

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 spent most of last Thursday in a mandatory workshop regarding boundaries. It dealt with appropriate interactions between people in all settings, but specifically we were discussing in church. Some people chafe at the notion of having to discuss issues such as sexual harassment or unwanted advances in our congregations, but the problem is real. By my own observation, not all contact is just "friendly" as we like to categorize it. Keep in mind that even if the intent is innocent, there are those who simply do not want others in their personal space regardless. This is true whether in the workplace, school, the general public or a church function.

Some will claim this is an overreaction along the lines of the "#metoo" or "#timesup" movements and write it off as some kind of Hollywood cause. The truth is we should have done more long before now. This is not a new problem, but people are simply speaking up and out more now.

From umc.org – *"In our congregations and settings for ministry, we seek to create an environment of hospitality for all persons, male or female, which is free from misconduct of a sexual nature and encourages respect, equality, and kinship in Christ. Misconduct of a sexual nature inhibits the full and joyful participation of all in the community of God. Sexual misconduct in church and ministry settings impedes the mission of Jesus Christ. Ministerial leaders have the responsibility not only to avoid actions and words which hurt others, but also to protect the vulnerable against actions or words which cause harm."*

That last line defines the staff's and my role in this matter. If you are doing anything to encroach upon the genuine "sanctuary" of this church, you need to watch yourself because we are also watching you. If you are going to act like a wolf among the sheep, ask yourself what the Good Shepherd thinks of those actions. Steve

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

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. 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. 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.

**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 12, 2019
Mother's Day

- Acolytes** Ariana Jennings, Ella Wilhoit
- Nursery** Doris Dennison
- Ushers** A.J. Allen, Howard Darnell,
Mary Mahoney, Carolyn Peters

Come join us for worship this Sunday. Scripture will be Luke 12:4-7, and the sermon will be **"THE LONE SPARROW."**

Our Presence and Our Gifts

May 5, 2019

Morning Worship	79
Sunday School	45
Budget Offering	\$4,989.00
Roof	\$2,220.00
Memorial Gifts	\$36.00
Camp in The Community	\$50.00
Food Buckets	\$50.00

Prayer List:

- Betty Bays
- Eddie Cox
- Leroy Cox – cancer
- Gay Lee DeShazor, Cheryl Mills' Aunt
- Jack Hays
- 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.