



The Spirit



Pastors: James E. Whedbee, Melissa R. Smith, Daniel M. Ogle

Charge Conference Approves Candidates for Ordained Ministry

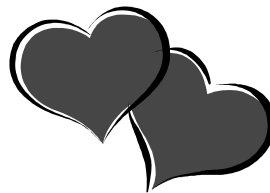
While we celebrate that a son of FCUMC, David Graves, is a nominee for bishop in the United Methodist church, we also rejoice that two of our young men have recently been approved by our Staff-Parish Relations Committee and Charge Conference to move ahead in the candidacy process for ordained ministry. After receiving unanimous votes, Chris Black and Bill Pendergrass will continue their work toward becoming certified candidates. They will be working with the District Committee on Ordained Ministry and then the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. We are grateful that these men are responding to God's call in their lives. Please keep Bill and Chris in your prayers.

We also celebrate that there are other folks in our congregation who are in this process of discerning God's call and will be seeking this same approval in the coming months. This is a wonderful tribute to this congregation and the way it is leading people to respond to God's call, whether it be as ordained ministers or active lay people.

Father Daughter Valentine Dance

Fountain City United Methodist Church
 Saturday, February 11, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
 For dads and daughters of all ages

On this night we will celebrate God's gift of our daughters with a special evening of music, dancing, prizes, refreshments, and fun for all. Tickets are \$5 per person and are available in the church office. If you are bringing cookies for the dance, please bring them to the kitchen on Friday, February 10 after 2:00 p.m. For more information, please call (865) 689-5175.



Worship With Us!

Traditional Services

(8:30 & 11:00)

Youth Sunday

February 5, 2012

Holy Communion

"Amazed By Faith"

Psalm 119:32, Mark 2:1-12

Sermon by FCUMC Youth

February 12, 2012

"Prophets and Generals"

2 Kings 5:1-17

Sermon by Daniel Ogle

the Journey

Contemporary Service

(11:00)

February 5, 2012

"Story of Noah"

Genesis 6:5-8:22

Sermon by Melissa Smith

February 12, 2012

"Story of Jonah"

Book of Jonah

Sermon by Melissa Smith

The next print of the Spirit will be February 15. All articles must be submitted by noon on Monday, February 13

"Amazing" was the number one word on the 2011 "List of Words Banished from the Queen's English for Misuse, Overuse and General Uselessness." Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan has been releasing this list for the past 37 years. According to the article in the December 30, 2011 issue of The Christian Science Monitor, "'Amazing' earned the top spot because of its ubiquitous use to describe anything, great or small, no matter its relative merit. Examples: "That Hot Pocket I just ate was amazing!" Or, "The French Revolution was amazing!" Past winners have been "24/7" (2000), "mute point" (1990), and "ball park figure" (1980).

When I first heard about the banished word I sort of chuckled. The theme for Resurrection 2012 was "Amazed by Faith." This is based on the story of the paralytic that Jesus heals in the second chapter of the New Testament book of Mark. If you're not familiar with Resurrection, it is the annual youth event sponsored by the Holston Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Over two weekends in January, 12,000 teenagers gather in Gatlinburg to be challenged to grow in their Christian journey. That many teenagers coming together to worship God and who want to be challenged is, well.....AMAZING! This coming Sunday is youth Sunday in both our traditional worship services. You will hear stories of how our youth have been amazed by faith. Youth will also lead us in worship through music, prayers and the reading of the scriptures. But let me tell you a few stories you might not hear this Sunday.

One of our high school youth wrote and received a grant for \$850 and then raised another \$200 so that the youth group could provide seven meals, an ice cream social and trip to see Christmas lights with Knoxville's homeless who are clients at the Volunteer Ministry Center. She also makes sure that we have plenty of youth volunteers for this outreach. You might not know, but three of our high school youth volunteer throughout the week with the NET after school program we have at FCUMC. I could go on with more stories, but I only have space for about 500 words.

