at KARM on the second and fourth Fridays of the month from September through May. Volunteers are needed from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Contact Clarence Carter at (865) 356-0001 to volunteer!

Thank you for supporting our FCUMC missions!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SUNDAY



On September 8, we will celebrate the 1869 founding of UMW women's mission work. Special mission recognitions will be observed during all three worship services. Any woman who commits herself to the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women and to engage in mission, study, personal growth and social action is welcome to join. Please come out and help us celebrate the United Methodist Women and their special mission work!

SEPTEMBER USHERS

8:30 a.m. TRADITIONAL
Bruce Luttrell - Head Usher
Jeane Luttrell - Head Usher
Sharon Smith
Larry Smith

11:00 a.m. TRADITIONAL
Gene Patton - Head Usher
Robert Smiddy - Head Usher
Mary Brabson
Conrad Majors
Wanda Majors
Jay Wormsley

THE JOURNEY
TBA



Music News from
Leslie Hill, Director
of Music Ministries

Keyboard Concert

A concert featuring two grand pianos, an organ, and six current and former FCUMC staff musicians playing together (duets, trios, quartets, but not solos!) will be presented on Sunday, **September 22**, at 2:00 p.m. No matter your musical taste, you will enjoy this concert! Please plan to attend. Donations for the Melton Scholarship Fund will be collected.

Christmas is coming!

The Chancel Choir will begin rehearsing in September for our annual Christmas concert. This is a great time to join the choir! We meet on Wednesdays from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., allowing some extra preparation time focused solely on our Christmas music. We will also have a retreat at the church on September 27-28. This group is open to all! Contact Leslie Hill at leslie.hill@fountaincityumc.org for more information.

As a congregation, we care deeply about our shared ministry. Together, we are making a difference for the sake of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. Please consider taking a next step during third quarter of this year towards becoming a 13x13 Disciple, so that we may continue impacting others in a meaningful way.

BECOMING A 13 X 13 DISCIPLE

What does it mean to be a 13x13 Disciple? The first "13" represents being the 13th disciple of Jesus. The gospel tells us that Jesus had twelve disciples, whom he named. Surely, there were more. Every disciple beyond those twelve fits into the 13th disciple category. That includes all of us.

The second "13" refers to your prayerful consideration of a 13th month of giving during the third quarter of 2019 (July through September). This means giving an extra month of your regular financial gifts to exceed your typical 12 months of giving. In dollars, some gifts may be larger than others, but every gift is important! There are some among us who aren't giving at all, so now is the time to step up. It is an act of discipleship.

We could focus on the raw numbers which reveal we are behind in our operating budget by more than double this time last year. But that would seem like begging, and we don't believe that discipleship should be about begging. Discipleship is realizing that all of who we are and ever hope to be...all that we have and ever hope to have...is a gift. We can continue making a difference in our ministries as a group of 13x13 Disciples.



Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event

If everyone makes this kind of an investment, and if non-givers begin to contribute, we could have an additional \$100,000 at the end of September. Without intentional and consistent giving, we will have to make some difficult decisions about reframing the congregation's financial picture and eliminating vital ministries.



Puerto Rico Mission Trip 2019

We can make a commitment to our ministries by responding to the 13x13 Disciple challenge. Please join us as we continue to fully live into **Making Disciples... Changing Lives**. As you prepare your gift, indicate that you are investing in being a 13x13 Disciple on your check or by contacting Ashley Garren in the office. Thank you in advance for your consideration. Peace of Christ.



Vacation Bible School



Celebrate Recovery North

FOUNTAIN KIDS FAMILY FALL EVENTS

Sisters in the Spirit

It's time once again for our Sisters in the Spirit event! All moms, daughters, grandmothers, aunts, church ladies and friends - join us on **November 3** from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the Gym for fun, fellowship and a beautiful take-home project. This year, we have the talented **Carla Keck of Painting & Praise** who will be directing us in creating a fabulous fall pumpkin picture. She will walk us through the steps as they are shown on the large screen.

The cost is \$20 per person (with a \$50 per family maximum).

This event benefits our Fountain Kids ministry, so thank you for your support! Register online using the links on our website and in the weekly e-news!



Father/Son Night

Our annual Father/Son Night will take place at Main Event Entertainment Center, located at 9081 Kingston Pike.



Join us on **Friday, October 25** from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. for unlimited bowling, laser tag, gravity ropes, billiards and shuffleboard. You will also receive a \$10 funcard, pizza and a drink!

The cost is \$25 per father/son (\$5 for each additional son). Register online using the links on our website and in the weekly e-news! Don't miss out on the fun!

For more information on these fun family events, please call the church office at (865) 689-5175 or contact Donna Lewis at donna.lewis@fountaincityumc.org. See you there!!

KRISTEN'S CORNER

By Rev. Dr. Kristen Burkhart, Associate Pastor of Discipleship

We have been in ministry together for two months now, but it feels like more. I believe that is partly due to the spirit of worship here. Worship is part of FCUMC's discipleship DNA. "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord" Psalm 150:6. With three services on Sunday Mornings and the Tuesday night Celebrate Recovery worship, the possibilities to praise are endless. Sometimes when we have options, we have a hard time choosing. Have you ever had the discussion in the family car about where you want to eat and start naming all the options and yet it's still hard to pick? We are focused on our wants and not

on the opportunity to have a meal together. I think in our consumer driven world, we can look at worship this way and yet, it is what we were created to do. So, how do we balance this as disciples? As we, at FCUMC, seek to be **ALL IN** this fall, let us think about how we do that in worship together, not as a preference choice, but as a discipleship discipline. In the book *Emerging Worship: Creating Worship Gatherings* by Dan Kimball, he suggests that no matter what form our worship takes we should ask these questions:

1. Did we lift the name of Jesus up? (Colossians 3:17)
2. Did we have a time in the scriptures and invite everyone to be a part of Kingdom living? (2 Timothy 3:14-4:4)
3. Did we pray together and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit? (Acts 1:14)
4. Did we show love and encouragement to each other as a Church? (Hebrews 10:25)
5. Do we take the Lord's Supper together as a Church regularly? (Corinthians 11:20-32)
6. Were we reminded of the mission of the Church? (Matthew 28:18-20)
7. Did we enable people to contribute something as part of the body of Christ? (1 Corinthians 12:27)

I am thankful to be **ALL IN** with you as we continue to worship together as Disciples of Jesus Christ. God Bless, Kristen

