

The Vine

May 2017



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The Church in the Heart of Town, with the Town at Heart.



Graduate Recognition and Brunch

Sunday, May 7th, we will honor our 2017 Graduate during worship, and following the Sunday School hour we will host our annual Graduate Brunch. All are invited to stay and attend this event.

Our graduate this year is: **Hope Cody**

Everyone is asked to please bring a potluck brunch item for this event.

Sausage Biscuits and drinks are provided.



Saturday, May 6th

Beginning at 9:00 the UMW will be selling **baked goods**.

9:00a.m.-12 noon

The youth will **wash your car** or truck for a donation to benefit future trips and activities



Church and School

Partnership

May 14-28, you are invited to come and join in an interactive Sunday School experience led by Dr. Angela on the topic of Exploring School Partnerships. We will look at our theological imperative to care for children in our community and explore how God might be calling our church family to strengthen our support and relationship with local schools. We will hear from experts in the field on how these partnerships have served as a blessing to their local church, and prayerfully consider what next steps the Spirit may be calling us to take.

Happy Birthday to:

- 2-Anderson Fortune
- 4-Lindsey Denton
- 6-Steve Robinson
- 7-Lane Mitchell
 - Duke Bledsoe
 - Jake Hall
- 8- Rodney Wilson
- 13- Doris Hight
- 14-Theresa Hammons
- 16- Jenna Hall
 - Barrett Stevens
- 19- Joe McKinnon
 - Denise Carrus
- 20-Vicki Mitchell
- 23-Louis Howell
 - Chip Cary
- 24-Caroline Maxwell
 - Bonnie Johnson
- 27- Chipper Cary
 - Rhonda Watson
- 28- Carolyn O'Bryan
- 30-June Bryant

Happy Anniversary to:

- 10-Austin & Emma Scott
- 12-Ryan & Kasey Lax
- 21-Allen & Denise Carrus
- 27- Danny & Debbie DeBerry

From the Pastor's Heart

May brings us a full array of opportunities to be a blessing to others in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ! Throughout the spiritual season of Lent this spring we have prayed for our local schools, administration, teachers and students.

We have learned more about the home life and challenges endured by many of our young people in poverty. We have heard beautiful and passionate prayers delivered by those on the ground in our area schools from the Superintendent to one of our own elementary students.

This month you will have the opportunity to participate in a joint adult Sunday School class taught in the sanctuary exploring the idea of an intentional school partnership with our church. I encourage you to join us as we prayerfully dream and discern what next steps God might be inviting us to take as a church family.

On May 7th we will honor our one graduating Senior this year – Ms. Hope Cody. A pot-luck brunch will be held in her honor following the Sunday School hour this date. Please plan to come out and celebrate Hope's launch into college, and the bright future God has in store for her. Hope plans to continue her studies at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in the fall.

Additionally we plan to host a Last Day of School bash for our young people at church on Thursday May 25th. Contact Rev. Amanda if you would like to help host this fun event as summer begins, and we look forward to a full summer of faith formation as a church family.

Summer is a vibrant time to grow in your faith through regular worship, and the practice of the spiritual disciplines. Opportunities abound to volunteer in missions and ministry throughout the summer months. Plan to make your spiritual journey and the education of your heart, mind and soul a priority over these next months. Although the academic journey will be on hiatus, the spiritual education of the soul is one that lasts a lifetime!

Grace & peace,

Dr. Angela Harris



LAKESHORE
united methodist assembly

Lakeshore Camp forms are available in the hospitality room. You may also register online at www.lakeshoreuma.com.

Please be reminded that the **church pays 1/2** of the registration fee.

