

THE HERALD

Listening to God's Heart from the heart of the city.

BACK IN THE GROOVE

Now that summer has come to an end, it's time to get back to our fall schedule. September is a month where many of our ministries resume. Look inside for ways to get involved with the various ministries of FUMC!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Classes just started for public and private schools in the area, and courses just started at Lincoln Trail College. The other day, I was standing outside my office, talking with the parent of a student (not mine) who was remarking about the need for routine. She was saying that she looked forward to school starting almost as much as she regretted the end of summer, because they always gain weight over the summer, and they stay up late. Now that the school year has started, they are getting into a routine.

I have loved the summer. Music and Arts Camp, the student mission trip, being in North Carolina with our worship staff, having Charlotte with us, and starting my doctoral coursework have all been highlights, but the summer has also seemed so disjointed. I've welcomed the return of students, because that gets me in the groove of teaching again.

This month, I look forward to getting into a routine at First United Methodist Church. I know what to expect in my week when Bible studies, Refresh student ministry, and Kids' Club begin. The sounds of Praise Kids, Glory Handbells, and Chancel Choir fill our facility's spaces with joyful praise to God. And, of course, there are the stalwart, always-happening things like jail ministry, committee meetings, dinners, visits, and sermon writing that round out my schedule.

Take a look at your calendar as you step into September. Perhaps you can overlay your personal calendar with the church's calendar (in this newsletter). See what's congruent; see where there is space and time (I love white space on my calendar, even though there isn't much!) to add a church's ministry into your routine. Get in the groove with me this fall at First UMC!

Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Regan". The signature is written in a cursive style and is contained within a thin black rectangular border.

Pastor Jay



KIDS' CLUB

Kids' Club begins on Wednesday, September 5, for students in Kindergarten through 5th grade. This year, we are asking you to register your children ahead of time. The registration form is found on our website: www.robinsonfumc.org/children. Simply fill out the form and return it to the church office before September 5, or send it with your child to school - and make sure that you put in their planner that they are coming to Kids' Club. The church bus will pick students up at each school and bring them to FUMC by 3:00 pm for recreation/games, snacks, chapel, and music. Students will finish by 5:00 pm. If your student needs to leave early, or is being picked up by someone other than you, please contact the church office so that we can make note on their form, and we can have your student ready to be picked up by the time listed. Also, this year, we will be trying to be a bit more organized with pick-up of students, so parents/guardians will wait in the lobby, and students will be dismissed to those who are picked up as they arrive.

JUST ONE

We served 375 students at the NOW Program's Kids' Shopping Days last month - amazing! Of course, serving so many students means that we have depleted many of our supplies. As you know, we've been encouraging you to bring one item each month - given our numbers, you might consider donating two each month to make sure that we collect enough for next year! For the month of September, we will be collecting shampoo (both children's and adult); you can place your donations in the bin marked "Just One" outside the church office.

ON WEDNESDAYS, WE REFRESH!

If you smell bacon, eggs, and pancakes wafting from our church early on Wednesday mornings during the school year, you have experienced a glimpse of our youth student ministry Refresh! Each Wednesday, Dennis Inboden, Larry Bonnell, Ron Veenstra, Gary Oxford, and John Brimberry dedicate their time to cook a hot breakfast for approximately 25 or more middle and high school students from our church and community. Students arrive at 6:30AM to enjoy breakfast together with adult helpers. At 7AM middle school and high school students meet in separate locations to have a short Bible study and devotion time with Nina Davis, Pastor Jay, and Janelle Oxford.

At 7:30, Steve Diel has the bus ready and waiting to take students to school. People may be curious about the name Refresh. The first year during our pilot program, a few middle school students came up with the name Refresh because on Wednesdays they leave our breakfast Bible study feeling refreshed to face the rest of the week! Sounds insightful and spot on when we study God's word and learn about the the love of Jesus Christ! Refresh begins on Wednesday, September 7, for this school year! On Wednesdays, we refresh!





2ND WEDNESDAY DINNER

We're doing a change-up to our routine for September! Our annual wiener roast at the parsonage will be this month (instead of October)! Join us at 804 North Scott Drive on September 12 at 5:30 pm - bring a roasting stick and a lawn chair - everything else is provided! We'll have a wonderful time of fellowship! Please sign up at the welcome center so that we know that we will have enough food.

This month's family movie night will also be outdoors at the parsonage, following the wiener roast at dusk.

As always, we can't mention the title of the movie for copyright reasons, but we can tell you a bit of the plot. Our movie is about a misunderstood bull with a big heart! Popcorn and drinks will be provided - just bring a lawn chair or blanket.

CHURCH LIBRARY

It's time to dust off the books and get the library active again. Anyone interested in working with the library, please contact Robert Quick in person or email him at quick_r@hotmail.com We are especially in need of people that know how the cataloging system works.

CHANCEL CHOIR AND GLORY HANDBELLS

After a successful summer of singing and listening to new music, both the Chancel Choir and Glory Handbells will be presenting some beautiful new music during worship this season.

We are always happy to welcome additional singers and ringers to our groups. Even those who consider themselves musically challenged can join in the fun!

Both groups do a wide range of musical styles including gospel, old favorites done in a new way, brand new debut pieces and a bit of contemporary music. Some of our friends from the community will join us for solos and instrumentals. Please consider joining one or both groups as we ring and sing our way joining scripture and music for upcoming worship services. For returning members, the schedule is out for September, feel free to recruit folks to join us.

Chancel Choir will rehearse Sunday mornings at 8 and 11 a.m. in the music room on the second floor when they are participating in services.

