



Sharing God's Message of Hope, Deliverance & Victory Just for You!!!

The Forest Fire Newsletter

A Ministry of Forest Heights United Methodist Church

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NEWS AROUND THE PEWS

LAY LEADERSHIP RETREAT-JANUARY 10

HIGHLIGHT ON COMMITTEES

On January 10 a church-wide Leadership Retreat was held to examine our goals and the direction of ministry for 2015. There was open discussion about the resources we have at Forest Heights—human resources, spiritual resources, and financial resources. We reviewed our Vision Statement “to bring nonbelievers to Christ, equipping and training them to do the same..” One of our discussions focused on being “fishers of men” and what it means to truly “go fishing.” A complete report on this retreat is available on the Welcome Table in Fellowship Hall.

COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR

To facilitate better planning the following days have been designated for committee meetings. All meetings are open to the entire membership. If you have any concerns please speak to the chairperson or attend a meeting.

Finance Committee -1st Tuesday of each month; next meeting - February 3, 4:00 p.m.

Trustees - 2nd Tuesday of each month; next meeting - February 10, 4:00 p.m.

Church Council - 3rd Tuesday of each month; next meeting - February 17, 4:00 p.m.

**Time was set in consideration of those who do not drive after dark.

When his brothers came to buy food, in whose sack did Joseph place his cup?

Answer is found on the back page.

Worship Experiences

The Worship Team is striving to assist in providing varied, meaningful worship opportunities for all who attend Forest Heights. You can provide invaluable help if you will let us know when there is a service, or portion of a service that is meaningful to you. Did something speak to you - move you in some way? We welcome your feedback. Please share your thoughts with us!

Linda Montgomery

Elaine Jones

Olive Ann Curl

During the Worship Service on January 11, 2015, the Church Leaders for 2015 were installed.

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| Worship Team | Linda Montgomery |
| Congregational Care | Beverlyann Jetton |
| Council Ch. & Evangelism | Gary Deaton |
| Trustees | David Thomas |
| Board of Trustees | Pam Finney |
| Finance Chairman | Frank Bratcher |
| Missions | Brian Martin |
| Lay Leader & Education | Olive Ann Curl |
| Communications | Kay Coats |
| Staff Parish Relations Ch. | Ernie Wilson |
| Staff Parish Relations | Peggy Sheffield |
| Staff Parish Relations | Francis Carroll |
| Trustees | Tim Burgher |
| Lay Leadership Committee | Arlene Murphy |

Happy Birthday to all born in the month of January

Marianna Lewis – January 13

Tracy Hale – January 14

Elaine Morrow – January 16

Barry Geise – January 29

Susan Foote Haubold – January 30

**** If we've missed your birthday or
have the date wrong, let us know!****

Sunday School

The Pre-School Class is studying major events in the life of Christ. On January 11 we learned that Jesus grew taller, smarter, and grew in love for God (Luke 2:52). Sarah got to measure several members of the Wesley class to see how tall they were (Mr. Bill tried standing on his tip toes but Mr. Harold was still taller!) A big THANK YOU to Marcus and Omarian for helping the pre-school class put on a nativity play. (You made great shepherds!)

The Truth Seekers Class holds the door open for anyone and everyone to sit at our table in Fellowship Hall. We are a Mosaic group of individuals seeking truth based upon the understanding of the Word of God and our Lord Jesus Christ. We use a structured Bible study text, available to review and purchase in Pastor Morrow's office. The text is a weekly devotional series that the class uses to start discussions of the topics covered in ways that relate to the class participants' daily lives. Come sit with us at the table and enjoy the Truth Seekers Class; we laugh a lot but at times there may be a tear or two.

The Sonseekers Class has been studying the book "Better: How Jesus Satisfies the Search for Meaning," by Pastor Tim Chaddick. Through exploring the book of Ecclesiastes we are learning that living without God in our search for significance is fruitless. Only with Him as our guide and comforter will our life stories have real value.