The adult youth workers who serve weekly as youth group leaders, Sunday school teachers, and small group leaders. The parents that volunteer to serve and encourage their youth in their faith. The confirmation class prayer partners and everyone that supports FCUMC with their financial gifts all make it possible for our youth to experience an amazing God. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you in worship this Sunday so you can be amazed by our youth.

Amazed,

Andrew Cooper
Youth Director

Honoring Bishop Swanson

Bishop James Swanson has been our Holston Conference bishop since 2004 and will finish his eight-year term with us in September. A "gift of love" will be presented to him at Annual Conference in June. The money received will go for two causes. A new fund is being established in memory of his mother, and half the money will be used to support issues and concerns surrounding domestic violence. The other half of the money will supplement the already-existing fund in honor of his father, which will go to support continuing education for clergy.

We will be receiving this offering on Sunday, February 12. Please mark your check or envelope "bishop's gift." This is certainly a way we can show our appreciation for Bishop Swanson's leadership during these eight years.

February Drivers

Morning: Tim McComas
After Church: Craig Holtzclaw

Intercessory Prayer: Mary Bolton, Tom Harrington

Emergency On Call

February 3-5: Daniel Ogle
February 10-12: Melissa Smith

Medical Transportation: Jean Payne
Stephen Ministry: Gail Clift

Women's Retreat at Eagle Rock

The following is a testimony from one of last year's participants in our Eagle Rock women's retreat:

"Before the 'Time Out' trip to Eagle Rock, I had never been on a women's retreat. I thought the idea of a "time out" was fun and intriguing, but I honestly didn't know what to expect. This retreat exceeded all of my expectations! I made the decision to go because I felt that I had let my life get a bit too busy. I felt I needed to take a step back and refocus on some things I had pushed to the background, mainly my time with God. I had been neglecting my prayers and daily devotions and I saw this retreat as a chance to get back on track and reconnect with God. The setting was perfect. The lodge we stayed in was beautiful and had a gorgeous view of the mountains. What better way to give glory to our Father than to pray while looking out over one of his most beautiful creations! I also really enjoyed our speaker Bebe. She and her husband run the retreat and she was a phenomenal speaker! I felt as though she were speaking directly to me and helping me to sort out some of the problems I had let myself become too focused on. I felt a sense of peace that God had me right where he wanted me and it was time to let go of those problems and give it to him! There was also plenty of time for fellowship with the other women that came on the retreat. Some of the women I already knew and others I didn't know at all. It was wonderful to have the chance to get to know women from our church that I had never met and to make new friends. I am very excited about going back to Eagle Rock next year!"

Please consider joining us March 9-10 for a great getaway time with the Lord. If you have concerns or questions regarding anything about the retreat feel free to contact Leanne Ballinger, 660-9473, or Melissa Coram, 454-1461.

Registrations are available in the church office and Sunday school classes.

FCUMC Preschool Registration

FCUMC Preschool will register for the school year 2012-13 during March. Church members are guaranteed a place in the program if they register February 27 – March 2! If you would like to enroll your child (ages 6 months – 4 years), please come to the Preschool office during office hours (8:30-2:30 Monday-Thursday, 8:30-11:30 on Friday). The registration fee is \$50 (\$70 if you need to purchase a rest mat). If you have questions, please contact Susan Todd at 689-5518 or email stodd@fountaincityumc.org.

Retirees' Program: "Decorating the White House"

Christmas has come and gone: all visible signs have been packed away. After the task of holiday decorating in our own homes, can we imagine the task of decorating our nation's home, the White House, for Christmas? A local woman had the rare experience of doing just that. Janice Spooone was one of 136 volunteers from around the country invited to decorate the White House for Christmas. After working two days in preparation, she was in the White House for three days working nine hours each day. It was an experience she will always remember. Janice will be with the retirees on February 10 to share her unusual experience. Lunch will follow the program at noon. Please call Jean Payne, 688-4165, for a reservation.

Save The Date!



