

Nolensville First United Methodist Church



Our Vision:

*a neighborhood church where people experience
a life-changing relationship with Jesus in a welcoming church family*

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June 2019 Newsletter

a note from Pastor Jimmy

Still Willing

Have you ever listened right before a church service starts? Have you ever paid attention to all the fellowship and sharing that is taking place? It is often loud and chaotic. The room is full of energy. Then we begin the prelude to signal the beginning of service and the room changes. Everyone settles into their pews. Please do not misunderstand. The prelude is a wonderful moment. It reminds us why we are present and calls us all to one accord. We are all there to give worship and praise to the living God.

One Sunday several years ago now, I was feeling particularly cunning, and I decided to use that wonderful fellowship energy during service. All went as usual. The congregation was fellowshiping and then the prelude began and we all settled in. About a third of the way through worship that morning, we reached a time in which we would share our prayer concerns. Instead of asking people to share those with the whole congregation, I asked them to share with those around them.

It took some coaxing. I had to encourage us all a little bit, but soon groups of people were sharing. Some turned to chatting, while others seemed to generally be sharing their concerns. I looked for people who were not connecting, and while walking down the aisle of our little church I introduced them to others.

When I arrived back to the front of the sanctuary, most were still talking. Some had started to stare at me as they wondered when I would get the worship back on its usual track. I announced that this chatter sounded like I imagine Pentecost sounded. Some laughed. Most did not, but almost everyone went silent and looked at me.

It was time for the big reveal. I asked everyone to huddle back up and pray for each other. I received looks of confusion. There was a lot of hesitation. I coaxed again and soon some people were praying. It was beautiful. I jumped into a group with the choir where they began to sing softly the words to Kum By Yah. They were asking God to come by here. They were praying God would show up and intervene. Most of the rest of the congregation were praying out loud, too. Soon everyone picked up on Kum By Yah. Soon we were all singing.

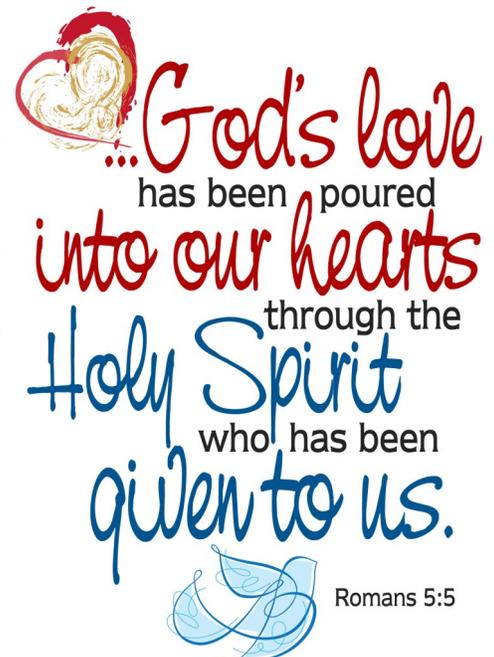
It was, for us in that little church, a true Pentecost moment. It started out awkward. We were a little hesitant and then the Spirit showed up. We were not speaking in foreign languages, but we were sharing hopes and hurts that, while maybe foreign to our experience individually, held the common thread of hope between us all. In the end we ended up singing together asking God to intervene. We did not all know what everyone else was praying for, but we all knew that God was present, willing, and able. I do not remember what I preached that day, and I would bet that no one else does either. I do, however, remember that time of prayer.

The Good News is that the Spirit still moves. The Spirit is still uniting us as people in need of transformation with lives in need of resurrection. I pray that this month you might find some new people to pray with. It might be awkward, but if you will give it a chance you might be astonished to discover that the Spirit is still willing. I also pray that you take the time to read the story of Pentecost from Acts chapter 2 and join me in praying for revival of Christ's Church.

Still willing with a little coaxing,

Pastor Jimmy

Rev. Jimmy Hendricks
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Kids Service Sunday: Gift a Gallon



NFUMC Kids want to thank the church for supplying items for 39 Gift A Gallon bags! Volunteers and children gathered together for Service Sunday and packed the bags for Raise the Roof Academy students in Uganda. They learned about their culture, school, what makes us different, and what makes us the same. Jacob and Ryan led us in prayer that the bags would be a blessing to all who received them. We ended with pizza and play!

