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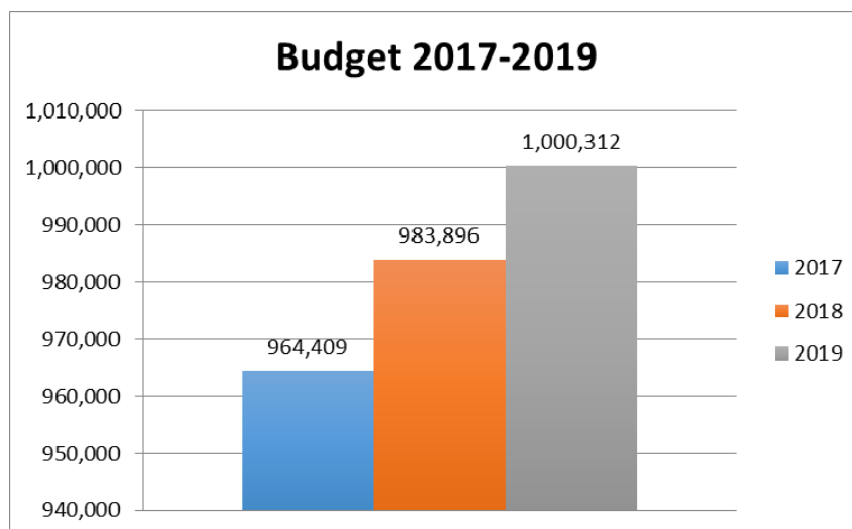
Scout Sunday – combined services

We will celebrate Scout Sunday on February 10th with combined services in the sanctuary at 8:30am & 11am. Scouting is an important ministry of our church and we are very appreciative to all the adults who volunteer their time to be scout leaders. Guest speaker is The Rev. Bob Hayes. Bob is 84 years of age and in 2018 he hiked over 600 miles in the Smokies. Bob is also very involved in the ministries of Camp Wesley Woods. **Remember, all services this Sunday will be held in the sanctuary.**

Financial News

Thanks to your faithful giving, we ended 2018 with a surplus of \$66,698 in the operating budget! Pledged giving was strong – collecting 105% of budgeted pledges. Expenditures were less than anticipated. The Finance Committee directed that \$40K of the surplus be directed to capital needs. As you know our loan was fully paid in 2018. We are now debt free!! Other capital issues were addressed during the year– a new roof on the Family Life Center and new microphones for both of our worship spaces. Current approved capital projects are bathroom renovations \$33K, replacement of HVAC unit in the Family Life Center \$10K, and installation of a staircase in the Sanctuary Sound Booth.

For the third year in a row our operating budget has increased. We are now at \$1 M for the first time since 2014! While not all of our dreams are being realized in 2019, we are able to fund staff merit increases and provide health insurance for staff. We have been richly blessed this year in our finances. Praise be to God!



FACILITY USE KEY:

FH ~ Fellowship Hall
FLC ~ Family Life Center
LCR ~ Large Conference Room
HB ~ Historic Building



Sunday, February 10 ~ Boy Scout Sunday

8:30 Combined Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:00 MPUMC Breakfast (FH)
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Combined Worship Service (Sanctuary)
5:30 Confirmation Meeting (LCR)
7:00 Youth Group

Monday, February 11

3:00 Camp Big Fish
6:00 UMW Board Meeting (FH)
6:30 Boy Scouts (HB)
6:30 Building Committee (LCR)

Tuesday, February 12

9:30 CEP (Children's Enrichment Program)
10:00 Staff Meeting (LCR)
10:30 Prayer Around the Altar (Sanctuary)
3:00 Camp Big Fish

Wednesday, February 13

3:00 Camp Big Fish
5:00 BAMB
6:00 Youth Bible Study (Room 52 and 53)
6:15 Early Risers Choir
6:30 Ladies Bible Study (LCR)
6:30 Mens Bible Study (Room 30)
7:00 Children's Handbells (Room 31)
7:00 Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 14

9:30 CEP (Children's Enrichment Program)
10:00 Ladies Bible Study (Room 30)
3:00 Camp Big Fish
5:30 Girl Scouts (Room 26)
6:30 Toastmasters (Room 30)

Friday, February 15

3:00 Camp Big Fish

Saturday, February 16

8:00 Walk to Emmaus Meeting (Room 30 and 31)
9:00 UMM Breakfast and Meeting (FH)



February 1 Jackie Sims
February 2 Tracy Gibson Grabman
February 3 Stephen Scales
Betty Earl
Carol Melton
February 4 Sam Shoemaker
James Costa
Elaine McGinn
February 5 Bob Winston
February 6 Becca Curtis
Angie Kelly
Margaret McDougale
February 7 DeAnna Hurd
Elizabeth Nulton
February 8 Tony McLoud
February 9 Brittney McLoud
February 11 Colleen Robinson
February 13 Steve Boyd
Lillie Watt
Shirley Taylor
February 14 Leigh Stivers
February 16 Beth Long
February 17 Larry Cooper
February 18 Sarah Brengle
February 19 Pam Scollard
Lena Kennedy

February 8 ~ **Mother's Support Group and Friends** will have our evening meeting 6pm at SULLIVAN'S AT ROCKY HILL. After dinner, we will go to Emily Guffey's house for our discussion of our word. Her address will be available at the meeting, or you can call or text me at 659-4597. Everyone is welcome. Any husbands interested in eating together while we meet, can get in touch with Bob Tate.