Memorials & Honorariums

Memorials have been given to the **Memorial Fund** in:

†**Memory of Robert Wilson**

By Frank & Christy Wilhite

Memorials have been given to **Food for Friends** in:

†**Memory of Jean Greene**

By Frank & Christy Wilhite

By Bobby & Patsy Myers

Memorials have been given to the **Youth Mission Fund** in:

†**Memory of Shannon Maness**

By James & Martha Mitchell

†**Memory of Mike Mitchell**

By Ruth Ann Mitchell



Dayshore is coming back
to Bolivar FUMC
July 10-14 — 8 am to 5 pm

This day camp is open to children ages 5 to 11 years old. Come join us for a week filled with games, music, Bible lessons, meeting new friends, and loving Jesus!

Registration for the full week is just \$75.
Full and partial scholarships available.

Want to volunteer with Dayshore and share God's love with the children of our church and community? We need **volunteer counselors, snack/lunch servers, first aid** volunteers, and **host homes** for Dayshore staff.

Contact the church office to let us know how you want to serve!



Throughout the Lenten season, we have received information about the needs in our community, especially for our school age children. Summer is a critical time for children who rely on school meals and do not know if they will eat each day. Here's an opportunity for this church to make an impact.

Our church has the opportunity to host a summer feeding program here at First UMC. To move forward, we need YOU! To staff the program, we need adults to be serve as Safe Sanctuary volunteers.

This program is Monday-Thursday for one hour each day. If you want to assist with this community outreach or have questions about it, please contact the church office.

Prayer Breakfast

Tuesday ~ May 16th

at 7:00 a.m.

Only \$2.00

Breakfast of eggs, bacon, biscuits, pancakes, grits, and more. Come join us in the Life Center and start your day off right!

Thank you!

Thank you very much for communion offering donation to the Hardeman County Imagination Library. Your kind support and generosity is very appreciated and important to the educational future of Hardeman County children.

Sincerely, Hardeman County
Steering Committee

Hands & Feet

United Methodist Men
will meet on
Monday, May 8th
at 6:30

All men are welcomed to
bring a dish and join us!

United Methodist Women
All ladies of the church are
invited to meet on
Monday, May 22nd
at 6:30.

Food for Friends

This ministry feeds individuals every Saturday, except for the first, of every month. This ministry is always needing those willing to deliver meals to shut-ins.



School's out for summer...almost! What better way to celebrate the end of school than with a big party! On **Thursday, May 25** 1st Kids Children's Ministry will be making our way to **Incredible Pizza Company** in Memphis for a **Last Day of School Party!** We will meet at church to leave at 1:00 pm and return to Bolivar by 6:00 pm. Come for arcade games, laser tag, fun with friends, and pizza!!!

Families, as you make summer plans, be sure to **SAVE THE DATE FOR DAYSHORE** on your calendar. Dayshore will be coming to Bolivar FUMC on **July 10-14**. We are so excited to expand our Dayshore partnership to a full week this year. Registration for the full week is just \$75. Full and partial scholarships available. Contact Amanda if you have any questions.



- On **Saturday, May 6th** the youth will host a car wash to help raise funds for our mission trip and other youth ministry events. All youth are asked to participate in this fundraiser from 9 am to 12 noon. (In case of rain, the car wash will be postponed until May 13th.)
- **Graduate Sunday**, honoring Hope Cody, will be **Sunday, May 7th**. Following the Sunday School hour, there will be a brunch potluck meal in the Life Center. You are invited to attend and bring a brunch dish to share. Sausage biscuits and drinks will be provided.
- **Mission Trip Orientation Meeting on Sunday, May 21:** Youth who are participating in the mission trip and their parents should attend this mandatory meeting where we will complete necessary paperwork and get important information about the trip. Bring your youth's medical insurance card with you. We will meet in the Lynn Warner Classroom in the Life Center at 12:15 pm.
- Save the date for the **Memphis Conference Annual Youth Gathering**, happening on June 3-4 in Collierville at Crossroads UMC. Look for more information in the Youth E-news.
- Start out your summer with some mission and fun! Youth are invited and encouraged to serve with these different ministry possibilities: Come hang out with our elementary kids for the **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL PARTY on May 25th!** Help out with Food for Friends on a 4th or 5th Saturday. Serve as a volunteer counselor at Dayshore, July 10-14.