"We are all the same because God loves us all." ~Rainey



Preschool Praise

On Tuesdays from **June 4** through **July 30**, young children and their parent(s) or other guardian(s) are invited to a music class and playgroup. Ms. Sandy will lead a music class 10am in the Fellowship Hall for infants through age 5 and their parents. Parents will provide a lunch from home to eat together at 10:45am, followed by playtime and fellowship on the playground. When the days get hotter, our music class and playgroup will use the Fellowship Hall.



School-age siblings are also welcome to attend, but parents must make a reservation by the previous Sunday morning if they wish to play outside separately from our music class.

Our prayer is that this opportunity will help parents learn new ways to introduce their young child to Jesus in a way that lasts and in a way their little hearts will understand. Music is an excellent way to interact with your child and an easy way to teach Biblical truths to them.

If you have questions or would like additional information, contact Ms. Sandy at music@nolensvilleumc.org.

Second Sunday Breakfast



Please join us on **June 9** at 9:30am for Second Sunday Breakfast. Bring a favorite breakfast dish to share and come and fellowship between the services with church family from the other service!

The **Good News Sunday School Class** is responsible for set-up, drinks, and clean-up on June 9. Please remember that the class responsible for Second Sunday Breakfast is also requested to provide cookies, donuts, or other snacks for all other Sundays of the month. In July, the Journey Class will host.

Please put all food away after fellowship on ALL Sundays. We are called to be fishers of men, not of mice and ants! This class is also responsible for returning the Fellowship Hall to "Sunday Setting" after breakfast. Diagrams are posted on the kitchen doors.

Music City Bronze Handbell Workshop

As ambassadors for Music City Bronze, Middle Tennessee's premier community handbell ensemble, the mission of the MCB4 handbell quartet is to assist in introducing and sharing the joy of handbell ringing with a wide variety of audiences and to demonstrate the versatility, beauty, and exuberance of this charming and graceful pitched percussion instrument.



MCB4 will join us during our 10:45am worship on Sunday afternoon, **June 9**. At noon, we will have lunch, and then they will provide an immersive workshop for anyone interested in handbell ringing. This is an excellent way to jump-start our summer bell choir sessions. Email Sandy at music@nolesvilleumc.org to learn more and sign up by June 2.

United Methodist Women



The UMW met on May 8 with twenty members and one guest present. President Penny Belden opened our meeting with the reciting of the UMW Mission and Purpose. Prayer requests were shared and Connie Fisher led a devotion, "Focus on Jesus," from Hebrews 12:2: *Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.* Patsy Elliott led our response moment about the then upcoming Mother's Day weekend, as we remembered those who do not have children and remembered that we all have a mother.

Bobbi Toombs reminded us that the Reading Program sign-out binder is on top of the UMW bookcase. This month she recommends *The Hidden Life Awaken* and *Feathered: The Death of a Father*.

Barbara Belden, Bobbie Toombs, Tressa Tuck volunteered at GraceWorks Ministries the previous Thursday. Several UMW ladies met with the youth and colored religious pictures. Most of us did not get our picture finished so we took them home to complete them.

The Buttercup Bake Sale was a success and the cookies and brownies were the biggest hit. A big thanks to all that participated!

Mission U is Thursday and Friday, July 11-12, Murfreesboro First UMC. If you would like to attend, please get a registration form from the UMW.

The program given by Karen Hoffmeister was The Cross. Karen shared with us several different crosses and explained their meaning. She also displayed jewelry that featured some of the types of crosses. Many of us had no knowledge of the history of the different shapes of the cross.

After Connie led us in closing prayer, sixteen ladies enjoyed lunch at Amico's.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, **June 12**, at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall with Carolyn Battle as our hostess.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hoffmeister, Secretary



Learn to Ring!



Have you always wanted to learn to ring handbells? Would you like to perform with other handbell musicians (even if you don't yet know how to read music or need a refresher course)? Please join us this summer! Summer handbell classes will be held on Sunday afternoons, **June 16-July 28**, 4-5:30pm. Our sessions will focus on reading music and handbell ringing techniques.

