

LG's LETTER

I recently came across this with some of the papers and devotions that I've kept through the years. At first, I thought it was fun and entertaining...until that last one. Then I realized that I need to read this more often.

Remember: being a Christian is easy – it's the living as a Christian that is tough!!

If the devil were to write his Beatitudes, they would probably go something like this:

Blessed are those who are too tired, too busy, too distracted to spend a couple of hours a week with their fellow Christians – they are my best workers.

Blessed are those Christians who wait to be asked and expect to be thanked – I can use them.

Blessed are the touchy. With a bit of luck, they may stop going to church – they are my missionaries.

Blessed are the troublemakers – they shall be called my children.

Blessed are the complainers – I'm all ears to them.

Blessed are they who are bored with the minister's mannerisms and mistakes – for they get nothing out of his/her sermons.

Blessed is the church member who expects to be invited to his/her own church – for he/she is a part of the problem instead of the solution.

Blessed are they who gossip – for they shall cause strife and divisions that please me.

Blessed are they who are easily offended – for they will soon get angry and quit.

Blessed are they who do not give their offering to carry on God's work – for they are my helpers.

Blessed is the one who professes to love God but hates one's brother or sister – for he/she shall be with me forever.

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Blessed are you when you read this and think it is about other people and not yourself – I've got you.

First United Methodist Church, Elizabethton Tennessee

United Methodist Women

Gwen Chambers presented the program for the United Methodist Women at the April meeting, assisted by Pat Blankenship and Liz Poplawski. They focused on *Easter: Celebrates the Gathering of the Women at the Tomb*.

On Saturday, April 17, two of our members traveled to Greeneville with 56 members of the Johnson City District, visiting the campus of United Methodist Holston Home for Children. It is a beautiful area, and so many children have their lives turned around from a home of discord and abuse to a productive Christian life. We agree with Director Hutchins that this home is the most important outreach in the Methodist Church.

Plans were discussed for the May 13 meeting of UMW:



Mothers and Memories

POTLUCK DINNER
MAY 13, 2010 12:00 NOON
FELLOWSHIP HALL



Mother's Day

Every family had a special meal or dish that only Mom could make. It often brings a memory of a special time and place. We invite all women of the church to make that specialty (did you learn to make it as well as Mom did?) and share it with everyone for a wonderful time of food and fellowship. Also, bring the recipe. If there is a memory to tell, please share it.

The Runabouts (Adult Ministries)

The month of May is becoming very crowded with special activities for our church. Mothers day on May 9th, blessing of the animals on May 22nd, Pentecost on May 23rd, and hopefully an Adult Ministries outing on May 22nd also.

We are tentatively planning a trip to the Barter Theater in Abingdon, VA on Saturday, May 22nd. We hope to see the program entitled "ALWAYS PATSY CLINE". Patsy Cline was a country music performer that had a unique style of singing and she remains one of the most respected performers ever to appear on a country music stage. Her career was cut short in 1963 when she died in a plane crash at the age of 30. Her unique music lives on in the show Always Patsy Cline which we hope to see. Tickets to the 2:00 pm performance which we are planning for are going fast so we need your commitment **NOW** if you have any interest in making this trip. Tickets are \$33.00 each and we may not be able to get group seating since the tickets are selling so well. If you would like to go on this trip with us, sign up **NOW** and get the ticket cost to Sarah or Ron Laws and we will go ahead and order tickets on an individual basis.

The Runabouts have been made aware of several Christian movies that are available to us and we are investigating the possibility of having a movie day or movie night where we can view these films and just enjoy being together with other like minded Christians. Please advise Sarah or Ron or any other member of the Adult Ministries committee if you want us to pursue this movie schedule.

We'll be playing BUNCO on Monday, May 24th at 1:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Another wonderful opportunity to socialize with your Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Please join us.



