

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.

The called General Conference concluded yesterday in St. Louis. Of the three plans proposed by the Commission on a Way Forward, a simple majority of delegates voted for what was called the Traditional Plan. This essentially maintains the current language of the Discipline prohibiting United Methodist clergy from performing same-sex weddings, UM Churches from hosting same and "self-avowed practicing homosexuals" from being ordained. Apparently, the only changes proposed will make any violation of these standards more punitive.

Whether these changes actually go into effect remains to be seen, because they have been referred to the Judicial Council to review their (Methodist) constitutionality. If those changes are not allowed, does it mean that all that time and money were spent to effectively do nothing? I do not think so. There has definitely been a change.

While these issues have been openly debated for nearly 50 years in our denomination, there is now a perception (real or otherwise) that our church has decisively declared an entire segment of our population is essentially unwelcome. GC2019 also shined a light on just how divided United Methodists are on this issue. Regardless of where you stand, both of these should be upsetting to you.

I was reminded by a colleague of the phrase, "Think Globally, Act Locally" in regards to all this. I have no control over what happens at the international level, but I am still pastor at Bookwalter UMC. I will do all in my power to let everyone here know they are welcomed by us, loved by God and truly people of sacred worth. Steve

Choir rehearsal, Sunday, 4:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday - next week, March 6, 6:30 p.m., we will have a brief observation of Imposition of the Ashes in the Sanctuary. Our regular Mid-week programming will resume immediately following.

Keenagers will meet on March 12, 10:30 a.m. The program will be a representative from the Salvation Army. Invite someone to come with you. **Please call reservations or cancellations to Diane Coon, 689-8126, by Thursday evening, March 6th.** Bring non-perishable food items for Emerald Avenue Food Pantry.

The "Blue Barrel" is out in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring candy, individually wrapped, for the children's Easter Egg Hunt.

Mark Your Calendar:

First Sunday of Lent, March 10th

Daylight Saving Time begins, March 10th

Children's Consignment Sale, April 4th-6th.

Easter Egg Hunt, April 13th.

Easter Sunday Breakfast, April 21st. Donation Basis for Camp in The Community.

Rummage Sale sponsored by United Methodist Women, May 23rd-25th, for the benefit of sponsored missions.

Camp in The Community, June 17th-21st

Children's March Mission Project - During March the Children's Department will be collecting canning jars (quarts, pints and jelly jars that seal) , lids and rings for Morgan Scott Project. This will help those who are preserving food from the home garden project.

Some history of Morgan Scott - Since 1972 the Morgan-Scott Project for Cooperative Christian Concerns (MSP) has formed a base from which the needs of low income families in Scott and Morgan counties in rural Tennessee can be addressed. MSP functions as both a social services agency and as a community development organization.

Activities sponsored directly or indirectly by MSP have included a school for children with learning disabilities, free tutoring programs, healthcare clinics, libraries, a homeless shelter, thrift stores, a home garden program, a Habitat for Humanity chapter, education and job training programs, community centers for children, youth, and the elderly, legal aid services, emergency aid, disaster relief, and home repair.

Our Service

March 3, 2019

Transfiguration Sunday

Acolytes	Ellis Banks, Aly Jennings
Nursery	Idonna Bryson, Porta Chamberlain
Ushers	Peyton Allen, Ed Bryson, Pam Ferguson, Ray Mills

Our Presence and Our Gifts

February 24, 2019

Morning Worship	64
Sunday School	36
Budget Offering	\$2,225.78
Roof	\$70.00
Memorial Fund	\$100.00

Prayer List:

Betty Bays
Eddie Cox
Leroy Cox – cancer
Gay Lee DeShazor, Cheryl Mills' Aunt
Patsy and Charlie Gardner
Jo Ann Learn
Sharon Morris-Dagangon, friend of Pat Newman
Stephanie Melton
Bill Ogle, comfort and healing from cancer
Marilyn Faith Plemons (requested by Carolyn & Sue Wilson)
Patricia Sutton
Billy and Wesley, Sharon Wilson's sons

Continuing Care:

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

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.