On June 9 at noon, our special guests from Music City Bronze will lead an immersive workshop to jump start this handbell course (see above) We would love for you to ring with us! Email Sandy at music@nolesvilleumc.org to learn more and sign up.

Friendly Neighbors

Friendly Neighbors FCE club will not be meeting at the church in June or July. In June, we will tour the Tennessee State Museum, and in July we will attend the FCE regional meeting in Murfreesboro. We would love for you to join us for our travels. On Thursday, **August 1**, the Friendly Neighbors will have our regular meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30am.

UMW and GraceWorks Ministries

Our United Methodist Women are serving through giving to GraceWorks Ministries. Each month they are concentrating on a particular need of GraceWorks, and they encourage the entire congregation to help. In June, they are collecting **body lotion**. Every month they are collecting the following items for the Fuel Bag program: peanut butter crackers, fruit snacks, cereal bars, granola bars, fruit cups, and pudding cups. Items can be left in the GraceWorks bin in the breezeway or in the basket in the foyer. Thank you!





Vacation Bible School: Once Upon a Time

Registration is open to the church now! We fill up quickly, so please go ahead and register. VBS registration will be open to the public on our website Monday, **June 3**, at 10am. VBS will be July 14-17, 6-8:30pm, and is open to children 4 years old through rising sixth grade.

VBS Volunteers

Calling all volunteers old and new, who are interested in being a part of something BIG this summer! VBS: Once Upon a Time is coming to NFUMC July 14-17, 6-8:30pm. If you would like to serve during VBS, please let us know your interest and talents by visiting the link located on our home page, www.WeLoveWhereWeLive.org. If you have any questions about ways to volunteer, contact Christina at children@nolensvilleumc.org or Sandy at music@nolensvilleumc.org. All volunteers MUST attend a volunteer training meeting on Sunday, **July 7**, at noon.



Children's Choir Summer Musical



Imagine you are given a challenge to find a way to make a difference in your city. What would you do? What difference could you make? After all, you are only a child!

Join us this summer on Tuesdays, 5:30-7pm, **June 4-August 6** (except July 16). This includes a light dinner. Children who have completed Kindergarten and older will find out how Inspired kids make waves to save a homeless shelter slated to be shut down by the city. With God's help, and through their desperate quest to keep the shelter open, these children realize they can really make a difference right where they live.

Performances will be during both worship services on August 11.

Wear Red for Pentecost

On Sunday, **June 9**, please wear red to celebrate Pentecost and the "birthday" of the Church.



Light Bright Lock-In

Let's celebrate our elementary school graduates and kick-off the summer with the annual Light Bright Lock-In! Drop off will be Friday, **June 14**, at 6pm and pick-up will be Saturday morning, 7-7:30am. Rising fifth and sixth graders won't want to miss out on the fun! RSVP to children@nolensvilleumc.org. There will also be a sign-up coming soon for snacks, drinks and breakfast items for the event.

Safe Sanctuary Training



On Thursday, **June 27**, 6:30-8pm and Sunday, **June 30**, 12:30-2pm, Pastor Jimmy and Christina will host Safe Sanctuary trainings for all individuals who work with children or youth in the church, including VBS volunteers. Please plan to attend **ONE** of these trainings. Food will be served.

Star Spangled Celebration



We are so excited to participate in the Town of Nolensville's annual



Star Spangled Celebration this year on Saturday, **June 29** (rain date Sunday, June 30)! NFUMC Kids will have a booth and hand out free glow sticks to the community, because Jesus is the light of the world! Parents, volunteers, and kids, please join us at the booth as we get to know the community, fellowship with one another, and enjoy an awesome fireworks show. Let Christina know if you can give an hour of your time at the booth at children@nolensvilleumc.org.

Hymn Sing



Please join us for a Sunday Night Hymn Sing on Sunday, **June 30**, at 6pm. A hymn reminds us of who God is and what He has promised us. It fuels our faith, a foundation we can stand upon throughout our lives. It weaves our lives together as believers and connects us with the Church's history and the cloud of witnesses who have gone before us. Join us for an unplugged hymn sing in our beautiful Sanctuary.

