

Tunnel Hill United Methodist Church

The Messenger

October 2019

In Uncertain Times, Stay Focused on the Basics of the Faith

Here at THUMC over the last couple of months, we've hosted a couple of information sessions to discuss the issues currently facing our denomination. Unfortunately, as we've discussed, the future of the UMC is uncertain and THUMC's leaders and congregation continue to pray for God's guidance and we know that we can trust Him to lead us.

In addition to praying, it's my hope that we'll continue to stay focused on the things that make THUMC such an incredible place. I recently came across this list that Bishop Lindsay Davis shared in a sermon several years ago that I found very encouraging. In his message, Bishop David, encouraged churches to always stay focused on the basics of the faith, especially when they find themselves in the midst of uncertainty. Here are the main points from his sermon:

1. **Keep Praying.** Undergird everything you do as a church with prayer. Understand that the wisdom & energy needed by congregations only comes from a fervent prayer life.
2. **Stay in God's Word.** Emphasize the study of scripture and know that God will use your faithful study as a way to shape and form you.
3. **Keep Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.** Remember that people all around you need the incredible, life-giving news that you hold.
4. **Cling to God's Grace.** Understand that the One who has already given His Son on the cross for you can be counted on to meet you and your church's needs.
5. **Continue to Give Generously.** Be faithful in teaching the biblical principles of generous giving. (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)
6. **Stay Focused on Serving Others and Being a Missionary Church.** Although your needs locally are great, understand that the world is still your parish. Keep reaching out to the poor, the stranger, and to the lost and lonely.
7. **Keep Loving.** Understand that the Body of Christ will grow physically because we are knit together in love. (Ephesians 4: 14-16)
8. **Continue to Celebrate the Good Things that God is doing among you.**
9. **Keep praying for your Church's Leaders and Pastor.** Support and encourage them every chance you get.
10. **Keep Making Disciples.** Stay focused on the primary task of the church which is to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

I hope that you are just as encouraged as I was by these reminders. May we all keep praying for God's direction and, at the same time, stay focused on the basics of our faith.
Grace and Peace,
Jay



October is a very important month for our church. Well, every month is important to our church, but October especially. Why? Because of Trunk or Treat, that's why. It is the largest outreach that our church has annually. This means more people, more chances to interact, and more chances to spread the love and word of our Lord and Savior. Now, what does this mean for Oasis, and for you? **WE NEED YOU!** It would be amazing to have every man, woman, & child show up and pour out the love of THUMC on the community. If you can't be there, please consider donating candy, money, or time beforehand for prep-work. Ministries such as this one are planned by a few, but only successful due to everyone's participation.

With that being said, thank you to everyone who has given, participated, and prayed for Oasis! We have a fundraiser lunch coming up this month... **Oct 20th – Oasis Fundraiser Immediately Following Service**
Menu: Chicken Casserole, Party Potatoes, Green Beans & Rolls, Come out, eat, and show Oasis how much you appreciate them at THUMC! - Garrett Teems, Youth Pastor



The United Methodist Women's Yard Sale will be **Saturday, October 5th from 7:00am - 1pm**. Proceeds will go to UMW Missions & local church projects. The Yard Sale 7:00 AM with breakfast being served until 9:00 AM. Lunch will be served from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Please Contact Tarah Horne to volunteer at (706)673-6694 or Ann Kuzniak at 706-673-7904 or cell 706-581-8231.



THUMC's Trunk or Treat is one of our church's biggest outreach events of the year. It is scheduled to take place at Griffin Park on Wednesday, October 30th from 6-8pm and we need everyone's help! Everyone who wants to participate is asked to decorate your car & trunk & bring plenty of candy. We have several special things planned this year including Hot Dogs, carnival games, and hayrides.

We are expecting several hundred people to attend and we need lots of volunteers to make the event fun and safe. If you plan to bring your car to pass out candy or help with the carnival games, please contact Jennifer McRae (423)486-2697. Everyone is invited!

Financial Donations are appreciated! If you'd like to donate financially to help purchase food and candy for this event, please make your check payables to "THUMC" and mark it "Trunk or Treat". Thanks!



DON'T FORGET TO FILL YOUR BOTTLES AND BRING THEM BACK!!!

Since 1993, more than 100 million boys and girls in over 130 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child. Samaritan's Purse works with local churches and ministry partners to deliver the gifts and share the good news of Jesus Christ. Fill each bottle with \$9 worth of quarters (the shipping cost of each Shoebox) and bring them back. We will be collecting donation items such as fun toys, hygiene products & school supplies for the shoeboxes at a later date.





PRAAYER LIST

Kathryne Middleton, Margaret & Jim Doyle, Ray & Pat Anderson, Barbara Vaughn, Shirley Gribble, Vera Nations, Frank Moody
 THUMC's Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
 Agnes Sutton-Kay Henderson's Mother
 Raya Owens-Friend of Jada Barton
 Gabarb Vaughn Summers
 Breanne Locklear-Jo Anna Davenport's niece
 Marge Fox-Cindy Fehd's mother
 Orallia Hernandez-friend of the Middletons
 Richard Sharp-Friend of Stephanie Loggins
 Dolly Hamby-friend of Kay Jernigan
 Eddie Mac Sanders-Friend of Kenny Gowin
 Kyler Bass-Friend of Wendy Voiles
 Glen Dean-Friend of Susie Webb
 Alyssa Talley
 Brecklynn Allgood
 Doug Mitchell
 Virginia Campbell
 Scott Hannah-Friend of Todd Middleton
 Arlene Hooker-Friend of Gwen Maddox
 James & Lynda Quarles-Friend of Gwen Maddox
 Marilyn Brown-Friend of Gwen Maddox
 Mrs. Barbara (Bobbie) Phillips-Mickey Reed's sister
 Mrs. Dorothy Grimes-Friend of Erin Watson
 Jack Rhodes-Grandson of Linda & Gerald Pack
 Ray & Leona Trotter-Friends of Macoy Griffin
 Ronnie Burgess – David Helton's Brother-n-law
 Gerald Watkins- Friend of Janice Helton
 *Rick Everett
 Jean Bates
 Zack Webb – Susie Webb's Son
 *Family of Stephanie Teasley Wilcox
 *Family of Samuel Miles