Children & Youth Activities

Sun, May 2: UMY (6:00-7:30) Snacks: Katie, Karter, Sage
Acolytes: Briana & Karter

Wed, May 5: Coolagers (3:15-4:45) Snacks: Mason, Joseph, Katelyn

Sat. May 8: Coolagers....Children's Day at Camp Buffalo Mountain
Time: 9:30-2:30 Items needed are listed in your newsletters

Sun, May 9: UMY (6:00-7:30) Snacks: Hannah
Acolytes: Hannah & Katie

Wed, May 12: Coolagers (3:15-4:45) Snacks: Susanna

Sun, May 16: UMY (6:00-7:30) Snacks: Chelsea
Acolytes: Kali & Emily

Wed, May 19: Coolagers (3:15-4:45) Snacks: Austin

Sun, May 23: UMY (6:00-7:30) Snacks: Briana
Acolytes: Chelsea & Sophie

Wed, May 26: NO Coolagers (Last day of School)

Thurs, May 27: UMY outing to Dollywood (7:30am—8:00 pm)
Details are listed in your May UMY Newsletters.

Sun, May 30: NO UMY (Happy Memorial Day)
Acolytes: JJ & Mason

Our Mission Notes

NEEDED: SUMMER SNACK FOODS FOR KIDS

Our mission of the month for May is ARM- our local Assistance and Resource Ministry. They need our help. They are putting together snack food packages for children this summer who typically receive food assistance through either school or ARM. We can support this local agency during the month of May by donating several snack food items. The following items are needed:

Kool Aid packets
Small snack size packages of raisins
Fruit Roll-Up's
Snack packages of cheese crackers
Potted meat
Vienna Sausage

Please leave suggested items at the bottom of the stairs in designated baskets in the Fellowship Hall. If you prefer, monetary donations may be made instead to ARM as we seek to support this ministry especially during the month of May.

March Mission of the Month was UMCOR, our congregation contributed: \$650.00
Our Lenten Offering totaled : \$1,067.71

2010 Hands-On Project † School Kits for Liberia

School Supply Kits • Liberia • Mary & Herbert Zigbuo
Our District Goal: 400 Kits

3 spiral notebooks (70 count)	1 pack of blue or black pens (10 count)	1 pack of pencils (10 count)
1 small calculator	1 small dictionary (new or used)	1 12" ruler
1 small Bible (new or used)	1 medium or large poncho	1 compass
1 protractor		

Pack all items in a 2 gallon Zip-loc bag or secure plastic bag.

Please do not include items that are not listed, including personal notes, as workers at the depot will have to remove them before shipping. **Each kit MUST contain exactly what is listed above to make it through customs.** Deliver kits to your local church with a \$5 per kit donation for packing/shipping. **Do not put money in bag!**

Deadline for kits to be received by church is: June 4th.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST GOAL IS: 40 KITS

(Our goal is 10% of the district goal.....let's go above and beyond)

First United Methodist Church, Elizabethton Tennessee

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, ELIZABETHTON

Committee on Lay Leadership Report: Officers and Committees for the year 2010

<u>Officers:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Year Elected</u>
Pastor	Lauri Jo Cranford	2007
Chairperson of Administrative Council	Doug Hulshult	2008
Vice-Chairperson of Administrative Council	Wesley Bradley	2008
Recording Secretary	TBA	2007
Lay Leader	Greg Bowers	2008
President of United Methodist Women	Phyllis Lovette	2006
Lay Member of Annual Conference	John Geagley, Jr.	2004
Alternate Lay Member of Annual Conference	David Deal	2006
Chairperson of Trustees	David McNeely	2007
Chairperson of Committee on Finance	John Wagner	2008
Chairperson of Staff-Parish Relations	Tom Tull	2009
Co-Chair, Committee on Lay Leadership	Jill Bremer	2006
Membership Secretary	Donna Stanton	2007
Church Historian	Alice Sharp & Corinne Sharp	1985
Church Treasurer	John Geagley, Jr.	2000
Financial Secretary	Mary Sharp	1999
Assistant Church Treasurer	Jim Hardin	2007
Youth Member	Briana McManus	2008
Director of Music	David Hale	2001
Minister to Children & Youth	Debbie Fields	2005
<u>Work Area Chairpersons:</u>		
Education/Sunday School Supt.	Jean Crockett	1992
Higher Education/Campus Ministry	Rachel McCann	2006
Missions	Doug Hulshult	2007
Worship	Andrew Bentley	2009
<u>Age-Level Coordinators:</u>		
Nursery	Ashley Blevins	2001
Adult Ministries	Ron and Sarah Laws	2008
<u>Committee Chairpersons:</u>		
Bereavement	Betty Bowers	2009
Food for the Multitude	John Geagley, Jr.	2007
Hospitality	No Chair	
Library	Marie Geisler	2007
Pre School Committee	Beth Livingston	2005
Parsonage	Tommy Horton	2007
Property	Bill Armstrong	1994
Student Scholarship	Richard Tetrick	2005
Transportation	Jean Madgett	1998
Memorial Garden and Grounds Chair	Gaye Stanton	1999

