

## IN MEMORY & IN HONOR

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In Memory of Chloe Harrington by Fred & Billie Graves, Pairs & Spares SS Class, Polly Kelly, and John Stallard  
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### FAITH PROMISE

In Memory of Carolyn Byar by Cheryl Smiddy

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THE SPIRIT  
FOUNTAIN CITY UMC  
AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER

PASTOR,  
CORNERED  
A NOTE  
FROM TOM



Several years ago, I had an opportunity to travel to Israel with a group led by Holston Conference Bishop Ray Chamberlain and Rev. Charles Burnett. Ever since, I've had a desire to return and to continue learning from the land. The ground beneath our feet has a way of speaking to us...if we will listen.

On Wednesday evening, August 21, at 6:30 p.m., following our fellowship meal, we will have an interest/information meeting in Wesley Hall to hear from Rev. Jim Goddard, a representative of the Society for Biblical Studies (SBS). This group is led by Rev. Peter Miano. The SBS designs and delivers unique and distinctive Holy Land tours and Christian pilgrimages. It seeks to make a difference in the life of the Church by enabling clergy and lay people to study the Bible and the mission of the Church in the context of the Holy Lands, specializing in cross-cultural experiences, mission, and service opportunities.

What would it mean in our individual lives and the corporate life of Fountain City UMC for us to go as a group sometime in fall of 2020 or spring of 2021? I invite you to consider this possibility. Check out the website at [www.sbsedu.org](http://www.sbsedu.org). Then, plan to attend the interest/information meeting on Wednesday, August 21. Your attendance doesn't commit you to anything, but is simply an opportunity to learn and to ask questions. I hope to see you then.

Peace of Christ, Tom

## OUR GIFTS

### WEEKLY OFFERING

June 17-23	\$ 18,523.66
June 24-30	\$ 18,390.88
July 1-7	\$ 25,543.09
July 8-14	\$ 30,027.39

### FAITH PROMISE

Faith Promise Sunday will be August 25. Please use the blue envelopes in the pew racks to make your commitment.

## PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE, AND WITNESS

## OUR SYMPATHIES

We extend our sympathy to Jennifer Smiddy in the death of her mother, Carolyn Callaway Byar on June 22.

We extend our sympathy to Jerry Griffey in the death of his brother-in-law, Rev. Bob Bostick on July 1.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Dot Watkin in her death on July 4.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Maxine Payne in her death on July 4.

## UPCOMING AUGUST DATES

### FRIDAY & SATURDAY, AUGUST 2-3

Carowinds Theme Park - Youth Group (Off-site)

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

10:00 am : Parent Meeting - Fountain Kids/ Youth Group (Wesley Hall)

### MONDAY, AUGUST 5

First Day of School - Half Day (Knox County Schools)

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

6:00 pm : Youth Back-to-School Bash (Church Grounds)

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

11:30 am : Adults 50+ Luncheon (Wesley Hall)

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

Churchwide Lake Day (Big Ridge State Park)

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

10:00 am : UMW Ruth Circle (Rooms 134 / 135)

1:00 pm : UMW Sarah Circle (Room 135)

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

5:45 pm : First Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal (Gym)

6:30 pm : Discipleship Showcase (Gym)

6:30 pm : Fountain Kids Back-to-School Bash (Church Grounds)

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

1:00 pm : Adult 50+ Coloring (Room 137)

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

9:00 am : Preschool Open House (Welcome Center)

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

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

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

All Day : Faith Promise Sunday (Churchwide)

2:00 pm : Chancel Choir Concert (Sanctuary)

### MONDAY, AUGUST 26

8:00 am : First Day of Preschool

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

## Annual Conference Reflections by Brian Hardin

Throughout my time at Annual Conference, I had many great experiences that opened my eyes to how God is working through not only our church, but the entire United Methodist denomination.

