

Newsletter

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Methodist Church

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FROM OUR CHURCH FAMILY

From Brother Donnie

First off let me say that I am glad to be here and serving as your associate pastor. I am looking forward to all of the blessings that God has in store for us. My name is Bro. Donnie Morris and I am married to a beautiful woman named Katrina. She is a nurse who is currently employed with NHC in Sparta. We have a son, Trent, who is about to be five and we also have another on the way. For the last three years I served as the senior pastor at a three point charge in Petersburg, TN. Prior to Petersburg, I served at Mt. Pleasant in Hillsboro, TN.

Here at Crossville First I will be the associate to John and I will also be the youth pastor. I look forward to the challenges and the joys of leading the youth.

I was born in Houston, TX and grew up everywhere. My father is a Methodist minister and is currently serving in Murfreesboro, TN. I graduated from Riverdale High School and will graduate from Athens State University with a degree in religion in December. Afterwards, I will continue my education and hopefully one day receive my masters of divinity.

Once again thank you all for showing us the love of God during the whole moving process and for all the help and love we received. You have all been a blessing to my family.

Brother Donnie

Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone for all your prayers and support during my time in seminary. I always know I can count on my home church's support.

Just a quick update, I graduated on May 23rd and was commissioned on June 14th.

Again, thank you so much!

Monica Mowdy

Intro to Crossville First

I'm excited about the opportunities that lie ahead as your pastor of Inviting Ministries. I'll briefly share a little about my background. Marlene and I have 2 grown sons, Paul and Mark. Paul and Hannah live in Freiburg Germany with our 3 grandchildren. Mark lives in Atlanta with his wife Karen.

I grew up in a parsonage family. My father was an Evangelical United Brethren pastor. I gave my life to Christ on July 18, 1958 in a rather dramatic fashion. I'll share that story with you one of these times. I attended an evangelical Quaker college which gave me respect for the scriptures and a passion for social justice.

Soon after I went to seminary in Dayton, Ohio, I began working full time at the Otterbein Press, and pursued my seminary studies on a part time basis. After seminary and further graduate work in journalism at Syracuse University, Marlene and I moved to middle Tennessee in the winter of '69.

I began working at the Upper Room in 1970 as an associate book editor. While there I was the founding editor of a devotional magazine for young people called "alive now!" While there the staff went through a pilot program called "Curcillo" later called Emmaus. Marlene and I attended Hermitage UMC where we were nurtured by pastors, Jim Beasley and Gary Speich.

After The Upper Room I continued my publishing career with 3 other Christian publishers spanning 35 years, primarily in editorial and management positions. In 2004 I retired from publishing having just served 12 years as Publisher and CEO of the United Methodist Reporter/Review.

I consider myself a second career pastor and have served 5 years as an associate at McKendree UMC with another Halliburton by the name of Tom. I've seen the Holy Spirit move in that historic congregation. I've seen people healed, including myself, I've seen lives changed and people won to Jesus Christ. As I look back on my 44 year career, I believe these past 5 years in the local church have been the best, and I look forward to serving as your minister of Inviting Ministries.

**In Christ,
Pastor Ron**

To all my dear friends,

This note to all of you is just to let you know how much you have meant to me over the last 33 years.

When Sam, Tom, and I came to Crossville and FUMC, we were welcomed and met with open arms and immediately we felt as if we were home. We certainly felt accepted and loved, and those feelings never left but instead grew and in turn loved you all. FUMC has by words and actions been a very big part of my spiritual growth over the years. I have always considered myself to be a Christian, being raised in a Christian home, but with your help, I have come to know and appreciate to a greater extent what it means to be a true Christian. I have made and will continue to make mistakes but God has and will continue to forgive. I have acquired a greater concern for others and have tried harder to be a server than to be served.

It was indeed a difficult day when we drove away from 4046 Sioux Rd. Crossville, but at the same time, grateful to be on my way to Shady Shores, TX. I will never forget all my dear friends at FUMC. I am looking forward to continue to receive the church newsletter so I can know what is happening at FUMC. I think FUMC is being a very good influence on the Crossville community. Keep up the good work and God's blessings on all of you.

**Love,
Marie Carr**

MINISTRIES & EVENTS

UMW News

The United Methodist Women would like to thank all who supported the ice cream social. The money will benefit the Sadie Tillman Scholarship Fund at Martin Methodist.

