

UPCOMING EVENTS

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MONDAY-THURSDAY
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
FRIDAY: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Sunday, January 14, 2017

8:30 am Morning Refreshments
9:00 am Sunday School
9:25 am Worship Huddle
9:45 am Kid's Worship
10:00 am Traditional Worship
11:00 am Thrive Worship
5:15 pm Youth Worship

Monday, January 15, 2017

5:30 pm Sisters Bible Study
6:30 pm Boy Scouts
7:00 pm Alpha Circle

Tuesday, January 16, 2017

10:30 am Faith Joy Circle
9:00 am Bible Study
6:00 pm Cub Scouts
7:00 pm Discovery Circle

Wednesday, January 17, 2017

4:00 pm Youth Band
6:00 pm Youth Activities
6:00 pm Handbell Practice
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 18, 2017

9:00 am Nifty/Fifty (FH)
1:00 pm Bible Study
6:00 pm Yoga

WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Joel Henson – Director of Music

We are excited about Joel directing our Chancel Choir and Hand Bell Choir. Joel has experience directing Choir, Hand Bell Choir and Praise Band.

Bekah Bates – Assistant Director of Children's Ministries

Bekah is currently a teacher in the Church Daycare where she works with Dean on the Daycare's First Look's program.

Welcome to Joel and Bekah!

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Connecting Points

Sunday's message was challenging for me. I recognize that what we call God matters, and we aren't all comfortable with the same titles. Some titles seem more appropriate for God the creator and others for the Son or the Holy Spirit. The titles we've looked at for Jesus based on Isaiah 9:6 seem arbitrary at times and more congruent with one of the other persons of the trinity. Hopefully, this series has helped us think about our names for God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit and why we are comfortable imaging God in certain ways.

As I preached about God and Jesus being our "Everlasting Father", I owned that some are uncomfortable with the title of Father. Some people have been so wounded by their biological fathers that they struggle with the image of God as such. We can understand how it may be a word or title that just does not seem to express the divine or connect them with love. We can become militant about our own preferences and try to force others to adhere to our practices. I try not to fall into that camp since I don't want others to treat me that way. When I was in seminary one of my professors reminded us that there is narrow minded thinking with both conservatives and liberals. None of us has a monopoly on the truth and so we seek to be sensitive and sensible in our approach. The good news is that God is not contained or restrained by our titles or names and none of them fully communicate who God is or what God does. We don't fully comprehend God so how could our names capture God's essence?

As follows of Jesus, we hear that his favorite name for God was father. In fact, some scholars believe it was Jesus who helped people understand God in an intimate and imminent way with the word father or daddy. Some of us prefer a God who is other than instead of the one who is right here. Obviously, God is both and our worship illustrates that with cognitive hymns and heartfelt praise songs. I would invite those who struggle with the word or title "father" for God, because of your earthly father, to allow God to turn your burden into a blessing. And I would invite those of us who struggle with those who think father is sexist language to bless them by using their names for God too. Perhaps God is like some of us and isn't as concerned with what we call him, as long as we call (on) him.

Blessed Be the Name of the Lord,
Pastor Dean

Remember In Prayer

HOSPITALIZED

ST. VINCENT'S

Frances Gilmore, S403

PRINCETON

Barbara Ezell, surgery Monday

Upcoming Surgeries:

Dot Moran, knee replacement January 12th

Nancy Goodwin, knee surgery in January

Recovering at Home:

Paige Jones

Special Prayer Requests:

Marilyn Cannon

Esther Beach

Richard Clark

Betty Jane Kornegay

Floyd Lunceford

Rick Parsons

Ann McCown

Barrett Ezell

Jan Towers

Susan Rheuby

Mark Zito

Attendance & Contributions

JANUARY 7, 2018

Sunday School	52
Morning Worship	153
Thrive Service	49
Evening Services	20
Received for January 7	\$ 10,776.78
Total Received 2017	\$ 384,243.21
Budget for 2018	\$
Total needed Monthly	



2018 ENVELOPES NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED

Please pick up your envelopes in the church Narthex. You'll find them in alphabetical order.

2018 Birthday Calendar For Sale -- \$5.00

AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

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Joel Henson is in his 15th year of public teaching and is currently the band director at Clay-Chalkville High School. Over the past 6 years he has enjoyed fellowship at Pleasant Hill UMC where he filled in as choir director on occasion and led hand bells for 3 years. He resides in McCalla with his wife, Malia and their two sons, Reggie and Brent.

"I'm very excited to be at HUMC. I appreciate the kind words and support through my first rehearsal and service. I look forward to getting to know the choir, bell choir, and congregation better in the coming weeks.-----Blessings, jbh"



CONTRIBUTIONS Memorials & Honorariums

BUDGET

In Honor of Barbara Ezell and Wayne Mink
In Memory of Robert England
By Jane Coleman

In Honor of Michelle on her Birthday
By Sue Sue and Papa Doug

In Honor of Our Church Family
In Memory of Robert England
and Rev. Randy Smith
In Honor of the England and Smith Families
By Sue and Doug Douglass

In Honor of Frances Gilmore, Barbara Ezell
and Dot Moran

In Memory of Norma Dean Geise
Love, Scott and Lisa Edmonson & Boys

In Memory of Rev. Randy Smith and
Robert England
In Honor of Frances Gilmore, Paige Jones,
Dot Moran, Nancy Goodwin and Barbara Ezell
By Buster and Betty Jane Kornegay

FOOD PANTRY

In Memory of Robert England
In Honor of Wanda and Crissy England
In Memory of Rev. Randy Smith
In Honor of the Smith Family
and the Carpenter Family
by Bobby and Sandra Bracknell

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

JANUARY HOSTS: Seekers Class

The Ornaments from the family tree can be picked up in the Fellowship Hall on the piano.

THANK YOU

My words of appreciation to this church are difficult to express. The eight years I served with you as choir director brought many rewarding experiences. You accepted this "outsider" warmly and with open arms. There are many wonderful memories and friendships that I will never forget. Thank you for the marvelous Retirement Celebration, the horse painting, and generous love offering. Your kindness and thoughtfulness to me are very appreciated.

My love and best wishes to HFUMC!

LaWayne Fleming



THE 2018 FLOWER CALENDAR

... is on the Bulletin board outside the church office. It's a great opportunity to honor or remember someone you love.

To those who sign up: Let the church office know what you would like published in the bulletin regarding your memorial or honorarium. Also, let the flower chairperson know if you want someone from our committee to provide and arrange flowers for you. (you will be charged the cost of flowers). Please be prepared to pay for fresh flowers on your Sunday.

Thanks, Gayle Hager (907-0138)