

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.

.Several Bookwalter members and I went to the General Conference debriefing at Powell UMC last Sunday (3/3@3). Three of our Holston Conference delegates (Wil Cantrell, Mark Flynn and Emily Ballard) were on hand to share information and address questions. The first point they made was just how painful and difficult the week had been for everyone regardless of where they stood on the issues surrounding human sexuality. Wil shared that no one feels this debate is "over" but that there is no way to "legislate our way out" of the logjam. This reminded me of how my friend and colleague, Rev. Richard Richter of Cedar Lane put it when we had our own debriefing session last week. He said, "When you put diversity to a vote, it becomes division."

Caucuses on both ends of the spectrum (Wesleyan Covenant Association, Reconciling Ministries) will continue to meet and the actual way forward may emerge from those sessions. Some of the legislation that passed last week had to do with providing a "gracious exit" for whole groups of people. That's a nice way of saying that a split may still happen. I believe this would be sad, but perhaps necessary for everyone to move on. The shame is that as one of our delegates pointed out, we agree on 99.5% of everything else in ministry.

I reminded everyone Sunday that even just within our congregation we have widely diverse opinions and positions, but that the Spirit of God and the Love of Christ holds us together. I hope and pray this will continue to be the case as this situation continues to unfold. Another

point made Sunday was that everyone had arrived to St. Louis with their minds made up. The key to any relationship is communication and we need to be able to listen to one another and respond... not just react. That's called having an open mind. I hope we can claim this is part of who we are. *Steve*

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

Church Council Meeting, Monday, March 11, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday evening activities, 6:30 p.m. for children, youth and adults.

Keenagers will meet on Tuesday, March 12, 10:30 a.m. The program will be a representative from the Salvation Army. Invite someone to come with you. 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

Church Council Meeting, March 11, 7:00 p.m.

Youth Lock-in, March 15th-16th.

United Methodist Women, March 21st, 6:30 p.m.

Outreach Meeting, March 25, 7:00 p.m.

Holston Home for Children Sunday, March 31st.

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

Easter Egg Hunt, April 12th – More information to come.

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.

Christian Sympathy

We extend our love and sympathy to the family of Patsy Gardner, who died on March 1st. Patsy has been a faithful member of Bookwalter Church having joined on April 7, 1968.

Our Service

March 10, 2019
First Sunday in Lent

Acolytes Rachel Byrd, Elijah Meredith
Nursery Doris Dennison
Ushers A.J. Allen, Howard Darnell,
Mary Mahoney, Carolyn Peters

Come join us for worship this Sunday. Scripture will be Philippians 2:1-16, and the sermon is **"WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?."**

Our Presence and Our Gifts

March 3, 2019

Morning Worship	86
Sunday School	53
Budget Offering	\$5,899.27
Roof	\$120.00

Prayer List:

Betty Bays
Eddie Cox
Leroy Cox – cancer
Gay Lee DeShazor, Cheryl Mills' Aunt
Family of Patsy 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.