The Rebekah Circle of the United Methodist Women will meet on Monday, July the 13th at 11:00 at the home of Louise Keaton. We will be meeting in the parking lot (facing Main Street) at 10:30 a.m. to carpool to her house. This is a covered dish event. The meat and drinks will be provided. We are looking forward to a time of fellowship. For more information call Louise 788-5547.

The Dorcas Circle will NOT meet in July and August.

One of the ministries of the Rebekah Circle is the **Prayer Shawls**. Anyone in need of extra hug of love needs only to ask. Contact Dixie Means at 456-0554 or any member of this circle.

Collecting **Labels for Education** is a ministry of the Dorcas Circle. A complete list of products is at the Welcome Center in the narthex. This labels are taken to Red Bird Mission and are use for supplies, education and other items that are needed. All is needed is the bar code and the Campbell boy logo from each product. Please to not separate the logo and bar code. For a list of all products got to the Campbell's labels for education website.

All United Methodist Women's meetings are open and we welcome visitors.

Home Repair Ministry

Do you need help fixing a faucet that won't stop dripping, a door that doesn't close right, or some other minor home repair that needs some attention? If so, the men of FUMC might be able to help. Several men from our congregation have volunteered to do minor repairs for church members as needed. If you have a need (or, men, if you would be willing to work with another man doing a minor home repair), call Ricci Saeger (788-5879) or the church office (484-3537).

Ringers Needed

Whether you are a beginner or an advanced musician, we have positions open in our handbell music groups. If you would be interested in joining, please contact Bob or the church office at 484-3537.

Friend Day—Sneak Preview

It's coming---And it will be big! Our church's first ever Friend Day is scheduled for Sunday, September 13. It will be a day when our church will be filled with not only our normal members, but also our friends and neighbors from the Crossville area. Friend Day will officially be announced at church on Sunday, August 16. Be waiting in anticipation for more details. This will be something you won't want to miss!

Men's Group Update

A big thank you this month goes to Dr. Robert Freeland for leading the men's group outing on June 15 at Grassy Cove. We not only enjoyed tours of the historic Kemmer's General Store and the Grassy Cove Methodist Church and Cemetery, but were also enriched with the history and geology of the area. A special thanks goes to Martha Hale for being our tour guide, and sharing stories of local interest, including the ghost of the Methodist Church Cemetery. Our July 20th meeting is being planned as a visit to the 4H/POW camp. Further details will be coming.

Monthly Fellowship Dinners

Because of recent events at the Village Inn, we are discontinuing for the rest of the summer our monthly Neighborhood Fellowship Dinners. For the past 18 months we not only served up a big helping of delicious food and an equal helping of God's unconditional love each month, but we also grew as Sunday School classes and church groups by working together on this outreach project. Thank you to everyone who participated in the dinners. You did a tremendous job!

Youth Sunday School

July 5, we will begin a **Junior High and Senior High Sunday School Class**. The Junior Class will meet in the basement youth room and be taught by Holly Neal and Jamie Smith. The Senior High Class will meet in the youth room next to the small sanctuary and be taught by Ed Camera and Debra Graham. The class members will have the opportunity to study the scripture and apply God's word to their lives. We hope all youth will participate and grow in Christ together.

Loaves & Fishes

Just a reminder...if you know of someone who could use a meal for various reasons (like coming home from the hospital, etc...), please contact Jane Heischman (484-0496) or the church office (484-3537).

Potluck Reception for Brother Donnie and Pastor Ron

Everyone is invited to bring their favorite dish to welcome Brother Donnie and Pastor Ron on Sunday, July 12th at noon in the gym.

Mystery Event

The Fifth & Sixth Grade Mystery event was held Wednesday, June 17 and was a great success. The children made placemats for our guests at the Soup Kitchen and ate lunch with them. We followed lunch with a trip to the Bowling Lanes and ice cream for dessert. Our next mystery event is August 5 and will be great fun! You will not want to miss this day!

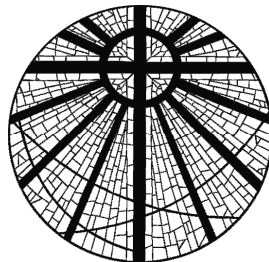
Crocodile Dock Thanks

Thank you to all the children, parents, and volunteers and especially to Tammy Halliburton and Holly Neal for a terrific Vacation Bible School. All the hard work and dedication was evident in the wonderful decorations, organization and enthusiasm. An average of 200 children were present each day and it was obvious lives were touched by our Savior.

