

# 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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## September 2020 Newsletter

### *a note from Pastor Jimmy*

#### **Time and the Things Left Undone**

It is September already. I find that hard to believe. This year seems to be flying by in all its strangeness. It seems like just yesterday that we were going along fine and then covid happened. Then at other times it seems like normal was a long time ago. I have always been fascinated by time. We are not great at relating to time. Things can feel longer or shorter than they really are. I have been sitting in my office for what feels like hours trying to think of something to write about this month. It has been twenty minutes.

As I glance around the room looking for inspiration, I am always struck by family pictures. There is one of my wife, Jennifer, and me at our wedding rehearsal dinner. I would really like to talk to that guy. He is afraid and excited all at the same time. Jennifer looks so happy in this photo. Every time I see the smile in this photo, I hope I can make her smile like that every day. When I look at this photo, I get sentimental. I think about all we have experienced together. It is a good feeling. Then I glance just a little bit to my left and there is a picture of our first child together, our beloved Boston Terrier, Riley. I remember all the stress he put us through training him. I remember how he slept in our bed because we could not handle his whining. I remember his great love for Jennifer and how he would wait for her to come home. I also remember losing him to old age and saying good bye for the last time. Just beside the dog picture is a picture of my human children, Abby and Wesley. The picture I have of them in my office is when they were in preschool/daycare together. Wesley is a baby and propped up against his big sister who is both posing nicely and keeping him from falling. This one makes me so nostalgic. They are so grown up now. A part of me will always remember them as they were in that photo and yet another part of me is so excited to see them growing.

Time is a strange thing. I can remember parts of my journey like they were yesterday and yet they seem so long ago. There is much in my life I look upon with gratitude and thanksgiving. There is also much I look upon with regret. This year has caused me to slow down and reassess things like I never have before. I am spending more quality time with my family and having to really think about my work and how to be effective in this time of social distancing. Perhaps, for me the hardest part has been the alone time. Before covid there was always something else that needed doing. I did not have much time for reflection, but now I do. Here is what I have learned and what I hope is helpful for you:

There is time right now. Your age does not matter. If you are reading this article, then there is time and that time is now. Now is the time to repent. Now is the time to ask forgiveness. Now is the time to forgive. Now is the time to love. Now is the time to do that thing that God has been calling you to do. Now is that time to read the Scriptures. Now is that time to really pray. Now is that time to accept that the one who knows you best also loves you most. Now is that time to really say "yes" to God. Now is the time to do what we have left undone. Now is the time.

Our God broke into time itself in the form of our Lord Jesus Christ interrupting what looked like the plan. The real plan is this, in God there is redemption, healing, hope, transformation, salvation, and eternal life. Let us not waste this moment, but instead embrace the grace of God available for all right now.

Off to do some things left undone and grateful for the chance,



*Pastor Jimmy*

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*loving God and neighbor where we live*

## being a neighborhood church

### Continuing Ministry to Room In The Inn

Even though they are not meeting in person, the Emmaus Sunday School class has continued their outreach ministry. They packed 114 food bags, 127 dessert bags, and collected \$355 for Room In The Inn. Thank you!



### Red Cross Blood Drive on September 10



Give blood and help save lives! On Thursday, **September 10**, 1:15-7:15pm in the Fellowship Hall, we will host a Red Cross Blood Drive. Please make an appointment at [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org). Streamline your donation experience and save up to fifteen minutes by visiting [www.RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

### 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 September, they are collecting **boxed meals**. 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. Please hold on to them and bring them in when our building reopens. Thank you!



## experiencing a life-changing relationship with Jesus

### Returning to In-Person Worship - Latest Updates

*in-person*  
**WORSHIP**

Currently, we are offering in-person, blended worship at 9am on Sundays, and in-person, traditional worship at 11am on Sundays. Space is limited, so we will add additional services if more than 30 people sign up. Virtual church will remain available

*virtual*  
**WORSHIP**

on Facebook, YouTube, and our website during this time. The Board of Trustees will re-evaluate at their monthly meeting in September.