Tuesday, February 21

Pancakes for a Purpose. Donations will benefit the Fountain City Ministry Center

2011 Financial Wrap-up

Thank you for your support and faithfulness to Fountain City United Methodist Church. Without your contributions and service, we would not have been able to accomplish all that we have this past year. The last few years have been very difficult financially for everyone including our church. We are excited to tell you that 2011 was a year of improved financial performance. Your pastors, church staff, laity and councils worked diligently to manage our church ministries with aggressive belt-tightening and strict spending practices while still following through with our mission of Loving God, Experiencing Christ and Serving People. The Finance Committee kept a close watch all year and was pleased that we did not have a single "negative" month during the entire year.

The following year-end data has been placed in table format for the ease of reviewing.

	<u>2011 Year-end</u>
Revenues	\$1,399,914
Expenses	\$1,362,934
Net Operating Total	\$36,980

Before we begin to celebrate, we must realize that 2012 will not be any easier financially for us. On January 23, our Church Council approved the 2012 general fund budget as proposed by the Finance Committee. This new budget of \$1,420,269 is only 1.7% more than the actual spending in 2011. Additionally, the staff and finance committee worked diligently to finalize a balanced budget. Please contact DeeDee Seals in the church office if you would like to receive a copy of the budget. Your continued financial support is required for us to fulfill our obligations in 2012. Can we count on your to help us meet our goals and obligations?

Again thank you for all that you have done to further the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you have any questions about the information presented above, please do not hesitate to contact me, your church business administrator, at 689-5175, or you can come and visit us in the church office.

John Patterson
Church Business Administrator

Stephen Ministry Training

The deadline for submitting a Stephen Ministry application is Wednesday, February 8. Please contact Gail Clift at 922-9408 for additional information. Please don't miss the opportunity to serve.

Got kids?

Need a night out on the town? Or just a quiet evening for the two of you? Come join our Parents' Night Out program!

This spring, we will offer four Friday nights of programming for kids to give their grownups time with each other. Parents volunteer one night for children's programming and receive three nights out. Kids get snack supper, activities, and hangout with their friends! Come for an interest group and information meeting on Wednesday, February 15, at 6:45 p.m. in room 208.

Family Promise - Interfaith Hospitality Network

FCUMC will be hosting homeless families through IHN the week of February 26. This is the first of three host weeks we have for 2012 – the others begin July 15th and October 7th. This is a wonderful way to serve on a mission project right here in our church. Any talent or time you can share makes a difference in changing the lives of our guests and helps make them self-sufficient. We especially need volunteers willing to be overnight hosts and to lead recreational activities for children and youth. For more information, please contact Daniel Ogle at 689-6175 or dogle@fountaincityumc.org, Roby Trotter, Gordon Fowler or Woody Farrell.

Beautiful 2012

February 25, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Discover your real beauty and prepare for the journey of being a young woman. Beautiful 2012 is a unique day of fun and facts for 3rd grade through 6th grade girls and their mom or other special female role model. Check out all the information online. Cost is \$25 per person, \$20 per person for families of three or more and \$35 per person at the door. Fee includes a yummy lunch, cool t-shirt, and materials, including a special keepsake memento.

Check online for more information and registration.

Church Rummage Sale

May 5

Mark the date, as you begin to clean out, and begin storing your treasures now for the big Spring Sale.

Circle 11 February Meeting

Please join us for our monthly evening Circle meeting in room 137 at 6:30 p.m. on February 14. If you long for fellowship, mission involvement, and Bible study but your days are filled, we are the circle for you! This month's study is "The Timid Soul" in Parables from the Back Side with Matthew 25:14-30 as our text. We look forward to seeing you there!

February UMW News

Our UMW will meet as scheduled on Tuesday, February 14 at 10:00 a.m. Circle 1 is in charge of our program and we welcome Ginny Weatherstone, CEO of Volunteer Ministry Center. Join us to hear her message of compassion, accountability and results of Volunteer Ministry Center.

We will be voting on our proposed budget for 2012 and also on our disbursements from our 2011 rummage sale and bazaar.

Circle 2 will have our luncheon. Come join us on this UMW Valentine's Day.

Do 1 thing!