Administrative Council Members-at Large:

<u>Panel of 2010</u>	<u>Panel of 2011</u>	<u>Panel of 2012</u>	<u>Honorary Members</u>
Margo Bentley	Sam Shipley	Maryetta Elliott	Carsie Lodter
Jean Madgett	Richard Lovette, Jr.	Rachel Bentley	D.E. McNeely, Sr.
Wesley Bradley	Genine Canter	Liz Poplawski	Don Tetrick
Vickie Shipley			

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Staff-Parish Relations Committee: Tom Tull, chairperson

Panel of 2010

Tom Tull
Rachel McCann
Carroll Broome

Panel of 2011

Diane Walter
Dona Dvorak
George Simmons

Panel of 2012

Jill Bremer
Richard Tetrick
Diane Laing

Ex-Officio: Lay Leader Greg Bowers, Lay Delegate John Geagley, Jr.

Church Trustees: David McNeely, Chair

Panel of 2010

Pat Blankenship
Joyce Broome
JD Livingston

Panel of 2011

David Wortman
Robin Crawford
Mary Sharp

Panel of 2012

Tommy Horton, Treasurer
Doug Canter
Rob Schubert

Ex-Officio BCo-Chairpersons of Property Committee: Bill Armstrong and attorney Greg Bowers

Committee on Lay Leadership Pastor: Lauri Jo Cranford, *Chairperson* Vice-Chair: Jill Bremer

Panel of 2010

Darlene LaPorte
Richard Lovette, Jr.
Kelly Geagley

Panel of 2011

Jill Bremer
Diane Horton
Richard Tetrick

Panel of 2012

Debbie Wortman
Renee McNeely

Ex-Officio Member--Lay Leader: Greg Bowers

Committee on Finance: John Wagner, *Chairperson*

Pastor
Lay Member of Annual Conference
Chairperson of Administrative Council
Chairperson of SPPR
Chairperson of Trustees
Chairperson, Work Area on Stewardship
Lay Leader
Financial Secretary
Church Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer

Rev. Lauri Jo Cranford
John Geagley, Jr.
Doug Hulshult
Tom Tull
David McNeely
TBA
Greg Bowers
Mary Sharp
John Geagley, Jr.
Jim Hardin

Members-at-Large:

Panel of 2009

John Wagner
Matt Geagley

Panel of 2010

Sam Shipley
Randall Bennett
Jennifer Birchfield

Panel of 2011

George Trent
Tyler Tetrick
Catherine Edwards-Bunton

Panel of 2012

Kelly Geagley
Margo Bentley
Richard Bradley

Parsonage Committee: Tommy Horton, *Chairperson*

Judy Gwinn Diane Walter Chris Geagley Doug Canter Renee McNeely
Phyllis Lovette Don Copper

Student Scholarship Committee: Richard Tetrick, *Chairperson*

Debbie Fields Jim Hardin Bill Stanton Rachel McCann
Kelly Geagley Dona Dvorak Pam Dick Richard Lovette, Jr.
Tommy Horton Wes Bradley

Ex-Officio Member: Chairperson of Administrative Council: Doug Hulshult
Minister to Children & Youth: Debbie Fields