I imagined that Annual Conference would mostly be about business, but worship time was a pleasant surprise, with many different musical choices. The infusion of music into this conference helped remind me personally to take my mind off strictly the "business" part of this conference and to focus my heart on God and his desires for us as a church.

From what I was told leading up to Annual Conference, this year was not like most others when it came to business. Because of the upcoming General Conference, it was an election year to send delegates. Additionally, it was anticipated that the decisions made at the previous General Conference would be brought up again in discussions. All of this did indeed come true, and it was fascinating to hear firsthand the passionate speeches about such a sensitive subject in our church. This was, for me, one of the most captivating parts of the conference. I really enjoyed coming in with an open mind, and really listening to everyone's viewpoints and rationale. Although things had the potential to escalate at times, I thought the entire group of laity and clergy did a great job of listening to each other, and not resorting to simply shouting matches.

One of my favorite things about this experience was being able to talk to the other members and hear the same love and desire for conference. It was truly fulfilling to be able to share this experience with so many people who share the same love and passion for God.

(For Brian's complete reflection on his time at Annual Conference, please check out our website at [www.fountaincityumc.org](http://www.fountaincityumc.org) and click on **Happening Now**.)

### EMERGENCY ON CALL

August 2-4: Tom Ballard  
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August 9-11: Kristen Burkhardt (865) 357-6354

August 16-18: Tom Ballard  
(423) 585-7054

August 23-25 : Kristen Burkhardt (865) 357-6354

Aug. 30 - Sept. 1: Tom Ballard (423) 585-7054

### STEPHEN MINISTRY

Gail Clift  
(865) 922-9408

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Mary Bolton  
(865) 687-6277

Tom Harrington  
(865) 687-9460

(For the 2019 Holston Annual Conference snapshot, please check out the Holston Conference Website at <https://holston.org/about/communications> and click on the "read more" link under Annual Conference News.)

# FOUNTAIN CITY UMC

— A SERIES OF —

## FORTUNATE EVENTS EVENT TWO:

### BIG RIDGE LAKE DAY AUGUST 10



Come and enjoy a day at the lake! Join your FCUMC family for some sun, fellowship and water activities at Big Ridge State Park on Norris Lake! Bring your chairs, cooler, picnic items, inflatables, friends and family. And of course, sunscreen! Big Ridge has a sandy beach next to Big Ridge Lake where you can dip your toes, plunge in, or just enjoy the view. An enclosed, concrete-bottomed area is provided for children, and swimming is free of charge.

Or take a hike! There are over 15 miles of hiking trails that travel along dry ridges, lush hollows, and lakeshores. Trails range from easy to very rugged, and trail maps are available at the park office. For directions and additional details, visit our website at [www.fountaincityumc.org](http://www.fountaincityumc.org). See you there!!

**NEXT UP: EVENT THREE**  
**CHURCH PICNIC**  
September 15  
Details coming soon!

## ADULTS 50+ UPDATE

### BEAT THE HEAT PICNIC

Does the heat of summer have you dashing indoors? Join us for our Beat the Heat Picnic on **Friday, August 9** at 11:30 a.m. in Wesley Hall. Our speaker, Tom Baker, will present "Worried Beyond Belief". Tom is a veteran TV producer, on-air radio personality, talk show host, author, and speaker on the subject of managing worry and stress. His passion is helping people open their minds to the possibility that today is great and tomorrow is thrilling! The deadline to RSVP is Tuesday, August 6 and the cost is \$6. For reservations or questions contact the church office at (865) 689-5175 or email [jeanie.tillman@fountaincityumc.org](mailto:jeanie.tillman@fountaincityumc.org).

### COLLECTING STUFFED ANIMALS & WHAT??

Yes! 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 their own) may select an animal or item 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 worthwhile endeavor, simply bring NEW stuffed animals and/or toys to any 50+ events, including our **August 9** and **September 13** luncheons.

