

# Bookwalter United Methodist Church

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*Ministry to God through prayer and worship.*

*Ministry to one another through caring discipleship.*

*Ministry to others by meeting needs and winning them to Christ.*

Last week, the White House Press Secretary was asked to leave a restaurant in Virginia where she was dining with her family. This was a "protest" of her role in current policies. I find it disingenuous that many people who applaud this incident are some of the same ones who were upset a bakery refused to make a cake for a gay couple. To me this is less a political issue and more about living in community with one another.

I think both cases are wrong. Of course, people (including business owners) have a right to their opinion, but where would this lead if everyone started basing their interactions like so? This does not seem too far from refusing service for someone based on their skin color. If someone is not causing a disruption, they should be able to conduct business where they choose. Of course, I still support the "No shoes, no shirt, no service" policy. I do not want to see your nasty feet when I am trying to eat.

The first Sunday after the most recent presidential election I pointed out that statistically speaking half of the people in the congregation did not vote the same as you. Then I asked, "Do you love them any less?" The response was a resounding "NO!" It is one thing to have convictions, but another to have them become a wedge in community and relationships.

This past weekend, Knoxville hosted a Gay Pride parade. There were several churches present passing out water. Some were there in complete support of the participants. Others were there to minister to those "sinners." Whatever their motives, everyone acted graciously and peaceful. Regardless of where you stand on this issue, I hope you can remember to do the same. This is going to be very important for us to take to heart in the coming months as this issue is again addressed by our denomination. Steve

**Sunday:** Grief Support Group meeting 3:00 p.m. - Women's Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday evening activities** will not be meeting on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**On July 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating 50 years since the dedication of our current church building.** Among other things, we plan to have a covered dish dinner after worship, take a church wide group photo out front and plant a tree. Spread the word and we hope you can be here.

**Meetings:** Monday, July 9, **Outreach Team**, 6:30 p.m. **Church Council**, 7:00 p.m.

**Keenagers** will be meeting on July 10, 10:30 a.m. The program will be special music by Sarah Holloway. Sarah has blessed us with her inspirational music in the past, and you do not want to miss her beautiful singing this time. Vera Bailey will have devotions. **Make reservations or cancellations with Nancy Dickerson, 689-8126, by Thursday evening, July 5<sup>th</sup>** Invite someone to come with you.

Remember to bring non-perishable food items for Emerald Avenue Food Pantry.

**Note:** We will not be printing a Newsletter next week. The Church Office will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday next week because of July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**GET READY! It's Coming. Rummage Sale,** July 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. The United Methodist Women need elegant junk donated to sell to raise money for their mission projects. Donations will be accepted after June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks for your support.

## Our Service

July 1, 2018

**Acolytes** Matthew Edmondson, Elijah Meredith  
**Nursery** Idonna Bryson, Porta Chamberlain  
**Ushers** A.J. Allen, Howard Darnell,  
Mary Mahoney, Carolyn Peters

**Plan to join us for worship on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>** as we worship the Lord. Scripture will be Galatians 5:1-14 and the sermon is "FREE FOR ALL."

## Our Presence and Our Gifts

June 24, 2018

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| Morning Worship  | 82         |
| Sunday School    | 49         |
| Budget Offering  | \$3,441.75 |
| Roof             | \$120.00   |
| Music Department | \$20.00    |

## Prayer List:

Eddie Cox  
Leroy Cox – cancer  
Bill Dake - cancer (friend of Liz Jett)  
Joe Hurst  
Jo Ann Learn  
Family of Phyllis Maples, Joyce Rasar's sister  
Family of Lynn Mashburn  
Stephanie Melton  
Patricia Sutton  
Wesley, Sharon Wilson's son

## Continuing Care:

Shirrell Baker, Joe Broom, Kermit & Betty Campbell, Samantha Collier, Sarah Hawkins, Joan Leslie Hickman, Margie Johnson, Jama Newman, Jean Painter, Roy Skeen, Ann Turner, Betty Uhlman, Carolyn & Sue Wilson, Joanne Wilson.