For more information, please visit [www.WeLoveWhereWeLive.org/return-to-worship](http://www.WeLoveWhereWeLive.org/return-to-worship). **Please remember to let us know your plans EACH Sunday, by emailing or calling the front office, or use the link on our home page.**

### NFUMC Kids Zoom Meetups



NFUMC Kids will have a Zoom Meetup on Sunday, **September 13**. Pre-K through third grade will meet at 4pm and Light Brights (fourth and fifth grades) will meet at 6pm. Links to the Zoom meetups will be sent out the Friday before.

### Second Grade Presentation of Bibles

Congratulations to second graders who received their Bibles by home delivery in August! If your second grader did not receive their Bible, please notify Mrs. Christina at [children@nolensvilleumc.org](mailto:children@nolensvilleumc.org).

Our prayer for the second graders: God, we rejoice in this step of the journey of these children. May You guide them as they use their Bibles in their homes, Sunday School classes, and in worship. May they learn together and grow in their love for Your Word. We ask all this in Your name. Amen.



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*in a welcoming church family*

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Congratulations to Janice & Hugh Barger!

On September 12, Janice & Hugh Barger will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary!

O God, You have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and His Church: Send Your blessing upon these Your servants as they begin another year, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



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September



9/1 Emily Thompson; 9/2 Lynette Jones; 9/9 Brady Clark; 9/14 Aidan Clark; 9/15 Harrison Burch;  
9/20 Darrell Hall; 9/21 Wesley Hendricks; 9/25 Christina Clark; 9/26 Kathy Maynard;  
9/27 Hilda Swindell, Marshall Amis; 9/28 Mary Putman; 9/29 Carolyn Battle, Gail Howell, Jim Pickett;  
9/30 Ruby Douglas, Lauren Kinsman, Lindsey Kinsman



9/3 Joyce & Pat Patton (66); 9/10 Dana & Ken Cunningham (24); 9/13 Sherry & Mike Paschall;  
9/17 Lois & Lanny McGowan (66); 9/22 Sarah & Chris Campbell (8); 9/25 Erin & Mike Leach (16);  
9/29 Christina & Daniel Clark (13); 9/30 Dot & Lester Hitt (64)

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Board of Trustees Meets in September

The Board of Trustees will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday, **September 8**, at 7pm.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 12:30pm Staff - virtual 7pm Boy Scouts 298 - virtual	2 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm Youth Zoom Check-In	3 6pm Cub Scouts - outdoors 7pm Praise Band	4	5
6 Virtual Worship at Home 9am Live Worship 11am Live Worship	7 <i>Offices Closed</i> 7pm Lions Club - outside  	8 Jacob's Ladder First Day 12:30pm Staff - virtual 7pm Trustees - virtual 7pm Boy Scouts 298 - outdoors  	9 10:30am UMW 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm Youth Zoom Check-In	10 1:15pm Blood Drive 6pm Cub Scouts 297 7pm Praise Band	11	12 8am UMM
13 Virtual Worship at Home 9am Live Worship 11am Live Worship 2pm Girl Scouts 1318 4pm - NFUMC Kids Zoom Meetup 6pm - Light Brights Zoom Meetup	14 7pm Venturing Crew 299	15 12:30pm Staff - virtual 7pm Boy Scouts 298	16 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm Youth Zoom Check-In	17 6pm Cub Scouts 297 7pm Praise Band	18 Tennessee Annual Conference - virtual	19 Tennessee Annual Conference - virtual
20 Virtual Worship at Home 9am Live Worship 11am Live Worship	21 7pm Boy Scout 298 Committee Meeting 7pm Lions Club	22 12:30pm Staff - virtual 1:30pm Tai Chi - Beginners 6pm Art Helps Cancer 7pm Boy Scouts 298	23 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm Youth Zoom Check-In	24 1pm Prayer Shawls 6pm Cub Scouts 297 7pm Praise Band	25 10:30am Young Hearts	26
27 Virtual Worship at Home 9am Live Worship 11am Live Worship	28 7pm Venturing Crew 299	29 12:30pm Staff - virtual 1:30pm Tai Chi - Beginners 7pm Boy Scouts 298	30 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm Youth Zoom Check-In	Items in grey are tentative until the Board of Trustees meets. Please see updates at <a href="http://www.WeLoveWhereWeLive.org/calendar">www.WeLoveWhereWeLive.org/calendar</a>		