### ADULT COLORING FUN

Coloring is relaxing and fun! If you have never been to our amazing Adult Coloring group, come give it a try! It is easy and a great way to make new friends! Join our host, Susan Schumpert on **Thursday, August 15** from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in room 137. We will have plenty of supplies on hand. Of course, you are welcome to bring your own supplies. No reservations and no experience needed. It's free! We hope to see you there!

### ABOUT THE COVER PHOTO:

America's most visited national park - The Majestic Great Smoky Mountains! If you'd like to see one of your photos grace the cover of future *The Spirit* newsletters, please email [kathleen.bloom@fountaincityumc.org](mailto: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 Makayla Clark and Will Ripley on June 22.

Join us in celebrating the baptism of David George Lorah, son of Cari Ann Moore and Matt Lorah on June 23.

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](mailto:kathleen.bloom@fountaincityumc.org). Photos are always welcome!

## AUGUST USHERS

8:30 a.m. TRADITIONAL  
Charles Thompson - Head Usher  
Celia Thompson - Head Usher  
David Vandergriff  
Debbie Vandergriff  
Rogan Oliver

11:00 a.m. TRADITIONAL  
Gary Hillard - Head Usher  
Ken Lett - Head Usher  
Jason Hillard  
Teresa Hillard  
Perry Benshoof  
Edd Templeton  
Frank Faulkner

THE JOURNEY  
TBA

## Summer Reflections from our Wesley Woods and Youth Assembly Campers

As part of our United Methodist connectional system, the Holston Conference offers summertime events for youth and children. Our conference's Youth Ministries offers a week long Youth Assembly camp at one of the area Methodist colleges. This year it was held at Emory & Henry College in Virginia and offered a week of discipleship, featuring awesome worship and the opportunity to join others to learn, grow and laugh. Camp Wesley Woods, located in Townsend, is one of five United Methodist Camps in the Holston Conference, and while it focuses on faith and the campers' relationships with God, it is also designed to be the most fun they have all year! This summer approximately 14 children and youth from FCUMC attended Wesley Woods and Youth Assembly! Here are reflections from a few who attended these events. To see the full reflections and photos from these campers and more, please check out the bulletin board across from Wesley Hall.

"At Assembly, you not only get closer to God, you also make lifelong friendships unlike any others you'll ever have." - Grace Garren, age 14



SAM

"Youth Assembly helped me grow a bigger and healthier relationship with the Lord. But I also stepped out of my "comfort zone" and made new friends." - Makayla Fine, age 16

"One of my most memorable events at Wesley Woods was our hike on the last day - we woke up at 5:15 a.m. and hiked the Sunset Trail to see the sunrise!" - Sam Swanger, age 11



CARYS

"My favorite part of Wesley Woods is that you could be with God the whole week." - Ellie Buttram, age 9

"I learned about my relationship with God, how it grows slowly, day by day (like a tree). And a word of advice to future campers, be prepared - there are a LOT of insects and spiders at camp! But they are all God's creatures." - Carys Bible, age 9



## CONNECT WITH OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY

By Melissa Greene

This summer, our church has been moving to a new kind of church record keeping solution called Realm®. It primarily serves the administrative needs of our staff, but it also offers some exciting opportunities to support the way you are involved in our church. Not only will this improve work life for our ministry staff, it will make it easier for our church family to connect with each other, keep up with what's going on, and grow as a connected community of believers.

Everyone in the church gets a unique profile. Your profile contains everything you want people in our church to know about you. Your profile also enables you to use our digital church directory, join a small group, RSVP to events, set up and track your pledges and giving, update your contact information, and set notification preferences.

Realm® is designed for use in an internet browser, such as Chrome, Safari, or Firefox. And since being the church doesn't just happen at the church, you can also stay connected to our church wherever you go by

downloading the free Connect-Our Church Community app for iPhone and Android devices.