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Crossville FUMC is going green and saving money and you can help!

We are now able to recycle all cell phones, inkjet, laser, and even copier toner cartridges and earn office supply money back for the church. If you or your business would like to participate, just bring all your old cell phones and cartridges to the church office. For more information, call Jill in the church office at 484-3537.

Congratulations to our 2009 Seniors

Kayla Cole, Ally Gentry, Lauren Leggett, Melissa Rich, Ethan Sanders, Zaq Pearson, Evan Sanders, Elizabeth Sherrill and Jeff Wooll.

50th Wedding Anniversary

Friends of Bill and Annette Hendrixson are invited to join us in celebrating our 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, July 12th from 2:00—5:00 p.m. The location will be at McCoy Place B&B on Roy McCoy Rd, 1/2 mile off Highway 298 (Genesis Rd). No gifts please.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Report As of June 30, 2009

2009 BUDGET

Budget Goal for 2009	1,250,305.03
Budget Goal to Date	625,152.52
Received to Date	<u>510,516.32</u>
Difference: Budget Plus or Minus To Date	(114,636.20)

CASH FLOW 2009

Received To Date	510,516.32
Expenditures To Date	<u>533,830.15</u>
Difference: Cash Flow Plus or Minus To Date	(23,313.83)

BUILDING FUND

The building fund interest and principal are included in the annual budget.

Total Cost of the Building	3,959,172.96
Total Financed Cost of the Building	1,940,000.00
Total Paid on Principal	<u>259,406.32</u>
Mortgage	1,680,593.68
Plus Farris Building	<u>218,258.00</u>
Balance on mortgage	1,898,851.68
Total payment on re-financed mortgage	<u>81,152.22</u>
Balance on mortgage	1,817,699.46

Interest Paid this Calendar Year To Date	50,844.74
Principal Paid this Calendar Year To Date	42,265.72

Sunday School, Confirmation, and Promotion

Thank you to Kimberly Martin and Scott and Melissa Branch for teaching confirmation class this year. Scott and Melissa will not be able to teach this upcoming year. If you might be interested, please contact Kimberly at 484-3537.

Our school age children were promoted to their new Sunday School classes June 14.

Here is a list of class locations and teachers:

Threes and Fours – Room 204 taught by Perk & Bettye Thornton
Kindergarten – Room 209 taught by Pat Elmore & Susan Robinson
First & Second – Room 203 taught by Marcia Everitt & Nancy Nowell
Third & Fourth – Room 202 taught by Larry & Cheri Leggett
Fifth and Sixth – Fourth Floor Class room taught by Kimberly Martin.

Sunday Worship Times

8:45a.m. Traditional Worship
10:00a.m. Sunday School
11:00a.m. Praise and Worship
2:00p.m. Hispanic Worship

For more information and a schedule of events, please see the church website: www.crossvillefumc.com.

Camp Kid Jam

Our elementary campers will be leaving for Camp Kid Jam on July 6. This year we will attend camp at Anderson University in Anderson South Carolina. Please pray for our campers: Anna Burnett, Ellie Burnett, Miranda Linkous, Stormie Summers, Ashlyn Friel, Kristen South, Sarah Davis, Jordan Burgess, Reed Cass, Coleman Linkous, Jim Matthews, Alex Pribancih, Micah White, Avery Welch and Leaders Jane Burnett, Bill Stephens, and Kimberly White.

Acolytes Needed

All children in the third grade or higher who wishes to be an acolyte, please call Jan Pribanich at 788-3476.

New Women's Bible Study, "Living Beyond Yourself" by Beth Moore begins August 3

You can know the freedom of a life filled with the fruit of the Spirit! Through this study you'll come to appreciate that you cannot grow, learn, or produce fruit of your own unless you develop and maintain an intimate relationship with the Spirit of God. Explore the nine traits that are produced by a Spirit-filled life. This study will be on Mondays from 9:00am to 11:00 am beginning August 3 in the church parlor. Contact Cathy Camera if you are interested, so that a book may be reserved for you: cathycamera@charter.net or 707-0096. Member workbooks are \$20 and can be purchased on the first day of class.

Sunday Morning Flowers

If you would like to donate the flowers for Sunday morning in memory of or in honor of someone, the cost is \$35.00.

The following dates are still available: August 2 and 30; September 6, 13 and 20; October 4, 11 and 25; November 22 and 29; December 13 and 27.