Remember the Sunday breakfast gathering. Following the 8:30 worship services breakfast is provided for all. We encourage you to attend and fellowship with your church family.

Breakfast this Sunday will be served by the Boy Scouts!

PRAYER VIGIL for CALLED GENERAL CONFERENCE in ST LOUIS

You are invited to participate in a Church-Wide Prayer Vigil to be held during the United Methodist Called General Conference in St Louis February 23-26 as our leaders and representatives conference about human sexuality and make decisions about the future of the UMC. "The Way Forward" is not easy or smooth and our intercessory prayer is powerful and necessary. Sign-up sheets are in the table in the "Fish Hallway". The Vigil is divided into 30-minute segments from 6am to 9pm beginning February 22 which is a "preceding travel day" to February 27 which is a "succeeding travel day."

You are encouraged to sign up for more than one segment and you may pray for as many half-hours as you wish. Please fill out the entire line of your scheduled time slot. Post it notes are available for you to write reminders, or calendar it on your phone with an alarm! You will also be reminded by email the day before your prayer time.

This is a long Prayer Vigil, but we want to cover all who are involved with prayer for all the days around and during this event. Also on the table is a sheet with Scripture, ideas, and readings to help you pray.

Questions?

Contact Prayer Vigil Chair: Judith Minchew
806 683 4674 (text) jminchew1@iCloud.com

2018 visitor data

Each Sunday we have visitors. However though, not all of them fill out the visitor information to share with us. In 2018 we had 69 first time guests that **did** fill out the visitor information. Of those visitors 66% of them attended one of our traditional worship services while 34% attended one of our contemporary worship services. Of our 2018 first time visitors 21% became members.

MEETING OTHERS NEEDS:

The CAC Office on Aging is in need of Boost and Ensure. This will help senior citizens in Knoxville who cannot afford to buy this nutritional supplement. Drop off in the Mission Box outside of the Family Life Center

Sarah Moore Green Elementary School would love to have your children's outgrown coats, gloves and hats. You can drop off in in the Mission Box.

Would You Like to Be a Delegate?

One of the main items of business during the 2019 annual conference session will be the election of delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences 2020. Laypersons who desire to be nominees for election to the General and Jurisdictional Conference delegation should complete the on-line nomination form on the Holston Conference website (<https://holston.org/about/annual-conference/>) so their biographical information can be printed in the Book of Reports. The deadline for completing the on-line nomination process is February 15. The nomination webpage includes information regarding eligibility for election, the nomination process, and time and financial commitments for members of the delegation. For more information contact pastor Jacob or Bruce.

Capital Improvement/Building Committee starts their work

Nate Valukas – chair

Quincy Buchheit	Pete Carpenter
Joele Fowler	Harold Gibson
Anita Helton	Barron Kennedy
Beth Long	David Morgan
Ralph Skinner	Bailey White

Dear Middlebrook family,

I am pleased to write this because we will be bringing handbells back. We will meet on Sunday nights from 5pm—6pm in room 31. Please text or email me if you plan to attend or if you know others who would like to come. No experience needed but it is appreciated. This is usually adult only but I know there are some young adults who would like to join us so high school and college age are welcome. Keep in mind, the more people we have, the more opportunities we have when choosing music for the group. Thank you for sharing your talents and feel free to contact me with questions or forward this email to other interested people.

Blessings,
Elizabeth Gott
903-278-3087

Did you know?

MPUMC provides worship and communion on the first Sunday of each month at a neighborhood senior living center, Atria Weston Place? Our Certified Lay Servants organize and deliver this ministry. This note of appreciation was sent thanking MPUMC for its service!

Thank you so much for your dedication to Atria residents. They really look forward to Sunday service and I am pleased to hear that they want to stay longer than the actual services. Fellowship is a wonderful thing, so as long as you have time to visit with folks that works well for us. Possibly visiting with you all is better than a Sundaes on Sunday! Thanks again for keeping us updated and we look forward to your visits in the coming year.

