

Christ United Methodist Church Newsletter

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

If you have seen *The King and I*, you will remember it well: the scene in which Anna, surrounded by her new students, breaks out into that memorable song:

Getting to know you, getting to know all about you. Getting to like you, getting to hope you like me.

When I received the call from Mickey Rainwater, our District Superintendent, about my new appointment to Christ UMC, that song was the first thing that popped into my mind. Since then, whenever I think of you, I will quietly start singing it to myself. It is, after all, a cheerful song and very descriptive of the journey on which we will soon be taking together.

It's a strange time, isn't it, this *getting-to-know-you* time? At this stage, we're trying to figure out how much we should share of ourselves and what is appropriate to ask about the other. Well, I want to put you at ease, as bit, and take the opportunity to tell you a little about myself and my family.

The youngest of four, with three older brothers (Fred, Harry, and Danny Howe), I was born and raised just outside of Birmingham, Alabama. After high school, I attended the University of Montevallo, just outside of Birmingham, where I received a B.S. in Sociology and Psychology. I followed that by receiving a M.A. in Christian Education at Scarritt Graduate School in Nashville. I served as a Diaconal Minister in the area of Christian education for nine years, and it was while serving on staff at First Broad Street UMC in Kingsport that I finally acknowledged that I was in the wrong area of ministry and accepted God's call to pastoral ministry. During my first appointment at the Mascot-Hopewell Charge in the Knoxville District, I was encouraged by Raymond White, my D.S. at the time, to go back to seminary to complete the requirements for ordination as an Elder in the Holston Conference. I graduated with a Master of Theological Studies from Candler School of Theology, Emory University, in 2000 and was ordained Elder in 2002.

I came to my present appointment, the George Street and Grant's Chapel Charge, in November of 2002 after serving as the Wesley Foundation Director of UVA-Wise for 2 1/2 years. It was at here that I met my husband, Greg, and his four children: Lauren, Joseph, Luke, and Brenden. Ours is one of those stories that just boggles the mind. I knew Greg was also from Alabama, being born and raised in Athens. I had no idea, however, that he and two of my brothers had known each other some 30 years earlier when my brothers were students at Athens College. Talk about a small world! As the saying goes, the rest is history, and Greg and I were married at Trinity UMC in Morristown on April 30, 2005.

Greg is a hard worker in the church in his own right. He has served as Lay Leader and is currently teaching an adult Sunday school class, is president of a cluster United Methodist Men's group, fills in as Lay Speaker on occasion, works with me as co-chair of our Morristown District Missions and is a District at-large delegate to Annual Conference. Greg is a local pick-up-and-delivery driver for Old Dominion Freight Line, working out of White Pine

Our daughter Lauren, 20, is a nursing student at the University of North Alabama in Florence, Alabama. Our oldest son, Joseph, 18, left May 27 for 13-weeks of boot camp on Parris Island with the U.S.M.C. Following boot camp and combat training, he is projected to go to Monterey, California for specialized training in the area of Cryptologic Linguistics. Luke, 14, will be entering the 9th grade at Greeneville High School. He loves sports and the outdoors. He's looking forward to finding some fishing buddies and learning how to hunt. The youngest, Brenden, will be in the 7th grade at Greeneville Middle School. His main interest, right now, are video games, but he too, enjoys the outdoors and hanging out with friends.

When not involved in church-related activities, Greg and I enjoy animals, antiques, landscaping, cooking and grilling, visiting historical sites, fishing and other outdoor activities, and, oh yes, ALABAMA football. We just enjoy life!

Now, you know a little about us, and you'll learn more as time goes by. Let me just say that we are certainly looking forward to getting to know you as we come to serve with you at Christ UMC. When we move in on June 18, feel free to stop by and pop your head in to say "Hello". We'd love to see you!

Grace and Peace,
Ginger Isom

Memorials

Ann Bowen: Ray & Jean Adams, Bob & Pat Bradford,
Mack & Flo Mitchell

Tessie McCorkle: Roy & Jackie Crawford,
Mack & Flo Mitchell

Charles Gene Bowman: Bob & Pat Bradford

Congratulations

Congratulations are extended to Abby and Josh Keller on the birth of a daughter, Katy Jean. Katy was born at 7:19 a.m. on Friday, May 16. She weighed 8 lbs 6 ozs and was 21 inches long. The grandparents are Charlie & Betsy Keller. The great grandmother is Jean Jenkins.

