

# MIDDLEBROOK PIKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## MESSENGER

7234 Middlebrook Pike Knoxville, TN 37909  
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October 7, 2020

### OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

9am – Contemporary  
9am (or any time after that) - ONLINE  
11am – Traditional

\*Please stay at home if you feel sick or have any symptoms of COVID-19.

\*Please pre-register by 2pm Thursday.

\*To pre-register, go to our website and click on the overhead picture of the church, call the church office (690-8641), or click on link: <https://forms.gle/or56kLGaCRp6gLqx9>

\*Masks are required (one will be provided if you forget yours).

\*Practice social distancing (visit with your friends in the parking lot).

\*The worship spaces, bathrooms, entry points, high touch areas, etc., have been carefully sanitized.

\*A team will re-sanitize between worship services.

\*High risk individuals and others with concerns should not attend (and don't feel guilty).

\*Online worship continues to be available to watch from home.

#### Last Sunday Worship

9 am – Contemporary - 41

11 am – Traditional - 59

5 pm – Outdoor Communion Service - 54

Online Worship Service - 164

Total - 318



Pictures from Communion Service



**PLEASE PRAY FOR..**

Myron Williams, Don Powell, Jack Crabtree, Donna Warren, Bob and Pat Winston, Betty Baldwin, Bob Nobinger, Amanda Gompf, Lee Hokaj, Rachel Buchheit, Deb Colones, Bill and Elsie Nulton, Mary Kate O’Kain, David Newton, Daphne Legg, Jack Beck, Wilma Newcomb, Joy Carlestone, Ryan Clay, Joe Crockett, Occie McMurray, Bonnie Cole, Barbara Ann Koran Jr., Barbara Neely, Charlotte Singleton, Doug Francis, Brent Hilton, Terry Wright, Mike Cardinal, McKayla Collett, Ware Mitchell, Elaine Yash, Marvin Kosier, Anne Welch, Walt Beahm

**CHECK OUT OUR MPUMC FACEBOOK PAGE**

**Monday Motivational.....**Start your week off with an inspirational message from one of our church members.

**Mid-week Study....**Starting each Wednesday, you can go on our church’s Facebook page for the weekly study.

**New Podcast, “The Intersection”.....**Listen in as Steven Mees interviews a church member and we get to learn more about each other.



October 10	Ella Fowler Luke Fowler Karen Giles Mark Rice Suzan Thompson Helen Walker
October 11	Joele Fowler Larry Katcham Bill Thompson
October 13	Abby Curtis Dwight Logan Wanda Webb
October 15	Kristin Lighter
October 17	Michael Koran Becky Vines
October 18	Virginia Kasper
October 19	Pete Carpenter Kent Milsaps

**Tithes & Offerings**

October 4, 2020	
Received for Budget	\$9,349.00
Capital Campaign	\$305.00
Other Designated Offerings	\$685.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$10,339.00</b>

**ONLINE GIVING**

Go to our church web site at [www.middlebrookpike.com](http://www.middlebrookpike.com) and click on “Online Giving”.

Click on the “Secure Give” logo and it will take you to our 2020 budget giving page.

**Middlebrook Motor Speedway**

**Trunk or Treat Drive-Thru**

**October 28, 2020 5:30pm—7pm**  
**Entrance—Middlebrook Pike**  
**Exit—Vanosdale**  
**Wear a costume and receive a bag of candy treats.**

**2nd Timothy 4:7**

**Trunk or Treat Needs:**  
**Candy/Treats—Please bring donations to the church office.**

**Trunks/cars—We need decorated trunks; no candy and cool cars to display.**

**We need adults/youth dressed in costumes to keep the car line moving and to entertain the guests as they wait their turn. (See Molly or Ann.)**

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**UMW Fall Craft Fair- November 7, 2020  
Drive-Thru**

Another change in the world of UMW will be no large craft fair this year due to COVID. But that does not mean we are not having this annual event, just differently.

This will be a drive-thru event. Orders for items can be made on the website address given below, using the order form in the Messenger or by calling Cindy Gibson. Orders must be placed by Nov. 1.