Thanks again,
Bonnie Parton, Engage Life Director
Atria Weston Place Assisted Living

Personal Care Drive for Kids

Selah Circle has decided for 2019 instead of collecting shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, we would like to organize a collection to benefit local children. We have chosen two schools to collect donations for every Sunday in February. Church member, Rebecca Curtis is an Assistant Principal at Sarah Moore Green Elementary. They receive new students almost weekly that are often in need. We would like to supply them with bags filled with personal care items that they can give out when needed. We would also like to take some donations for Bearden Middle School. There will be a collection bin in the Fellowship Hall during the month of February.

Items requested for Sarah Moore Green

Shampoo (if you would like to purchase products for ethnic hair, brands recommended include Cantu products or Crème of Nature)

Soap

Lotion

Chapstick

Brush/comb

Toothpaste and Toothbrush

Items requested for Bearden Middle

Men's and Women's Deodorant

Feminine Hygiene Products

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Valukas at svalukas@hotmail.com or 692-9831.

Our Prayers:

Bob Nobinger, Steve Hinkle, Hadley Whitakar, Collin Voss, Don Sonogo, Danny Freeman, Anne Southard, Amanda Gompf, Lee Hokaj, Rachel Buchheit, Deb Colones, Justin Smith, Danny Adair, Wayne Bridge, Emily Whitehead, Louise Gamble, Scott Krebs, Blanche Crowson, Don White

Deepest sympathy to Vicki and Kenn Nobinger on the passing of Vicki's mother, Mrs. Patricia Dudley

Deepest sympathy to Barbara Cope on the passing of her sister, Kay McCarter

Deepest sympathy to Gene Bragg and family on the passing of his brother, James Bragg

Deepest sympathy to Laura Bronkala and family on the passing of her brother, John O'Kain

Our Presence: February 3

Sunday School: 162

Worship: 325

Our Gifts: February 3

Budget	\$28,688.50
Capital Campaign	\$1,175.00
Designated Offerings	\$1,081.82
Total Receipts	\$30,945.32

Memorials: Brenda Kay McCarter & Nancy Booth

Weekly average needed for budget \$19,237.00

Join Us For Worship
February 10

SUNDAY SERMONS
COMBINED SERVICES

Pastor: Bob Hayes

Sermon: "Blessed By God and
God's World"

Scripture: Psalm 19: 1-2

Thanks so much to Boy Scout Troop 146 for the Saturday neighborhood food drive that helped restock the MPUMC FISH food pantry. We received over 2,000 pounds of donated food!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
acover@middlebrookpike.com

Sunday Schedule

8:30, 9:45 and 11:00—Nursery
 9:45—Sunday School
 11:00—Children's Church
 Children leave during worship service
 Worship Services.

CALENDAR...

Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27—BAMM! 5:00pm
 Feb. 7—Coffee with CEP
 Feb. 17—Children sing (8:30 CWS/T)
 Feb. 17—Children's Handbells—(8:30 CWS)
 Feb. 21—Mothers Support Group Coffee with CEP
 Feb. 23—VBS Training (10:00—Fellowship Hall)

Missions...

Kids HOPE—Mentor a child.
 Change for Children—Give to children.
 Laundry LOVE—Help wash a child's clothes.
 My Book and Buddy—Nurture a child.



SNEAK PEAK...Mark your Calendar

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 3—June 7 (6:00pm—8:30pm)
 Session 1 - Go Beyond with Faith! Daniel
 Trusts God in the Lions' Den (Daniel 6)
 Session 2 - Go Beyond with Bold
 ness! Queen Ester Takes a Stand
 (Esther 4-9)
 Session 3 - Go Beyond with Kindness! The
 Good Samaritan Helps a Fellow Traveler
 (Luke 10:25-37)
 Session 4 - Go Beyond with Hope! Jesus
 Comforts Friends on the Way to
 Emmaus (Matthew 24:13-35)



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Happy Valentine's Day!!

CLERGY COLUMN

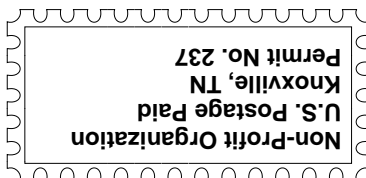
The 2019 Called General Conference is February 23 - 26, 864 delegates from around the world will gather to discuss our denomination's stance on homosexuality.

Twelve delegates, plus four alternates, from the Holston Conference will be sent to represent our 872 churches and over 160,000 members. This is a heavy task, burden and honor, but we want our delegates to know they are not facing this alone. We invite you to help lighten this load by praying for each of them by name.



Top Row: Emily Ballard, Wil Cantrell, Mark Flynn, Randy Frye
Middle Row: Kim Goddard, Becky Hall, Del Holley, Sandra Johnson
Bottom Row: Bob Lockaby, John Tate, Carol Wilson, Karen Wright
Alternates
Not Pictured: John Eldrige, Dennie Humphreys, Joyce Moore, Paul Seay

On March 3 at Powell UMC, at 3 pm, each of our 9 districts will gather for worship and a GC2019 debriefing.



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