Fred Ellenburg: Mack & Flo Mitchell

Gay Thomas Hawk: Mack & Flo Mitchell

David Johnson: Mack & Flo Mitchell

Mildred Masengill: Ray & Jean Adams, Joyce Blount,
Bobby & Margaret Kirk, Mack & Flo
Mitchell,
The Action Group

Members of the congregation are invited to drop by to visit Pastor Lewis and Marcia at the parsonage on June 16 & 17. Just drop by for a farewell hug and prayer.

Father's Day Listing

For the cost of \$1, you may list your father's name (in honor or in memory). **The deadline to list names is June 8.**

Inspirational Group

The Inspirational Group will not meet in June.

Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska (June 8-11)

Please be in prayer for Annual Conference. Pastor Lewis Weaver and Lay Delegate, Haden Scott will be attending.

Meetings

Trustees: Sunday, June 8- 11:30 a.m. (in parlor)

Action Group: Tuesday, June 17 - 9:00 a.m. (at the church)

Scrapbook Ministry- 5:30 p.m. (in fellowship hall) Tuesday, June 17 and Tuesday, July 1

Happy Father's Day!

Sunday, June 15

J.O.Y. Group (55 & over)

June is our annual picnic month, and this year we will be able to return to Walter & Rhonda's 'farm' in Chuckey and see the finished product. The date is Saturday, June 21. 'Tours' start at 5:00. Eating at 6:00. Bring a covered dish. Hot dogs, hamburgers & beverages provided. **Reservations** (call Joan or Rhonda) **are needed NLT Friday, June 20.** **To get there (J.O.Y. sign at most turns): go 1.7 mi. past the G.V.D.C. on 11-E and turn right onto Chuckey Hwy. Continue on that for 2 mi. and turn right onto Chuckey Pike. When you cross the R.R. track in Chuckey, turn right. About 1 1/2 mi. after that, turn right onto Ebenezer Rd. Follow for .7 mi. and turn right onto Earnest Rd. The Johnson farmhouse is there on your right.

Prayer Ushers & Cover Prayer for June

Prayer Ushers

- 8- Haden & Debbie Scott
- 15- Tom Paxton & Vickie Kirk
- 22 - Rhonda Johnson & Kim Abelson
- 29 - Cindy Paxton & Brooke Rhea

Cover Prayer

- 8 - Charlie Keller
- 15 - Haden Scott
- 22 - Brooke Rhea
- 29 - Debbie Scott

Fellowship Meal & Pounding

There will be a Fellowship Meal & Pounding for our new minister, Ginger Isom, and her family on Sunday, June 22, directly after morning worship.

Holston Home - Fifth Sunday (June 29)

We will receive an offering for the ministry of Holston United Methodist Home. You can help to give children and youth a better life, a good education, and a chance to become responsible adults. These children count on your gifts. Your interest determines their future.

Birthdays

June

- 2. Lisa Boswell, Adrian Owens
- 3. Dr. George E. Scott, Brooke Rhea
- 4. Abigail Metcalfe

- 6. Todd King, Debra Scott
- 7. Maliyah Orr, Debbie Miller, Louise Brooks, Joe Alexander
- 8. Glenda Raney, Thom Wood, Phil Gentry
- 9. Ann Gosnell, Michael Collins
- 12. Leah Collins
- 13. Kelly Pickering
- 16. Jane Shipe
- 17. Mary Hayes, Stacy Salyer
- 18. Helen Sager
- 20. Parker Burns
- 21. Jody Walker, Rebekah Ray
- 22. Dr. Fred Ricker, David Jeffers
- 23. David Gosnell
- 24. Matthew Malone
- 25. Phillip Hoyt, Caroline Hamilton, Nicholas Scott
- 26. Flo Mitchell, Sylvia Taylor, Madelin McGinnis
- 27. Martha Waddell
- 29. Terry Miles

July

- 4. Betsy Keller
- 6. Stella Hunter, Ralph Boswell
- 7. Carol Wood
- 11. John Seaver
- 12. Robert Venerable
- 13. Tammy Bowman, George R. Scott, Ann Stoebe
- 14. John Waddell
- 15. Barbara Weismantle
- 16. Hayley Gregg
- 18. Glenda Huntsman, Tony Owens
- 19. BethAnn Burns
- 20. Charlie Keller
- 22. Don Hyde
- 23. Lindsey Schofield, Kathy Hayes, Michael Ray Collins
- 24. Adrian Puleo
- 28. Michael Britton
- 29. Patty Hoyt
- 30. Amy Renner