Missions Committee: Doug Hulshult, *Chairperson*

Merry Lee Schaff Don Tetrick Sonya Bradley Corinne Sharp Alice Sharp
Lanelle Crockett Jonathan Bremer Don Cooper Barry Tait Trudy Tait
Pat Blankenship Sarah Laws Debbie Fields Christy Trent Carroll Boone
Justin Digby Susan Hathaway Audrey Collins

First United Methodist Church, Elizabethton Tennessee

WORK AREA COMMITTEES:

Education Work Area:

Chairperson/Supt. of Sunday School	Jean Crockett
Church School Secretary	Dr. John Crockett III
Nursery Coordinator	Ashley Blevins
Minister to Children & Youth	Debbie Fields
Youth Coordinators	Doug and Lynn Hulshult, Barbara Snavelly
Church Nursery Committee	Julie Bowers, Merry Lee Schaff & Erin Weatherford
Young Adults Task Force	Rachel Bentley

Worship Work Area:

Chairperson:	Andrew Bentley
Acolyte Coordinators	Debbie Fields and Diane Walter
Communion Coordinator	Carol Hayes
Choir Representative	Jean Madgett
Hanging of the Greens Chairperson	Nancy Deal
Director of Music	David Hale
Minister to Children & Youth	Debbie Fields

Communion Stewards: Carol & Steve Hayes, Coordinator

Diane Horton Ruth Goodwin Joe Alexander

Members-at-Large:

Tom Tull	Jean Crockett	Jobelle Hood	Nancy Deal	Julie Bowers
Joyce Broome	Lanelle Crockett	Lynn Hulshult	Dona Dvorak	Diane Laing
Michael Dick	Norma Tetrick	Beth Livingston	Gwen Chambers	Linda Davidson
Ron Laws				

OTHER STANDING COMMITTEES

Bereavement Committee: Betty Bowers and Joyce Broome, *Co -Chairpersons*

Ruth Ritchie	Goldean Deal	Phyllis Meece	Jean Cosgrove	Norma Tetrick
Linda Davidson	Merry Lee Schaff	Jody Nichols	Catherine Armstrong	Sonya Bradley

Alternates: *Ruth Goodwin, Diane Walter*

Hospitality Committee: No Chair

Goldean Deal	Betsy Snyder	Pat Blankenship	Pam Dick	Sonya Bradley
Carole Hayes	Steve Hayes	Anna Sue Jones	H. L. Snyder	Jean Cosgrove
Jill Bremer	Joyce Broome	Dona Dvorak	Susan Hathaway	

Adult Ministries Committee: Ron and Sarah Laws, *Chairperson*

Jean Madgett	Margo Bentley	Katherine LaPorte	Jobelle Hood	Darlene LaPorte
Gayle Hood	Dona Dvorak	Betty O'Neal	Jean Cosgrove	

Library Committee: Marie Geisler, *Chairperson*

Jobelle Hood Margaret Bentley

Property Committee: Bill Armstrong, *Chairperson*

Jean Crockett	Richard Bradley	Barry Tait	Carroll Boone	Don Tetrick
Sam Shipley	Greg Bowers	David McNeely, Chair of Trustees		

Visitation Committee: Casey Eryasa, *Chairperson*

Betty O'Neal	Carroll Broome	Angie Cook	Joyce Broome	Pat Blankenship
Alice Sharp	Trudy Tait	Goldean Deal	Barry Tait	Don Cooper
Pat Simmons	Ashley Blevins	Gaye Stanton	Debbie Wortman	



Donations

Thanks again to our family and extended family for their contributions as well as for honoring and remembering their loved ones.