Sometimes we think we have to do big things to make a difference in the world. But little things can be really important too! Challenge yourself to do one thing each week to make a difference.

Our kids are! Watch their progress and look for opportunities to 'Do 1 thing' with us on the stairwell bulletin boards in the children's area. Index cards posted show ways they have served individually. Feel free to add your own!

Together, our kids have rolled 1200 sets of silverware and napkins for Lost Sheep Ministries and created Valentines for the Cleveland district tornado victims just this month! We are looking for ways to serve our friends, family, church, schools, and community. If you are interested in joining us in future mission projects, please contact Sherri Smith at ssmith@fountaincityumc.org.

IN MEMORY AND HONOR

Capital Campaign: In Memory Of: *Jim Shadle* by Tom & Charlotte Schumpert

Gene Puett, Roy Williams by John & Anna Mays

Gene & Sammie Lynn Puett by Sherman & Elizabeth Morton

In Honor Of: *Gordon Fowler* by Bill & Carol Sewell

Choir Fund: In Memory Of: *Irene Hill* by Mark & Sherri Smith; FCUMC Staff

In Honor Of: *Kathy Harrington* by Stella Large Family

Fountain City Ministry Center: In Memory Of: *Gene & Sammie Lynn Puett* by Tom Harrington

In Honor Of: *21st Century Class* by Earl & Juanita Smith

General Fund: In Memory Of: *Mossie Taylor* by Clinton Morning Pointe Assisted Living

Gene Puett by Allene Porter

Lost Sheep: In Honor Of: *Stella Large* by Martha Kerley

The Net: In Memory Of: *Gene Puett* by Bill & Betty Dyke

In Honor Of: *Bill & Rhonda Sivyver* by Chris & Ann Marie Hurst

Virginia Frye by Dot Phillips

Roz Irwin by Martha Kerley; Pete & Elizabeth Brown

Upcoming Children's Events

February 11: Father Daughter Valentine Dance

February 19: Beautiful 2012 parent meeting

February 21: Pancake Supper and Family Lent Event

February 25: Beautiful 2012, an event for Girls and their Moms

March 9: Family Fun Night, Skate Party

OUR SYMPATHY



We extend our sympathy to:

Daniel Lane on the death of his grandfather, Wallace Cox, on January 17, 2012.

Mary Beth Boring on the death of her father, Dr. Hubert Cawood Hill, on January 18, 2012.

Mary Lee Keeler on the death of her mother, Mary Helen Gresham, on January 20, 2012.

Dale Harold on the death of his grandmother, Mildred Harold, on January 21, 2012.

Jennifer Adcox Shaker on the death of her husband, George Shaker, on January 23, 2012.

Leslie Graves & Fran Burroughs on the death of their grandmother, Irene Hill, on January 25, 2012.

Bill Baldwin on the death of his grandmother, Thelma 'Sis' Baldwin, on January 29, 2012.

Upcoming Youth Events

February 5: Youth Sunday

6:00 p.m.: Supper Bowl Party

Ski Get-A-Way Registration and \$50 non-refundable Deposit Due

February 15: Ski Get-A-Way trip balance due

February 19-20: Ski Get-A-Way, Winter Place, WV

February 22: Ash Wednesday Services

February 26, 12-5: Lady Vols Basketball Game

February 29: *Confirmation Retreat Registration and \$30 Non-Refundable Deposit Due*

March 9-11: Confirmation Class Retreat, Lake Junaluska

March 15, 5:00 p.m.: Winter Jam Tour

March 19-23: Knox County Spring Break

March 25: Youth Activity

April 22: *Spring Retreat Registration and \$40 Non-Refundable Deposit Due*

CHURCH CALENDAR FEBRUARY 4—17

Regular Weekly Activities

Sundays

- 8:30 AM Worship (Sanctuary)+
- 9:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages (Church-wide)
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)+
The Journey Contemporary Worship (Gym)+
- 4:00 PM Disciple III (208)
- OffeRing Youth Handbells (Bell Room)
- 5:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Mondays

