

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 Call ran an article last month showing the reasons why visitors did not return to particular churches. Below are the top ten responses. I believe some of these absolutely do not apply to Bookwalter, but others are areas we could definitely improve. Remember... it is the opportunity and responsibility for EVERYONE in church to be welcoming to our guests. Steve

1. An unfriendly and awkward stand-and-greet time in the worship service

2. Unfriendly church members

Most church members do not view themselves from the perspective of church guests. They don't usually speak to guests because they don't know them. And the church members usually retreat to the comfort of the holy huddles of the people they do know.

3. Unsafe and unclean children's areas

4. No place to get information on the church

5. Bad church website

Keep in mind this reality. The church website is now the front door of the church. Will guest feel welcome when they come to your front door?

6. Poor signage

If you have been attending your church a few weeks, you don't need signage. But guests do. And they get frustrated when they don't have clear directional signage for parking, for the entrance to the worship center, for the children's area, and others.

7. Insider church language

8. Boring or bad church services

9. Members telling guests they were in the wrong pew or chair

I thought that this rude and insensitive behavior disappeared years ago. The church guests told us otherwise. In fact, the most common comment was, "You are sitting in my pew." Unbelievable. Totally unbelievable.

10. Dirty facilities

The first step in becoming a welcoming church may be the admission that your church may not really be a welcoming church. Are you facing reality in your church?

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

Our Wednesday night Adult Bible study will be completing the Gospel of Matthew in a few weeks. We plan on doing something a little differently for our next round. We are going to do a study called "A Disciple's Path" from Cokesbury. It is designed as a 6 week course, but we may be flexible and take a bit longer. There are video testimonies and a daily workbook involved. The church is picking up the cost of the Leader Kit, but we will ask participants to pay \$10 for their daily workbook. There is also an optional Companion Reader for \$10 that would be available.

At this time, we will plan on beginning this new study June 26, so please let Rev. Doyal know if you are going to take part by **May 29th** so we can order the workbooks. Thank you.

Below is a description from Cokesbury about this study:

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness...this is what we commit to when we become members of The United Methodist Church, and it's a big step. But A Disciple's Path helps us look beyond membership, presenting an engaging approach to discipleship from a distinctly Wesleyan perspective. Discipleship is ongoing, so the 6-week study is perfect for new-member groups, but also works well in small groups of long-time members. It helps you develop spiritual practices, discover your unique gifts, and engage in ministry that brings transformation to your own life and to the lives of others and the world.

Keenagers – next meeting will be May 14, 10:30 a.m. Emma Parrott will be presenting a program on elder abuse. **Please call reservations or cancellations to Diane Coon, 689-8126, by Thursday evening, May 9th.** Invite someone to come with you. Remember to bring non-perishable food items for Emerald Avenue Food Pantry..

The UMW sponsored Rummage Sale is **May 24-25**. However, we are having a special Bookwalter Night Thursday, May 23, from 6:00-8:00 pm. You may come and shop the deals before the general public. This is in response to the overwhelming request to purchase some of the items we have already collected. We are still collecting items to sell. Remember, all monies collected go to fund mission projects of Autumn's Circle, United Methodist Women.

Camp in the Community is quickly approaching. We are so excited for this ministry opportunity to reach out to our neighbors. A big thank you to all who helped support our Easter Breakfast. We

raised \$216.00 for CIC so far. Throughout the next month and a half we will be asking for more help. Right now we are collecting reusable water bottles for the campers. You can purchase them at a low cost from many stores in the area. They usually run about \$1.00 each.

Church Council will be meeting May 13, 7:00 p.m.

Dear Bookwalter Family,

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, visits and the beautiful flowers during the last months of mother's life. She was proud of her life long membership and loved Bookwalter very much.

Thank you again, *The Family of Betty Uhlman*

**2019 Holston Annual Conference
Hands-on Mission Project
For Zimbabwe – Ishe Anesu Project for
Underprivileged Children**

This year the Tennessee Valley District will be preparing food buckets for children in Zimbabwe. During the month of May we will be collecting the following items. **Items need to be the sizes noted.** Pack in a NEW 5-gallon bucket with lid.

Each bucket will contain:

- 1 bag sugar (4-5 lbs.)
 - 1 bag self-rising flour (4-5 lbs.)
 - 1 bag rice (2 lb.)
 - 1 bag dried beans (2 lb.)
 - 1 box powdered milk (10 oz. or less)
 - 1 box quick/instant oats (18 oz. or less)
 - 1 bottle cooking oil (48 oz. or less)
 - 1 box Splenda/sucralose (50 ct. or less)
 - Canned Ham (2 lb. total)
- \$5.00 per bucket should also be included. **Do not put money in bucket.** Church will write 1 check to cover the shipping. This is an opportunity for Sunday School classes to fill one or two buckets, or an individual family fill a bucket. Money can also be donated to help with this project. Thank you.

Our Service

May 5, 2019
3rd Sunday of Easter

- Acolytes** Seth Laws, Elijah Meredith
- 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 24:13-35, and the sermon will be **“PATHS OF DISCIPLESHIP: THE ROAD TO EMMAUS.”**

Our Presence and Our Gifts

April 28, 2019

Morning Worship	71
Sunday School	40
Budget Offering	\$5,157.00
Roof	\$20.00
Memorial Gifts	\$150.00
Camp in The Community	\$20.00
Change for Children	\$2.00
Children's Department	\$25.00
Youth Department	\$10.00
Music Department	\$20.00
United Methodist Women	\$250.00

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
- Parker Pass, 7 yrs. old with leukemia
- 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, 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.