

Tunnel Hill United Methodist Church

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NO MORE HOTELS

United Methodist Children's Home Offering

This month, 150 children in care of the court system will spend the night in a hotel room with a stranger because there aren't enough foster homes in Georgia. These children of God have to stay with a state contractor because there aren't enough loving and nurturing families to open their homes.

Sadly, we have a child welfare crisis in our state. Nearly 13,000 children are in state custody, and that number has doubled in the last five years. There is good news though. The United Methodist Church is working to solve this problem.

The UM Children's Home is committed to expanding its foster care ministry from serving 95 foster children a day to serving 500 by the year 2020. This effort is called the "NO MORE HOTELS" Campaign.

This Sunday, October 30th, we will receive a special offering to support this effort. If you would like to contribute, please make your checks payable to THUMC and place "UM CHILDREN'S HOME" in the memo section. Thanks in advance for you giving to this important ministry of our church.



The United Methodist Church does not have a system whereby people are elected to sainthood. We do not pray to saints, nor do we believe they serve as mediators to God.

United Methodists believe that "*there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human who gave himself a ransom for all*" (1 Timothy 2:5-6a).

United Methodists call people "saints" when they exemplified the Christian life. Therefore, in worship on Sunday, November 6th we are going to honor the 'saints' who have lived among us and now have gone on to live with God in heaven. It will be a special time as we read the names of the THUMC members who have passed away since All Saints Sunday last year. They are:

*Carol Houston, Lavern Damron, Amelia Edwards
Margie Hedrick, Earl MacDonald, David Clark*

We hope that you will be able to join us for this special time of remembrance.

PRAYER LIST



Al & Denton Nuckolls, Kathyne Middleton, Jane Griffin, Margaret Doyle, Ernest Edwards, Jeanine Clark, Judy Lusk, Jan Reed, Dottie Griffin, Toppi Griffin, Cathy Griffin, Mildred Dreschel, Beverly Bates, Sis Damron, Thomas Blackwell, *The Family of Mr. Earl "Bud" MacDonald, *The Family of Mr. David Clark
Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
Brooks Lansing-Jim Lansing's brother
Kathy Hedrick-Vicki Hedrick's sister-in-law
Sue & David Broome-Friends of Janice Helton
Terry Corcoran-Erin Middleton's dad
Lee Hogan-Friend of David Clark
Agnes Sutton-Kay Henderson's mother
Rose Reinhardt -Dawn LaChapelle's mother
Kenneth Tatum-Veda Nuckolls' Brother
Gene & Edna Blevens-JoAnna Wells' aunt & uncle
Scott LaChapelle-Dawn LaChapelle's brother
Linda Corn-friend of Susie Webb
Raya Owens-Friend of Jada Barton
Susan Wells-Chris Wells' aunt
Sarah Brindle-Friend of Jo Anna Davenport Wells
Robert Green-friend of Jo Anna Davenport Wells
Gabarb Vaughn Summers
Breanne Locklear - Jo Anna Wells' niece
Don Gribble
Gladys & Jasper Rogers-Friends of Gwen Maddox
Marge Fox-Cindy Fehd's mother
Robin Faith-Friend of Dawn LaChapelle
Mitzy Denson-Friend of Kathy Watts
Brantley Dean-Friend of Julie Frisbee
Peggy Cochran-Friend of Amy Roberts
Whitley Brooker-Friend of Lindsey Roberts
Orallia Hernandez-friend of the Middletons
Richard Sharp-Friend of Stephanie Loggins
Jerry Alberson-Friend of Butch Middleton
Jackie Neel - Anne Monk's Sister
Nathan Gaddy - Friend of Dawn LaChapelle
Kinslie Marie Flowers-friend of Julie Frisbee
Jim Orr-Friend of Mike Hampton
Reese Rivera-(10month old w/spinal cancer)-
Friend of Susie Webb
Bobbie King Hogan
Griffin Kinsey-Nephew of Vera Nations & Mary
Helen Jolly
Dolly Hamby-friend of Kay Jernigan
Heather Stiles-friend of Susie Webb
Eddie Mac Sanders-Friend of Kenny Gowin
Hunter Reed-Wendy & Brian Voiles son
Ricky Reed-friend of Amy Roberts
Sue Rogers - Ron Houston's sister
*Catina Lough-Friend of Stephanie Loggins
*The Family of Mr. Cliff Weeks-friend of Carolyn Watkins
*The Family of Mr. Rory Wood-Judy Lusk's Brother-in-law
*Bobby Harris-Friend of Steve & Randy Reeds
(*Denotes new additions)

**Please contact the church office at 706- 673-4022
or thumc@optilink.us to add/remove a friend or
loved one from the Prayer List. - Thanks!**



Wednesday, October 26

6:00 PM Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 29

4:00pm - 6pm Car Wash

Sunday, October 30

10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
12:05 PM Bake Sale
5:00 PM Choir Practice
6:00 PM Soup Supper (FH)

Monday, October 31

6:45 PM "Friends of Jesus" Bible Study - CANCELLED

Tuesday, November 1

1:30 PM UMW Group II meeting (C.B.)
5:30 PM Girl Scouts (C.B.)
6:30 PM UMW Group I meeting (F.H.)
7:00 PM Boy Scouts (C.B.)