- 8:30 AM Preschool (M-F)
- 9:00 AM Aerobics (M, W, F) (Gym)
- 3:15 PM The NET (M-F)
- 4:00 PM Dance For Joy (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM Cub Scout Den Meeting (Various)
Boy Scouts (Various)
- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (M, W, Th, F, Sa)
- 8:30 PM Men's 40+ Basketball (Gym)

Tuesdays

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (137)
- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting (202)
- 10:00 AM UMW (Wesley Hall)
- 4:00 PM GPS4Kids Music (Choir Room)
- 4:30 PM Dance for Joy (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study (Offsite)

Wednesdays

- 5:00 PM Genesis Handbells (Handbell Room)
- 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal (Gym)
GED Classes (106)
- 6:30 PM Youth Group (135)
Caregivers (112)
Common Grounds (208)
God's Perfect Plan (138)
Pastor's Bible Study (137)
Tollers Handbell (Bell Room)
Wednesday Night Live (Children's Hallway)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
The Journey Praise Team Rehearsal (136)*

Thursdays

- 5:30 PM Dance For Joy (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 PM Yoga - Adults (Gym)
- 6:30 PM Personally Experiencing Prayer (102)
Disciple I (202)
- 7:30 PM Volleyball (Gym)

Fridays

- 8:00 AM Young Men's Bible Study (138)

Scheduled Activities

Saturday, February 4

- 9:00 AM Cub Scout Pinewood Derby (Gym)

Sunday, February 5

- 6:00 PM Youth Super Bowl Party (Wesley Hall)
- OffeRing Handbells and Youth Choir will not meet*

Monday, February 6

- 9:30 AM Monday Morning Bible Study (106)*

Tuesday, February 7

- 10:00 AM Bridge (135)
- 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry (138)
- 7:00 PM Social Concerns (137)

Thursday, February 9

- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts God & Country Class (137)

Friday, February 10

- 11:00 AM Retirees' Meeting (Wesley Hall)

Saturday, February 11

- 6:00 PM Father/Daughter Valentine Dance (Gym)

Sunday, February 12

- 4:00 PM Parenting with Love & Logic (Wesley Hall)

Monday, February 13

- 9:30 AM Monday Morning Bible Study (106)*
- 6:30 PM MOPS/MOMSnexT (Wesley Hall)*

Tuesday, February 14

- 10:00 AM UMW (Wesley Hall)
- 6:30 PM UMW Circle 11 (137)
- 7:00 PM Thinking Positively (Choir Room)

Thursday, February 16

- 7:00 PM Bariatric Support Group (Choir Room)

* Childcare provided for children from birth to fifth grade if previously arranged
+Activities provided for children from birth through 3-year-old Sunday school

Please notify the church office of any changes to scheduled events so that the calendar will be correct!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

OUR PRAYERS

Church Family in the Hospital:

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Recently Discharged from the Hospital:

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OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, January 22, 2012

Sunday School	534
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship	197
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	319
11:00 a.m. <i>The Journey</i>	137
WEE Worship (8:30 & 11:00)	46
Middle School Resurrection	58
Total Morning Worship	757

Sunday, January 29, 2012

Sunday School	500
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship	208
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	355
11:00 a.m. <i>The Journey</i>	117
WEE Worship (8:30 & 11:00)	57
Total Morning Worship	737

OUR GIFTS

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (GENERAL FUND)

January 10-16	\$24,375
January 17-23	\$16,650
January 24-30	\$22,497
YTD	\$109,379

OUR SERVICE

February Ushers:

8:30 Traditional Service: Charles & Celia Thompson, Head Ushers; Troy Lawson, David & Debbie Vandergriff; Rogan Oliver

11:00 Traditional Service: Gary Hillard, Mark Hillard - Head Ushers; Jason Hillard, Frank & Nancy Faulkner, Buzzy Freeman, Teresa Hillard, Brent & Nicole Eldridge, Perry Benshoof

The Journey: Bill Baldwin, Jane Peoples, Gene & Mandy Patton