Youth Events in June

- Mon - June 10 - Mission Mondays: Refugee Outreach
9am-1:30pm (\$Lunch)
- Thurs - June 13 - Thriving Thursdays: Nashville Shores
9am-4pm (\$20 + Lunch)
- Mon - June 17 - Mission Mondays: Morning Pointe
9:30am-12:30pm (\$Lunch)
- Thurs - June 20 - Thriving Thursdays: Pie Five & Game Galaxy
12pm-5pm (\$10 + Lunch)
- Sun-Fri - June 23-28 - Mission Trip: Collide (Memphis, Tennessee)
- Sun - June 30 - Send Off for Meggie 9:30am



CAKE AUCTION SUCCESS —The youth raised \$2,725 at the event! Thank you to everyone who supports our youth!

SUMMER MISSION TRIP: COLLIDE —This Summer, we are heading back to Collide in Memphis, Tennessee, for a week long mission experience. "Collide is a unique week for youth and adults to enter into theological discovery, discussion, and reflection. By immersing participants in experiences outside of their everyday context, Collide helps move youth and adults towards a more robust faith and better understanding of God, themselves, and others." Please be in prayer for our students and adults attending this trip.

Peace, Meggie (McDowell) Anderson, Youth Director, youth@nolansvilleumc.org

Cedar Crest Campers



NFUMC Kids and youth will soon be headed to Cedar Crest Camp! Please keep the kids, counselors, and parents in your prayers as they experience this awesome encounter with God, friends, and nature. If you would like to send mail/emails to campers, please see Christina for details.

in a welcoming church family

June

6/2 Jenna Kinsman, Deena Kinsman; 6/4 Elizabeth (Redman) Szerbic, Preston Murray;
6/5 Jimmy Reaves, Dame Zazworsky; 6/7 Adam Ringenberg; 6/8 Susan Nichols, Alex Campbell;
6/10 Van Leonard; 6/11 Peggy Sisk, Katelyn Albers; 6/12 Tommy McGarvey; 6/13 Dot Hitt;
6/14 Lester Hitt; 6/15 Lisa Dickey; 6/16 Andy Moore, Charlotte Vander Mey;
6/20 John Sarappo, Ruby Maurer; 6/23 Richard Howard; 6/25 Jonathan Wang; 6/28 Lara Redman

Hilda & Gary Swindell (42); 6/3 Shannon & Matthew McGarvey (2); 6/7 Kelly & Paul Duty (16);
6/11 Melissa & Harry Thomas (48); 6/14 Nikki & Adam Ringenberg (11); 6/17 Laura & Rob Shelton (19);
6/18 Cindy & Tommy McGarvey (36); 6/21 Barbara & David Belden (44); Barbara & David Hackett (11);
6/22 Denise & Kevin Gavin (28); 6/30 Jean & Mark Parisi (35)





From the SPPRC

It is always hard to say goodbye to those who are loved and have loved us. After three years of loving and growing our youth, Meggie (McDowell) Anderson has prayerfully decided to take a full-time role working with the youth at Second Presbyterian Church in Nashville. You are invited to attend a farewell party on Sunday, June 30, between services. As a way to say "thank you" to Meggie, we will have a card tree for you to leave cards with words of thanks and/or gifts. Cake will be served.

Church Council of Stewards

The work of the Church Council of Stewards is to envision, plan, implement, and annually evaluate Nolensville First UMC's ministry and mission. Please join us on Tuesday, June 18, at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.



Church Financials through May 31



Operating Fund:

YTD Income	\$ 172,421.05
YTD Expense	\$ 158,096.95
Difference	\$ 14,324.10
Budgeted YTD Income	\$ 176,130.00
Budgeted YTD Expense	\$ 178,563.09
Difference	(\$ 2,433.09)

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ forgave you. (Ephesians 4:32)

2019 Leadership Meetings

Church Council of Stewards:
June 18, 7pm
August 20, 7pm
October 15, 7pm
December 17, 7pm

Board of Trustees:
June 4, 7pm
July 2, 7pm
August 6, 7pm

Board of Trustees, cont.
September 3, 7pm
October 1, 7pm
November 5, 7pm
December 7, 7pm



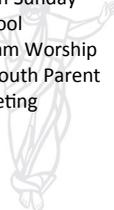
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