MEMORIALS GIVEN TO:

KATIE RITCHIE PAYNE LIBRARY

E.E. Bentley by Emma Jean Roddy

MUSIC MINISTRY

Hazel Schuetler by Janice Price

E.E. Bentley by Gayle and Jobelle Hood

MEMORY GARDEN

E.E. Bentley by Bob and Jean Madgett

Hazel Schuetler by John and Gaye Stanton

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

E.E. Bentley by Don and Joanne Blair

GENERAL FUND

E.E. Bentley by Sam and Ruth Ritchie

MISSIONS

E.E. Bentley by Phyllis Lovette

Phillip Davidson by Pairs and Spares Class



20th of each Month

First United Methodist Church Chimes Assembly Committee

Just a friendly reminder that the deadline to submit information and articles for the newsletter is always the 20th of each month. The mailing list for the newsletter is currently at 291 people. In order to get the newsletter out in time for you to receive time sensitive information before the first of the month it is very important that the deadline is respected. We now have ten wonderful church members making up three teams who have volunteered their time to assemble the newsletter. The newsletter is more time consuming than most people realize. In order to offer this monthly resource articles have to be compiled, then almost 300 copies of each page have to be made, the pages have to be collated and stapled, each newsletter is folded and receives two stickers for closing, mailing labels are affixed, sorted by zip code, and each zip code counted, finally two forms are filled out before hauling them to the post office to be mailed (before the 2:00 deadline at the post office....see everyone has a deadline in this deal).

Everyone has so much to do in today's world. Deadlines creep up on us so fast. Please try to remember how important the deadline is. FUMC Chimes Assembly Committee has a schedule, in which these volunteers know which month they will be working on the assembly of the newsletter. In order to meet the schedule each month it is very important that the church office receives information by the deadline. Anything received after the deadline will not be able to be included in that month's newsletter. Thank you for helping!!!



Mark your Calendar

	USHERS	SOUND	VIDEO	SCRIPTURE	ACOLYTES	NURSERY
2nd	Team 5	Jeff Weatherford	Rachel Hulshult	Doug Canter	Briana & Karter	Carolyn Crawford
9th	Team 6	Jeff Weatherford	Doug Hulshult	Barry Tait	Hannah & Katie	Chris Geagley
16th	Team 1	Jeff Weatherford	Sage Geagley	Trudy Tait	Kali and Emily	Robin Crawford
23rd	Team 2	Jeff Weatherford	JD Livingston		Chelsea & Sophie	Julie Bentley
31st	Team 3	Jeff Weatherford	Rachel Hulshult		JJ and Mason	Hannah Hulshult

May 1st	Food for the Multitude—8:00 am St. Thomas Episcopal
9th	Mother's Day
13th	UMW—Mothers and Memories Potluck Dinner 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall Worship Committee Meeting—7:00 pm BRING YOUR 10 Hymns
16th	Knitting Ministry - 4:00 - 6:00 pm in the church parlor.
20th	Newsletter Deadline
22nd	Blessing of the Animals—10:00 am Runabout Outing—Barter Theater "Always Patsy Cline" 2:00 show
23rd	Pentecost Sunday—REMEMBER TO WEAR RED
31st	Memorial Day—All church offices will be closed.

*All the Coolager and Youth Activities are not included in this schedule, please refer Children and Youth section of Newsletter each group's schedule of events.



ARM
Assistance
Resource
Ministries



Filler Items
for
Shoebboxes
socks

(remember they must fit in a shoebox)

Happy Birthday to....

Alicia Dick 1st
Erika Dick 1st
Renee McNeely 2nd
Marissa Hill 4th
Jodi Deal 4th
Angie Cook 6th

Jennifer Birchfield 10th
Steve Quigg 11th
Matt Geagley 15th
Charlotte Robinson 17th
Richard Grindstaff 19th
Victoria Hyatt 20th

Dave Wortman 21st
Samantha Combs 23rd
Nathan LaPorte 26th
Pat Simmons 26th
Tyler Tetrick 29th
Andrea Gwinn Mosley 31st



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STATED MEETINGS

Weekly

	<u>Sunday</u>
Morning Worship	9:55 a.m.
Children's Church	
Fellowship Time	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:20 a.m.
United Methodist Youth	6:00—7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Coolagers	3:15—4:45 p.m.
Mid Week Adult Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Handbell Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	8:00 p.m.

Monthly

Administrative Council	2nd Sunday, 7:00 p.m.
Trustees	2nd Sunday, 6:00 p.m.
Worship Committee	2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
United Methodist Women	
	2nd Thursday, 1:00 p.m.
Circle #6	3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.