

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.

I was reminded yesterday of the greatest April fool's prank I have ever been personally involved in. It speaks volumes about my relationship with my father and my life as a preacher's kid.

I had just recently returned from participating in the Holston Conference sponsored United Nations Seminar for youth. On this trip to Washington D.C. and New York City, I had swiftly fallen into infatuation with a girl from the Chattanooga area. I was a junior at Greeneville High at the time and did not know how well this long distance relationship would hold up. This was before internet, email, Facebook and cell phones, kids. It cost extra money to call long distance back in those dark times.

It was unusual for my father to drive me to school, but on this particular day he needed to talk to me about something important. On our way there, he explained that the Conference was projecting him to move in June. This was initially a kick to the gut, but then he said we were moving to Chattanooga. I could barely contain my excitement. My girl and I would be together after all! Dad was grinning ear to ear as he dropped me off. As I was closing the door, he said, "April fools." He laughed at the time, but said he regretted it pretty quickly because of the look of utter dejection on my face.

When I got to Art class, I told my teacher what Dad had done. She was a member of our church and hatched a wonderful plan of retaliation. She called him at the church and told him I had gotten into a fight at school. She explained I had seemed upset all day for some reason and had finally lost my cool on a fellow

student. The teacher then suggested Dad stop by her classroom before going to see me in the principal's office. Knowing this must be his fault for upsetting me, he rushed to the school. When he entered the classroom, everyone in the room shouted "April Fool's." Neither of us has ever quite topped this prank.

I share this story for two reasons. First, it is a really funny story. Secondly, it is that time of year again when ministers and clergy families can be on pins and needles during the appointment process. Many may already be projected to move and have to keep it secret for now. Under the best of circumstances, moving to a new church, job, school and so on is very stressful. Keep them in your prayers. It's no joke. *Steve*

Cedar Lane United Methodist Church Rummage Sale, Saturday, April 6th, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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

Keenagers will be meeting on April 9th at 10:30 a.m. Remember to bring non-perishable food items for Emerald Avenue Food Pantry.

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

Directory - We are putting together an address/phone directory of our membership here at Bookwalter. Don't panic, it does not include photos. We have the initial list ready for you to review and make corrections before making copies for the congregation. In the next few weeks we will be passing a rough copy of the directory to you during our worship service. Please review your entries and make

corrections if needed. It will also have a place to add new entries. We hope to have the new directory ready before Easter.....thanks.

Remember the “Blue Barrel” is still out in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring candy, individually wrapped, for the children’s Easter Egg Hunt.

Mark Your Calendar:

Lock-in and glow in the dark Easter Egg Hunt, Friday, 6:00 p.m. April 12th to 9:00 a.m. Saturday, April 13th. We will have dinner and the egg hunt at twilight.

Easter Sunrise Service (time to be announced)

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

Outreach Team meeting, April 22, 7:00 p.m.

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

Camp in The Community, June 17th-21st

Our Service

April 7, 2019

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

Come join us for worship this Sunday. Scripture will be Luke 10:25-37, and the sermon is **“PATHS OF DISCIPLESHIP: THE ROAD TO JERICHO.”**

Our Presence and Our Gifts

March 31, 2019

Morning Worship	97
Sunday School	55
Budget Offering	\$3,141.90
Roof	\$20.00
Change for Children	\$2.00
Holston Home for Children	\$855.00
UMCOR	\$85.00

Prayer List:

Betty Bays
Eddie Cox
Leroy Cox – cancer
Gay Lee DeShazor, Cheryl Mills’ Aunt
Jo Ann Learn
Sharon Morris-Dagangon, friend of Pat Newman
Stephanie Melton
Reverend Ed Nelson
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.