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*Sharing God's love with our neighbors,
inviting them to share in the joy of Jesus Christ.*

ARTICLE

Given our event this weekend, I thought you might be interested to read the United Methodist Church's position on suicide as found in the 2016 Book of Discipline, Social Principles ¶161.O

We believe that suicide is not the way a human life should end. Often suicide is the result of untreated depression, or untreated pain and suffering. The Church has an obligation to see that all persons have access to needed pastoral and medical care and therapy in those circumstances that lead to loss of self-worth, suicidal despair, and/or the desire to seek physician-assisted suicide. We encourage the Church to provide education to address the biblical, theological, social, and ethical issues related to death and dying, including suicide. United Methodist theological seminary courses should also focus on issues of death and dying, including suicide.

A Christian perspective on suicide begins with an affirmation of faith that nothing, including suicide, separates us from the love of God (Romans 8:38-39). Therefore, we deplore the condemnation of people who complete suicide, and we consider unjust the stigma that so often falls on surviving family and friends.

We encourage pastors and faith communities to address this issue through preaching and teaching. We urge pastors and faith communities to provide pastoral care to those at risk, survivors, and their families, and to those families who have lost loved ones to suicide, seeking always to remove the oppressive stigma around suicide. The Church opposes assisted suicide and euthanasia.

Steve

RUMMAGE SALE

Our Rummage Sale is set for May 25-27. On Thursday, it will be open for our church people and the Inskip Elementary families from 5 – 8 pm. It will be open to the public on Friday from 8 am until 5 pm and Saturday from 8 am to 2 pm.

There is still time to bring in donations. Please place them on the stage in the Fellowship Hall.

YOUTH NEWS

The youth are sending in registrations for Senior High Assembly in a little over a week. Please consider sponsoring all or part of the fee for some of our young people to experience this meaningful ministry. Provided we send in our applications before May 15, the cost is \$300 per youth which includes housing and meals for the week. Thank you.

NIGHT VESPERS

You are invited to our inaugural “Night Vespers” on Saturday evening, May 20th at 7:00 PM in the pavilion here at Bookwalter. It will be like a campfire experience with a brief devotional and singing.

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

The Church Council will meet on Monday evening, May 8th at 7:00 PM in the chapel and online. On the agenda will be some matters regarding church owned properties.

CAMP IN THE COMMUNITY

We are sorry to report that we will not be hosting Camp in the Community this summer. Look for other children’s activities to be announced later.

NEW BIBLE STUDY

Our Wednesday night study group will be starting a new study on May 17 about “Miracles” from the LifeGuide series.

If you would like to participate, please let Rev. Doyal know asap so that we can order a book for you. They are \$12 a piece for this 12 week study.

BOOKWALTER CARES

Thank you to everyone who assisted or in any way supported our suicide prevention event last weekend. Hats off to event organizer Pat Newman! We had 67 in attendance and we heard from various organizations such as Helen Ross McNabb, the Mental Health Association of TN, Pellissippi State, Fulton High GSA, Ridgeview Behavioral Health Services, Contact, TN Suicide Prevention Network and The Jason Foundation.



Mayor Indya Kincannon presented Bookwalter with a City Proclamation for Suicide Awareness Day.

Thanks to Idonna Bryson and June Lay who helped behind the scenes. Thanks also to Michelle French & Samantha Collier – registration. RA Laws, Willis Miller & Charles Gault – security. Rusty Boggs – Sound. Edie Hall, Alicia McMillan, Candace Bannister & Hedy Collins – group assistants. Bailey Hueser – music.

A special THANK YOU to Rose Baker who prepared all the food for the event and to Doris Dennison and Faye Kinney who helped serve.

Also a shout out to the Civil Air Patrol whose leaders and cadets were on site from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 pm greeting and directing folks as well as helping set up and break down.



Jason Foundation founder Clark Flatt speaking

More photos from the day...



Event Organizer Pat Newman



Famous TV personality Steve Doyal



Presenters from Ridgeview BHS



Maxwell Collins sharing his heartwrenching story.

CONFERENCE OFFERINGS

If you would like to contribute to the special conference offerings this year they are Change For Children and Ishe Anesu in Zimbabwe. Just mark your gift accordingly and we will send one check to Annual Conference from Bookwalter for each.

HANDS-ON MISSION

The Conference Mission initiative for the TN Valley District this year is once again Food Buckets for Zimbabwe. Groups and individuals are encouraged to put these together by Sunday, May 28. The shipping cost is \$5 per bucket, but make those donations to Bookwalter as we will cut one check for all the buckets.

Here are the items asked for this year:

One bag of sugar (4-5 lbs.)

One bag of self-rising flour (4-5 lbs.)

One bag of rice (2 lbs.)

One bag of dried beans (2 lbs.)

One powdered milk (56 ounces or less) This can be in packets taken out of a box, but still not to exceed the 56 ounces total.

One bottle of cooking oil (48 ounces or less)

One 20 count box of tea (Green or Orange... NOT Black)

Two pounds of canned meat. This can be tuna, ham, Spam, chicken or any meat that does not require refrigeration.

We have 10 buckets that have been donated so you do not have that expense. Rev. Doyal filled a bucket for about \$35 so that gives you an idea of the expense.

If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please mark your gift accordingly and our designated shoppers will fill a bucket on your behalf.