Items on the website and order form are pecans, snack mix, Bobbie and Lee's meat spaghetti sauce, Rita Tate's raisin biscuits, loaf breads and angel ornaments. One-of-a-kind crafts will be pictured in the Messenger next week. Beth Long will take calls for these items.

We ask that a pick-up time be chosen. Payment can be made through the church's Secure Giving website or by correct cash or check at pick-up. Please choose method on form or website order form.

We ask that you talk to your friends and co-workers who usually buy pecans. We ordered as many as last year and will need to reach out to sell.

This is UMW's main fund-raising for missions in this year of COVID. Thank you.

Website for ordering: <https://forms.gle/zyqknQ2RtmWvgs14A>

**2020 UMW Drive Thru Craft Fair - November 7, 2020**

Please circle a pickup time: 9:30am    10:00am    10:30am    11:00am    11:30am

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Items: Orders must be placed by November 1, 2020.**

**Pecans - 1 pound bags - Indicate number ordered.**

Halves (\$13) \_\_\_\_\_ bags    Large Pieces (\$12) \_\_\_\_\_ bags    Small pieces (\$11) \_\_\_\_\_ bags

**Loaf Breads- \$5.00 each - Indicate number ordered.**

Apple \_\_\_\_\_    Pumpkin \_\_\_\_\_    Lee and Rita's Sour Cream \_\_\_\_\_

**Rita Tate's Raisin Biscuits - Fresh or Frozen Cost: 2/\$3.00, 6/\$8.00, 12/\$12.00**

**Fresh: Number ordered \_\_\_\_\_    Frozen: Number ordered \_\_\_\_\_**

**Bobbie and Lee's Homemade Meat Spaghetti Sauce - Cost: \$15.00 a quart    \$7.50 a pint**

**Quart - Number ordered \_\_\_\_\_    Pint - Number ordered \_\_\_\_\_**

**Chex Snack Mix- 4 cups - \$6.00 Indicate number ordered: Gluten-free \_\_\_\_\_    Regular \_\_\_\_\_**

**Angel Ornaments - \$3.00 Number ordered: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Mail orders to: Cindy Gibson, 9902 Greylock Way, Knoxville, TN 37931**

**Pay by Check (MPUMC UMW) \_\_\_\_\_    Cash \_\_\_\_\_ at pickup**

**CLERGY COLUMN**

Honestly, we should have seen it coming. As 2020 was beginning a little over 9 months ago, (even though it feels like it's been at least 9 years) a quick look at the month of October should have given us a clue that this would be one very weird year. A Blue Moon - on Halloween night - on a Saturday. I mean, that happens even less than once in a Blue Moon!

Halloween is another thing that will look different this year than it has in the past. Here at Middlebrook Pike, we won't have several hundred people walking around from trunk to trunk. Instead we will switch over to a race track themed, drive-thru format (which I think is going to be super fun!). Life has changed and we are having to change ourselves as we adapt to the world we live in today.

Hopefully within the next year, there will be an easily accessible vaccine and the current threat from the coronavirus will be greatly reduced, but life will still look different. We have discovered the benefits of working from home. We have seen how easy it is to order take-out from a restaurant or pick-up from a grocery store. The new normal is something that is here to stay.

As we continue forward into this new normal, I'd like to invite you to wrestle with a question. Over the years, Middlebrook Pike church has commonly been referred to as a very friendly church. You all have each been so awesome at going out of your way while you are here to worship or to serve during the week, to make those who think themselves strangers feel like friends instead. This kind of hospitality takes a village to be able to do and you have done that so very well. But now in the new normal, we aren't gathering in our building like we used to. In our new normal, guests aren't just dropping by with the same frequency they used to. The natural way that enabled us to practice hospitality isn't there like it used to be. Yet, I firmly believe that we are each still called to love our neighbors and practice hospitality in our world. Which leads me to my question that I am wrestling with and I hope you wrestle with as well:

*How are you (am I) practicing Christian hospitality in our world today?*

There is a new normal but in many ways we still have a similar calling: to go and make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world. May we spend time in our thoughts and in our prayers wrestling with these questions and seeking to find God's answers in our new normal.

Grace & peace ~ Jacob

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