

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.

When I was the Director of Program at First United Methodist Church in Pigeon Forge, I had the opportunity to participate in their long-running (and still going) tradition of a Living Nativity scene. Children, Youth and Adults would dress up as shepherds, wise men and the holy family and stand by the manger in front of the church. I believe there may have even been some critters such as a donkey involved occasionally. People could drive along River Road to see our annual display.

I thought it was a pretty neat addition to the brilliant lights of Winterfest, but there was something that always nagged me a bit about it. Here we embodied these characters with breathing humans, but we stood there like statues. We did not do anything. We did not reenact the arrival of shepherds or wise men. Angel wings did not flutter. Mary did not cuddle baby Jesus. The only movement was if a small child had to suddenly run to the bathroom.

This is how we do church at times. We get dressed up, get together for a couple of hours and do next to nothing. I am not saying this is always the case, but you know there is some truth here. The church is a Living thing also and that should mean movement. Not just "busyness" but movement with purpose. As the Body of Christ, we cannot just stay curled up and comfy in a manger. Steve

Charge Conference/Church Council Meeting on Sunday (Dec. 9) following morning worship.

Choir will meet on Sunday, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 8th, 10:30 a.m. the children will have a dress rehearsal for the Christmas Play. Pizza lunch will be served with Christmas party in the afternoon. Children can be picked up at 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 9th, 6:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Play "Away in a Manger." Join us for refreshments following play.

Tuesday, December 11th, Keenagers, 10:30 a.m. Carolyn Stuffle-Carter will have devotions and the program will be The O'Connor Singers. This is our Christmas celebration so invite someone to come with you. Remember to bring non-perishable food items for Emerald Avenue Food Pantry.

Wednesday evening activities 6:30 p.m. for children, youth and adults. This will be our last programming for the year. We will resume meeting again on January 9th

Save the date! The choir will be performing this year's Christmas Cantata "See Amid the Winter's Snow" on Saturday, **December 15th 7:00 PM and Sunday, December 16th, 3:00 PM.** Both performances will be at Bookwalter this year. We will again have a full orchestra and mass choir, please spread the word that this is a free concert to everyone and we encourage you to bring a friend or two (or more!) to enjoy this wonderful program.

Calendars.....Calendars.....Calendars

It's time again!! Calendar information is being collected for 2019 so please see Rusty to receive your past info to make additions or corrections. If you are new to the church and want to be included, Rusty will have blank forms as well.

The Knoxville Nativity Pageant will be presented for the 50th year on December 8th, 9th and 10th at the Knoxville Coliseum.

Christmas Post Office: The Youth Group's (In-house) "**Christmas Card Delivery Drive**" is now in full swing! We will be receiving cards through Sunday, **December 16th** and will deliver them to the congregation on Sunday, **December 23rd**.

The price per card is twenty-five cents, with all proceeds going to help us sustain and continue growing our ministry with our youth, and reaching those in our surrounding community.

Please place your donation in a separate clearly marked envelope, and secure it to your cards using a rubber band. Cards may be left in the decorated card bin in the Fellowship Hall.

It would greatly help us in our sorting if you would please **print first and last names on each envelope.**

We give thanks in advance for your part in helping us spread good will and cheer to all during this season! Zach

Sponsor a Youth for Resurrection. Cost per youth is \$40 and we have 12 attending. Partial and full sponsorships are accepted. Please see Zach before January 6th.

Christian Sympathy

We extend our love and sympathy to the family of Roy Skeen who died on November 28, 2018.

Thank you Bookwalter friends for your prayers and cards. It is always so nice to receive a card and told you are being prayed for and thought of. My chemo is working, but because of the type of cancer I have, I will have to continue the treatments. Going to physical therapy to see if it will help my vertigo.

I miss each and everyone of you and hopefully at sometime I will be able to return to you all.

I love you and pray for a wonderful Christmas for all. *Love, Jo Ann Learn*

Our Service

December 9, 2018
Second Sunday of Advent

Acolytes	Ellis Banks, Rory Jennings
Nursery	Heather Banks
Ushers	Peyton Allen, Ed Bryson, Pam Ferguson, Ray Mills

Come join us for worship this Sunday as we worship the Lord on the second Sunday of Advent. Scripture reading will be Luke 1:26-38, and the sermon is "**MERRY CHRISTMESS.**"

Our Presence and Our Gifts

December 2, 2018

Morning Worship	79
Sunday School	51
Budget Offering	\$4,633.00
Roof	\$70.00
Change for Christmas	\$1.00
Youth Fund	\$510.00

Prayer List:

Betty Bays
Eddie Cox
Leroy Cox – cancer
Bill Dake - cancer (friend of Liz Jett)
Howard Darnell
Irvine Jones
Jo Ann Learn
Stephanie Melton
Bill Ogle, comfort and healing from cancer
Family of Roy Skeen
Patricia Sutton
Billy and Wesley, Sharon Wilson's sons

Note: Please let the pastor or the office know if we need to add someone to the prayer list. Also, let us know if someone is doing better and needs to be removed,.

Continuing Care:

Shirrell Baker, Joe Broom, Kermit & Betty Campbell, Samantha Collier, Bill Ferguson, Sarah Hawkins, Joe Hurst, Margie Johnson, Jama Newman, Jean Painter, Ann Turner, Betty Uhlman, Carolyn & Sue Wilson, Joanne Wilson.