(*Denotes new additions)

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

Calendar of Events

Saturday, October 5 – UMW Yard Sale

Sunday, October 6

World Communion Sunday
 9:00 AM Choir Practice (S)
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship

Monday, October 7

5:30 PM Cub Scouts (FH)

Tuesday, October 8

5:15 PM Girl Scouts-Cadette (Ch. Room)
 5:30 PM Juniors - GS (CB)
 6:30 PM Boy Scouts (FH)

Wednesday, October 9

5:30 PM Mid Week Meal Served (FH)
 6:00 PM Prayer Group (Library)
 6:15 PM Oasis Student Ministry
 6:15 GLOW Nights (Children's Ministry)
 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study
 7:35 PM Administrative Board Meeting (FH)

Thursday, October 10

5:30 PM Girl Scouts-Cadette (CH. Room)
 6:00 PM Grief Support Group (Fel CL)

Sunday, October 13

7:30 AM Men's Breakfast (FH)
 9:00 AM Choir Practice (S)
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship
 11:15 AM THUMC's Glow Kids Choir Sings

Monday, October 14

5:30 PM Cub Scouts (FH)

Tuesday, October 15

5:15 Girl Scouts-Cadette (CH. Room)
 5:30 PM Juniors-GS (CB)
 6:30 PM Boy Scouts (FH)

Wednesday, October 16

5:30 PM Mid Week Meal Served (FH)
 6:00 PM Prayer Group (Library)
 6:15 PM Oasis Student Ministry
 6:15 GLOW Nights (Children's Ministry)
 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study

Thursday, October 17

5:30 PM Girl Scouts-Cadette (CH. Room)
 6:00 PM Grief Support Group (Fel CL)
 6:30 PM Charge Conference (Pleasant Grove UMC)

Sunday, October 20

9:00 AM Choir Practice (S)
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship
 12:00 PM Oasis Lunch Fundraiser (FH)

FH-Fellowship Hall

FC-Friendship Class Rm

CB-Church Bldg.

S-Sanctuary

FEL CL-Fellowship Classroom

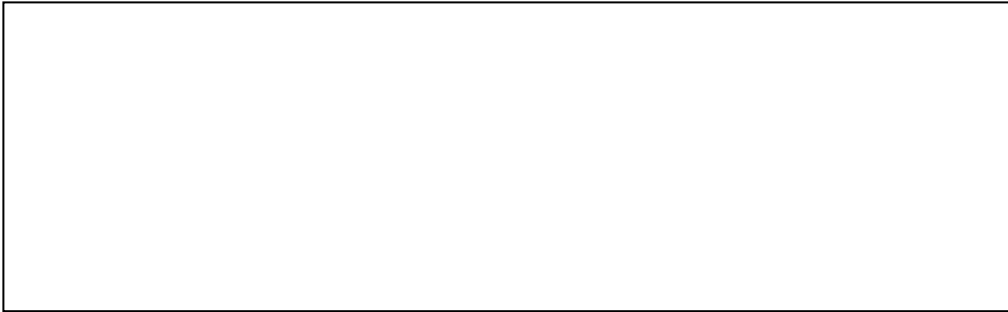
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SUNDAY, October 6

USHERS: Camden Shields, Jack Jackson,
Chandler Mathews, Hunter Frisbee

NURSERY: June Lansing

OFFERING TEAM: Ellen Dreschel, Vicki
Kauffman

SUNDAY, October 13

USHERS: Camden Shields, Jack Jackson,
Chandler Mathews, Hunter Frisbee

NURSERY: Joni Tenney

OFFERING TEAM: Ellen Dreschel, Vicki
Kauffman

SUNDAY, October 20

USHERS: Camden Shields, Jack Jackson,
Chandler Mathews, Hunter Frisbee

NURSERY: Natima Walker

OFFERING TEAM: Ellen Dreschel, Vicki
Kauffman

SUNDAY, October 27

USHERS: Camden Shields, Jack Jackson,
Chandler Mathews, Hunter Frisbee

NURSERY: Tammy Teems

OFFERING TEAM: Ellen Dreschel, Vicki
Kauffman

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Budget Needed: \$5,130.00

GIVING FOR September 1

GENERAL BUDGET: \$5176.58

DESIGNATED GIVING: \$986.00

Attendance:

Sunday School: 44

Worship: 117

GIVING FOR September 8

GENERAL BUDGET: \$1820.00

DESIGNATED GIVING: \$80.00

Attendance:

Sunday School: 51

Worship: 114

GIVING FOR September 15

GENERAL BUDGET: \$3480.00

DESIGNATED GIVING: \$644.00

Attendance:

Sunday School: 46

Worship: 126

GIVING FOR September 22

GENERAL BUDGET: \$2078.00

DESIGNATED GIVING: \$229.99

Attendance:

Sunday School: 52

Worship: 119