

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.

My grandfather on my mother's side was a WWII veteran who worked security at a resort in Sevier County later in his life. As a young boy, I sometimes got to tag along with him to his guard shack. On one such occasion, he shot a squirrel and then proceeded to show me how to skin it with a single small snip and a quick yank. It was remarkably efficient.

I have not done much squirrel skinning in my adulthood and I doubt I would be able to duplicate Papaw Branton's skill if I had to. It saddens me sometimes to think of all the old country ways that may have become lost to history as so many folks are no longer with us. I think of this often because I still watch The Heartland Series in reruns.

There are many things for our older folks to impart to the younger generations. Not just practical things, but also spiritual matters. This is why we are going to soon be introducing a something new at Bookwalter called **InGen Ministries**. The InGen stands for Intergenerational and we will be pairing adult mentors with children to get to know one another better and pray for each other. This is similar to the Prayer Pal program we had in the past, but the staff will be selecting the participants. Even if you do not end up part of the program this year, please pray for its success and the blessings we believe will work both ways with it. Steve

Wednesday evening activities, 6:30 p.m. for children, youth and adults. End of School Party for children and youth.

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.

Trip to Country Tonight – Keenagers are sponsoring the trip, but you do not have to belong to Keenager to go on the trip. **Date is June 20th** traveling by deluxe motor coach (Knoxville Tours). Leave Bookwalter Church at 11:00 a.m. and returning by 6:00 p.m. If 30 people go, the price will be \$56.00 per person. If 20 people go, the price will be \$70.00. If you would like to go, please call Nancy Webb at 688-4925. This would be a wonderful opportunity to travel for a day of fun!

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. Remember, all monies collected go to fund mission projects of Autumn's Circle, United Methodist Women.

The 872 United Methodist congregations of Holston Conference are raising more than \$100,000 to battle the opioid crisis that is tearing away at their communities in East Tennessee, Southwest Virginia, and North Georgia.

Churches will collect their mission offerings on Sundays in May 2019, then take their offerings to the Holston Annual Conference held June 9-12 at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. Later

this year, the funds will be distributed through grants to churches that want to fight drug addiction in their communities.

Bookwalter UMC will collect this offering next **Sunday, May 26.**

Dear Bookwalter Family,

I am gracious and humbled by the support that you all have shown me over the past three years, and especially now in this next phase of life. Each of you have made an impact on my life and inspire me to be a better version of myself. I am looking forward to seeing what God has in store for us in the coming years and look forward to continue serving you all, as you have served me. Thank you again for your endless love and support. I know that Bookwalter will always be "home, sweet home to me." *Bailey*

Church Lawn Care – In an effort to reduce cost in our 2019 financial budget, we eliminated the outside lawn mowing service. This was projected to save approximately \$5,500.00. We decided to, as a church group, do the mowing ourselves. We still have an outside service mow the cemetery as that expense is not a part of the church's budget. The owner of that mowing service has also given us a price for mowing the church's property approximately every 10 days. This pricing and frequency would result in approximately \$1,600.00 for the remainder of this year. At our recent Church Council meeting we voted to accept this offer.

In an effort to keep this separate from the church's budgeted expenses, I am asking anyone who is interested in contributing to the payment of this expense to please designate your contribution as "Church Mowing." Thank you, Don Henderlight, Finance Chairperson

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 19, 2019

Acolytes	Ellis Banks, Rory Jennings
Nursery	Doris Dennison
Ushers	A.J. Allen, Howard Darnell, Mary Mahoney, Carolyn Peters

Come join us for worship this Sunday. Scripture will be Acts 17:16-23, and the sermon will be **"TO AN UNKNOWN GOD"**

Our Presence and Our Gifts

May 12, 2019

Morning Worship	88
Sunday School	46
Budget Offering	\$4,451.00
Roof	\$70.00
Music Department	\$60.00
Camp in The Community	\$520.00
Food Buckets	\$125.00

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.