Wednesday, November 2

5:45 PM Family Meal (FH)
6:30 God Followers, B&B Club, & Adult Study
6:30 PM Oasis Student Ministry

Sunday, November 6

10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
5:00 PM Choir Practice

Monday, November 7

6:45 PM "Friends of Jesus" Bible Study (final class)

Tuesday, November 8 - ELECTION DAY

5:30 PM Girl Scouts (C.B.)
7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, November 9

5:45 PM Family Meal (FH)
6:30 God Followers, B&B Club, & Adult Study
6:30 PM Oasis Student Ministry

Sunday, November 13

10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
5:00 PM Choir Practice

FH-Fellowship Hall

CB-Church Bldg.

FEL CL-Fellowship Classroom

FC-Friendship Classroom

S-Sanctuary

CAR WASH

The Youth Car Wash that was cancelled a couple of weeks ago due to water restrictions has been rescheduled for this Saturday, October 29th, from 4-6pm in the church parking lot. Pre-purchased tickets as well as donations will be accepted. Proceeds will benefit the Oasis Fall Retreat.

SOUP SUPPER - THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH, 6:00 PM

The Family Committee is sponsoring a Soup Supper this Sunday evening just to give everyone a change to fellowship and enjoy a meal together. Please to bring a pot of your favorite soup, along with cornbread and/or crackers and a dessert. Coffee and tea will be available.

OASIS BAKE SALE

This Sunday, October 30th, the Youth will have a Bake Sale for their Fall Retreat immediately following the morning service. If you would like to donate baked goods, please contact Joey Cope (423-605-4692) or Becky Gowin (706-271-7207).

FINANCIAL UPDATE

In the Church's last newsletter, the Stewardship report showed a year to date deficit in giving versus budgeted expenses paid of \$7,018. This does not mean that the church has depleted all of its resources or that we are spending funds unnecessarily. However, it does mean that the church has needed to use a portion of its reserve funds to pay general budget expenses. The Finance Committee wanted everyone to be aware of this current deficit in our general budget. If you are in a position to help the church replenish the reserve funds that have been used, please make your check out to "THUMC" and put "General Budget" in the memo section.

The Finance Committee also wants the congregation to know that the committee met a few weeks back to develop the budget for 2017. We are happy to report that the 2017 budget will not increase over 2016's budget (even though next year's budget also includes some much needed maintenance expenditures).

Thank you for your continued financial support to THUMC's General Budget. Every person's contribution is needed not just for upkeep of our facility but also for all of the ministries that THUMC provides for the church and community. We provide a great Bible School and meals for children in our community during the summer. We provide much needed assistance locally and throughout the county through our contributions to organizations such as Doc UP, Soul Station and City of Tunnel Hill Angel Fund. In addition, THUMC continues to support worldwide missions and ministries through our monthly apportionments (tithes) to the North Georgia Conference of the UMC.

These are only a few examples of the type of things beyond of salaries, utilities, and church maintenance that your tithe and offerings go to each and every week. Together, we are the body of Christ and together, our gifts are helping to grow God's kingdom right here in Tunnel Hill. Thanks again for all that you do to support the ministries of THUMC! - Liz Dennis, THUMC Treasurer

FOREVER FAMILY 5K RACE (WALK OR RUN)

Saturday, November 5th, 9:00 AM

Sponsored by the Levi Circle of Tunnel Hill Baptist Church. Fee - \$25.00

If you are interested, please call the THUMC'S Church Office at 706-673-4022.



*I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, food and the love and thoughtfulness during my eight weeks of recovery.
Thanks you all again so much. - Jo Ann Richardson*

*I would like to thank everyone for helping me celebrate 38 years of working here at THUMC.
I feel like I am the one who should be honoring you for giving me the privilege and honor of working for you.*

*Thank you all for the gifts that I received and for the wonderful covered-dish luncheon in my honor.
I would like to especially thank the Family Committee and the Staff Parish Committee for making sure everything was done well and it sure was!
I love you all! And thank you all. - Mickey Reed*

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SERVING ON SUNDAYS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

USHERS: Chris Bollwerk, Ray Sharp,
James Riddle & Chris Griffin
NURSERY: Carolyn Watkins
OFFERING TEAM: Vicki Kauffman &
Kim Amos
GREETERS: Brenda & Mike Hampton

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

USHERS: Blake Griffin, Butch Middleton,
Mike Hampton & Keith Griffin
NURSERY: Jana Cope
OFFERING TEAM: Becky Gowin &
Lee Grimmett
GREETERS: Evelyn & Larry DeFoor

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

USHERS: See Sunday, Nov. 6
NURSERY: Julie Frisbee
OFFERING TEAM: See Sunday, Nov. 6
GREETERS: Janice & David Helton

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Budget Needed: \$5,094.00

Amount needed Year to Date - \$219,042.00
Amount rec'd Year to Date - \$184,796.33
Year to Date Difference (\$34,245.67)

GIVING FOR OCTOBER 9

GENERAL BUDGET: \$3285.00
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$715.02

GIVING FOR OCTOBER 16

GENERAL BUDGET: \$1955.00
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$317.00

GIVING FOR OCTOBER 23

GENERAL BUDGET: \$4033.00
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$352.00

ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER 9

Sunday School - 66
Worship Service - 118

ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER 16

Sunday School - 69
Worship Service - 155

ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER 23

Sunday School - 80
Worship Service - 154