Your privacy is one of our greatest concerns. Realm® is only made up of the people in our church and is secured by login and password to those who are sent an invitation by our staff. Because it is customized, each individual must have their own email account. If your family shares an email account, then we can assist you with this process during one of our upcoming training sessions this fall.

Our staff and Church Council received hands-on training at the end of June. Our leadership teams, many of our group leaders, and some other pilot groups received invitations in July. We will be rolling out invitations to all of our church family throughout the coming weeks and months, with the goal of having most everyone onboard with Realm® by the end of 2019.

Middle School Sunday School teacher Rebecca Ankeny has been using Realm® to mark attendance in her class this summer. For her, one of the greatest advantages will be the calendar feature. "Having all the church events on an app on my phone is going to make it so much easier to know when things are happening that I want to be a part of!"

As the hymn goes, "The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is a people. I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!..." So let's be the church together...online!

## FOUNTAIN KIDS AND YOUTH GROUP FALL EVENTS

It's that time of year again. School will be starting soon, which means it's time for our fall programming to kick into full swing!

### PARENT MEETING

There will be a parent meeting on **Sunday, August 4** in Wesley Hall at 10:00 a.m. for parents of Fountain Kids ages birth through 5th grade, and the parents of our Youth Group to discuss the Ministry Year 2019-2020. We will share the yearly calendar, our curriculum goals and objectives for the year, and information about our new parenting resource center, which will include Phase Parenting Resources for all ages as well as United Methodist resources for families. Both Donna Lewis and Daniel Doubleday will be there to answer your questions.

### YOUTH GROUP BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH

#### Wednesday, August 7 at 6:00 p.m.

Our Youth Group will enjoy a night of inflatable fun to kick off the school year! We will resume meeting regularly at 6:30pm on Wednesdays beginning August 14. Contact Daniel at [daniel.doubleday@fountaincityumc.org](mailto:daniel.doubleday@fountaincityumc.org) with questions.



### FOUNTAIN KIDS BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH

#### Wednesday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a night of fun!! We will have inflatables, food, games and more. Parents will join the kiddos at 7:30 p.m. for prayer for the new school year. Don't miss this exciting kick off of our fall programming.

### FOUNTAIN KIDS WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAMMING

Mark your calendars! The Fountain Kids regular Wednesday evening programming will resume on August 21 for Crosstrainers (grades K-2nd) and Kids Klub (grades 3-5). Please contact Miss Donna at [donna.lewis@fountaincityumc.org](mailto:donna.lewis@fountaincityumc.org) with any questions. We are excited for a school year of fun and learning about God's love for us.



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

This fall, as we seek to continue to be Christ-centered in our lives, can we look at ourselves and ask "how am I being a disciple of Jesus Christ"? My favorite scripture is Matthew 28:18-20 where Jesus says, "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the ages." (The Message)

Discipleship is living out the instructions of Christ. He promises to be with us as we keep practicing and learning from God's holy word. As school starts back in session for our children, grandchildren, nieces & nephews, neighborhood kids, friends, and others, why would we not consider our own education as disciples? Fountain City UMC offers various groups and studies throughout the week, so please check out the weekly E-News and bulletin for more information. The following are the adult discipleship options for Wednesday Nights this fall. Join us Wednesday, August 14th, as we have an introduction to these options with sign-ups and information available. On Wednesday, August 21, an opportunity to visit the Holy Land will be shared, so we will start our studies on Wednesday, August 28th. See the special Wednesday night insert here and around the church.

Rev. Tom Ballard - Scripture & the Wesleyan Way: A Bible Study on Real Christianity by Scott Jones & Arthur Jones  
Kathleen Bloom - The Realm Connection: A look at the new phone app and Church connection system with training  
Melissa Coram - The Fitting Room: Putting on the Character of Christ by Kelly Minter

David Danford - The Bible and the Holy Land: A study about locations and biblical application of scripture

"Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ." - Dietrich Bonhoeffer  
God Bless, Kristen