The Wesley Class gathers on Sunday morning led by Frank Bratcher, our daily lives. Wesley Bible Class believes in practicing Matthew 19:19, "...Love thy neighbor as thyself." This past year the class has generously donated goods, money and time to the following charities or individuals, such as RIFA, ICU ministry at JMC General Hospital, Youth Town, Youth Conference, Care Center, Food for Israel, Missions and Personal Energy Transportation. All class members and church members who are sick or hospitalized are lifted in prayer each Sunday. Fay Hurbis, who was at home recovering from an accident said it best,

"The Wesley Bible Class made me feel like I was wrapped in God's arms. I feel the presence of the Lord in this class." All are welcome to join us and be a part of our class.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday January 18

9:00 Tapestry

9:00am Radio Broadcast

9:45am Sunday School

10:55am Worship

12:15pm Lunch Bunch

Monday January 19

Church Office Closed for MLK Holiday

Wednesday January 21

7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00am&5pm Ladies of the Yarn

6:15pm Choir Practice

6:30pm Bible Study

Sunday January 25

9:00am Tapestry

9:45am Sunday School

10:55am Worship

12:15pm Lunch Bunch

Upcoming Event - February 16

Community Round Table Discussion

What can we as Christians do to make the Beloved Community a greater reality?

Theme: "Reaching Toward the Beloved Community"

Monday, February 16, 6:00pm

Outreach Corner

Our Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Rose Johnsey, at her passing. May God's comfort, peace and strength be with you during this time.

Room in The Inn

The next opportunity to serve is February 5. House Church members will provide supper and breakfast. We need folks to serve as Hosts from 6pm until 8:30pm and to ride the bus on Thursday evening. Sign the sheet posted on the Welcome Table in Fellowship Hall to let us know that you will serve. The sign-up sheet lists the months we will prepare the meals. For additional information, contact the office

Assistance Needed

Folks are needed to monitor!

If you are willing to serve as a Building Monitor during the church service, please let Betty know in the office.

Are you interested in being part of a Covenant Group, like the small groups promoted by John Wesley? This group will involve a long-term commitment to a weekly meeting lasting about an hour. To learn more or to sign up, contact Betty in the Church Office or Olive Ann Curl.

Relevant Links

[Forest Heights Facebook](#)

fhumc.com

[New Generation Ministries](#)

Thanks! Thanks! Thanks! Thanks!

Thanks and appreciation from Richard Hudson for the apprenticeship of Melvin Sanders.

Richard says, "It is a big relief to have Melvin working with me. He has learned quickly and is most capable of handling the sound system when I am away."

Dear Church Family,

I am humbled and grateful to you for the wonderful retirement reception, words of love, the money tree (set aside for a trip to the Grand Canyon) and the absolutely beautiful Tennessee Pewter bowl that you gave me to celebrate our time together in ministry.

You have enriched my soul and enabled me to journey through life in a most wonderful way. Your acts of kindness throughout the years have added much to my life. I have many, many incredible memories of our years together.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your journey of faith. I thank God for each of you.

Yours in Christ,
Sue

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Forest Heights UMC

Incites you to

*Saturday Night
Live*

*Mosaic Worship Service and a Celebration of
Life*

February 14, 2015 @ 6:00 PM

*This Month's Message of Hope Deliverance &
Victory*

To "cafe" or not to "cafe"...that is the question. I have discovered that some like their coffee robust and caffeinated while others prefer the decaffeinated coffee (although Mavis said that was kinda like kissing your brother!). In an effort to please both parties, the Welcome Table will be serving half-caffeinated coffee. We also have tea and hot cocoa – not to mention Frank's world famous muffins. Drop on by the Welcome Table and enjoy a cup. A gentle reminder – our coffee supplies are funded by the proceeds from the piggy bank on the table.



Answer to Bible Trivia: Joseph's cup was found in Benjamin's sack.

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Help us make our visitors welcomed! We would like to send our visitors a personal note welcoming them to our church. If you are serving as a greeter, please keep several visitors cards with you to hand out to visitors. If you are seated near a visitor, please take a card from the pew and give it to them. It is better to receive 2 cards than not receive any at all.

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