Schedule for Service

May 7

Communion Steward: Linda Johnson
Communion Servers: Barbara Mayfield and Joe Martin
Dr. Harris and Rev. Westmoreland
Ushers: George Mitchell, Gerald Shelton,
Bobby Myers, B.L. Bennett
Liturgist: Beth Fortune
Acolyte: Mollie Nuckolls and Elcarlos Simpson
Greeters: Jane Stevens and Larry Ross
Prayer Chapel: Mary Frances Eastham
Nursery: Rachel Howell and Leah Nuckolls
Security Watch: Steve & Amy Robinson
Bank Counter: Bonnie Vickers

May 14

Ushers: Andy Shelton, Jesse Hall,
Frank Wilhite, Boyette Denton
Liturgist: Bonnie Breeden
Greeters: Danny DeBerry and Andy Shelton
Prayer Chapel: Barrett Stevens
Nursery: Leslie Hall and Ashley Jackson
Security Watch: Wesley & Ashley Jackson
Bank Counter: Patsy Myers

May 21

Ushers: Chris Zaller, Jerry Wilhite,
Henry Wilhite, Rick Cody
Liturgist: Suzanne Rhea
Greeters: Hunter Baird and Mike Hubbard
Prayer Chapel: Jerry Wilhite
Nursery: Linda Johnson and Emma Cody
Security Watch: Henry Wilhite
Bank Counter: Bonnie Johnson

May 28

Ushers: Jeff Baker, Harold Wilhite, Gregg Breeden
Liturgist: Emma Cody
Greeters: Jim & Mollie Nuckolls
Prayer Chapel: Marne Whitenton
Nursery: Beth Fortune and Sandy Hammons
Security Watch: Bill Strobe and Gerald Shelton
Bank Counter: Derald Smith



The UMW is hosting a church-wide Potluck lunch on **Sunday, May 21st**. Please bring your favorite dish to share and join us after the Sunday School hour.

Following this meal there will be a short **Mission Trip Orientation Meeting** for those participating in the mission trip and their parents. This mandatory meeting is where we will complete necessary paperwork and get important information about the trip.

REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sunday	9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 am Sunday School 6:00 Worship Broadcast on Channel 2
Monday	8:00 AA Meeting
Tuesday	8:00 AA Study
Wednesday	5:00 Choir Practice
Thursday	5:45 Boy Scouts
Friday	8:00 AA Meeting
Saturday	10:00a.m. Food for Friends <i>(except for first Saturday)</i>

HERE'S WHAT'S GOING ON THIS MONTH:

- 4th-6:00 Trustees Meeting
- 6th-9:00a.m. UMW Bake Sale & Youth Car Wash
- 7th-11:45a.m. Graduate Brunch
- 8th-6:30 United Methodist Men
- 9th-6:00 Girl Scouts
- 16th-7:00a.m. Prayer Breakfast
6:00 Girl Scouts
- 20th-11:30 Life Center Reserved
- 21st-11:45 UMW Potluck Lunch
- 22nd-6:30 United Methodist Women
- 25th-1:00 Kids leave for Incredible Pizza

**The church offices will be closed May 29th
in the observation of Memorial Day.**



Information for the June issue of
"The Vine" needs to be turned into
the church office no later than:
May 18th

Keeping Us Connected

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Worship

Sunday Morning Worship: 9:30-10:30

Sunday School: 10:45-11:45

Office hours:

Mon-Thurs 8:00am-3:00pm

(closed for lunch)

STAFF:

Pastor: Dr. Angela Harris

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Pianist: Christy Wilhite

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Lay Leader: LeAnne Shelton

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Treasurer: Joe Cole

Trustees Chair: Bob Vickers

Administrative Council Chair: Chris Zaller