July Ushers: Richard Adams, Todd King, Tim Leonard, Chad Ricker, Ron Metcalfe

This month's needs for:

FOOD BANK - soup, stew or chili, crackers, mac 'n cheese, peanut butter, jelly, cold cereal and canned fruit

HOLSTON HOME SCHOOL SUPPLIES - 3-ring loose-leaf notebooks (binders) - 1", 2" or 3" (black & asstd. colors) and packs of 3-ring notebook Tabbed Divider Sheets (clear or colored tabs).

Any food or school items are always welcome. But, those listed above are the items of emphasis or need this month. You may place your donated items in the appropriate basket on the floor, across from the church office.

Asbury UMC Presents the Hope for Africa

Children's Choir Date: June 28 **Time:** 7:00 p.m.

Place: Niswonger Performing Arts Center
General Admission Tickets are on sale at Asbury UMC for \$5.00 or online at www.asburyumconline.com. For more information, contact Rev. Jeannie Higgins (798-1050 ext. 24).

Baileyton UMC - Cookbook Fundraiser

Baileyton UMC is selling Cookbooks as a fundraiser to help raise money for the rebuilding of the church. The cookbooks are \$18 each, and there are 1200 recipes in the book. For more information, contact Cathy Fowler at Baileyton UMC.

**The Church Office will be closed Friday, July 4,
in observance of Independence Day.**

Calling All Men

The Morristown District has been asked to provide 30 volunteers for the *Calling All Men* event August 15-16, 2008. If you would be willing to serve, please contact Greg Isom, our incoming pastor's husband, who serves on the District UMM Executive Committee. You may contact him at (865) 805-8815 or at gregorymisom@yahoo.com. To learn more about the event and to register for the event on-line go to <http://www.holston.org/ministries/lay-ministries/united-methodist-men/programs/calling-all-men/>

District Revival (August 17-20)

Reverend Mickey Rainwater, Preacher

First UMC, Newport - Sunday, August 17

Tate Chapel - Monday, August 18

First UMC, Jefferson City - Tuesday, August 19

Centenary - Wednesday, August 20 (Ice Cream Social)

Mark your calendars now so you can make plans to participate

Stewardship & Offering Reports (May 18 - June 1)

STEWARDSHIP FOR MAY 18, 2008

8:30 a.m. Worship Service	9
10:30 a.m. Worship Service	77
Sunday School	40

OPERATING BUDGET RECEIVED \$ 3,344.00

By Mail and Other	525.00
Sunday School	38.00
Morning Worship	2,781.00

OTHER RECEIPTS \$ 475.05

Conference Askings	50.00
District Askings	50.00
Africa Hunger	100.00
Elevator	50.00
Prepare a Place	50.00
His Kids	50.05
Peace with Justice Sunday	21.00
VBS	75.00
VBS	500.00
Choir	50.00

TOTAL OFFERING RECEIVED \$ 3,819.05

STEWARDSHIP FOR MAY 25, 2008

8:30 a.m. Worship Service	10
10:30 a.m. Worship Service	58
Sunday School	35

OPERATING BUDGET RECEIVED \$ 1,999.00

By Mail & Other	350.00
Sunday School	36.00
Morning Worship	1,613.00

OTHER RECEIPTS 375.05

Memorial Fund	200.00
District Askings	50.00
Africa Hunger	50.00
His Kids	50.05
Sudan Offering	25.00

TOTAL OFFERING RECEIVED \$ 2,374.05

STEWARDSHIP FOR JUNE 1, 2008

8:30 a.m. Worship Service	9
10:30 a.m. Worship Service	65
Sunday School	38

OPERATING BUDGET RECEIVED \$ 2,554.00

By Mail & Other	.00
Sunday School	32.00
Morning Worship	2,522.00

OTHER RECEIPTS 904.00

District Askings	50.00
Sudan Offering	138.00
Prepare a Place	25.00
Elevator	25.00
Africa Hunger	50.00
Youth Rock-a-thon	45.00
Peace with Justice Sunday	21.00
VBS	500.00
Rebekah Simmerman	50.00

TOTAL OFFERING RECEIVED \$ 3,458.00