Glory Handbells meets on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Contact Antje Pippin at antje2959@hotmail.com or text or call 618-562-0859 with questions

WATER BOTTLES NEEDED

We are hoping to continue to give out water at the end of the Heath Parade. We are in need of people to donate the small bottles of water by the end of September. Donations can be dropped off at the church office.





SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

If you haven't joined a Sunday School class yet, this Sunday is the perfect time to join! Most classes are starting a new curriculum in September, so now is your opportunity to get plugged in. The young adult class SPICE (Self Paced in Christian Education) will be starting a series called Making a Difference by James A. Harnish. The Faith and Friends class will be studying the book Living the Resurrection by Eugene H. Peterson. The Koinonia Class will be continuing studying Faith Connections until after Christmas. We hope to see you in class soon!

PRAISEFEST 2018

Our next Praisefest will be on October 6th, immediately following the RHS band's performance at the Heath Festival. The Jake Hoult Band will be the headliner. We hope to have the chapel open, as well as having a cake walk, bounce houses, and table space available for any church groups wanting to fundraise or to give out information. Be looking for signup sheets in the welcome center as we get closer. We'll need some volunteers to help with set up, clean up, bounce houses, a cake walk, and to donate baked goods. In the meantime, put it on your calendars and be sure to invite your friends and family to attend.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 9/1 Allison Reinoehl
9/4 Madison Utterback
9/6 Gillian Lewis
9/7 Charles Young, Mark DeDoming
9/9 Jack Davis
9/10 Samantha Davis
9/11 Shirley Stephens
9/12 John Poland
9/17 Jerry Conner, Marge Pfeiffer
9/18 Ken Truitt
9/20 Gina Colliflower
9/21 Matt Parker
9/22 Jeff Murrell
9/27 Judith Adams, Gloria Devonshire
9/28 Lance Seaney
9/29 Krosby Goebel
9/29 Emily Midgett

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 9/1 Max & Debbie Tedford
9/4 Brent & Joyce Owen
Chris & Laura Dhom
9/7 Ron & Becky Veenstra
9/10 Larry & Phoung Quick
9/11 Diane & Darold Crampton
9/12 Tyler & Kristy Veenstra
9/20 Greta & Allen Lowry
9/23 Keith & Kirtina Carter
9/25 Lawrence & Gina Colliflower
9/30 Tim & Betty Thompson

PRAYER REQUESTS

John, Jeremy, and Greg Markello;
Carol Wolf; Carl and Helen
Blanton; Judy Wilson Wall; Michael
Brady; Patty Steele; Cathy
Thomas; Judson Richardson; Jerry
Adkins; Jennifer Newlin; Jennifer
Null; Julie Zhang; Bill Thompson;
Bob Duzan; Michael Keene; John
Larrabee; Larry Nichol; Janet &
Charley Clark; Allen Summers;
Nicole Young; Bev Turkal; Evan
Prah; Ray Dotson; Bev Arrington
Campbell; Margie Moore
McNamara; Richard Youngs; Kay
Young; John Poland; Bob Berty;
Joan Fulling; Nancy Young;
Jackson Barry; Tim Roth; Fred
White; Kip Davis; Vernetta
Shipman; Nash Drake; Rodney
Denoux; Becky Goodwin; Caius
Bell; Nelda Dotson; Jan Foulk; Kim
Collins; Sidney Iubelt; Bill Hubbard;
Brenda Wolfe; Alastair Titsworth;
Ashley Griffith; Claudette Mejean;
Paul Goebel; Robert Riddle; Tricia
Anderson; Jeff & Renda Tuttle; Ava
Seaney; Lillian Powers; Thelma
Gifford; Demmie Long; Jaycie
Hoagland; Emma Bodine; Fred
Finkbiner; Charles Hough; Tonja
Bradford; Bishop Frank Beard; Bill
Holtsman

SEPTEMBER 2018

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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<p>2 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 6:00 pm Evening Worship</p>	<p>3 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>4 6:00 pm Disciple Bible Study</p>	<p>5 6:30 am Refresh Breakfast & Bible Study 3:00 pm Kids' Club</p>	<p>6 9:30 am Disciple Bible Study 4:00 pm NOW Bagging 6:00 pm Jail Ministry 6:00 pm Couples Small Group 6:30 pm Glory Handbell Rehearsal</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
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<p>9 8:00 am Glory Handbell Rehearsal 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 2:30 pm Heritage Health Service 6:00 pm Evening Worship</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 6:00 pm Disciple Bible Study</p>	<p>12 6:30 am Refresh Breakfast & Bible Study 3:00 pm Kids' Club 4:00 pm NOW Bagging 5:30 pm Second Wednesday Dinner 8:00 pm Family Movie Night at the Parsonage</p>	<p>13 9:30 am Disciple Bible Study 6:00 pm Jail Ministry 6:00 pm Couples Small Group 6:30 pm Glory Handbell Rehearsal</p>	<p>14 5:30 pm Wedding rehearsal</p>	<p>15 3:30 pm Wedding</p>
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<p>23 8 & 11 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 6:00 pm Evening Worship</p>	<p>24 6:00 pm Safety & Security Meeting</p>	<p>25 6:00 pm Disciple Bible Study</p>	<p>26 6:30 am Refresh Breakfast & Bible Study 3:00 pm Kids' Club 6:00 pm Foundation Meeting</p>	<p>27 9:30 am Disciple Bible Study 4:00 pm NOW Bagging 6:00 pm Jail Ministry 6:00 pm Couples Small Group 6:30 pm Glory Handbell Rehearsal</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
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 Worship
10:00 am
 Sunday School
11:00 am
 Chancel Choir
 Rehearsal
2:00 pm
 Charge Conference
6:00 pm
 Evening Worship

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