



The Memorial Messenger

August 2026



Three Most Important Things

In our hospice program, our team of nurses, nurses' aides, social workers, doctors, volunteers and chaplains would ask for a patient's TMITS (Three Most Important Things). We did this because we wanted to:

- provide the best quality care
- give patients comfort
- enhance their quality of life
- uphold their sense of dignity

Many of us have 3 things we find most important. As your pastor, my 3 most important things are Faith, Family, and the *Book of Discipline*.

1. "Well, Amanda" you might ask. "Why is the Bible not listed as the book you find most important?" Well, it is! Holy Scripture is the source of wisdom and knowledge, as we discern the Will of God. The Bible lessons for the summer have helped us focus our attention on God and His Will for the world. Christ Jesus sums it up in the Lord's Prayer, and we have the great privilege of making it happen, if we listen, look, and act according to His Will. And so, FAITH is the fruit of our labors, as we read, pray, and discern the Will of God.
2. "So, Amanda," you might ask. "Why do you make family the next priority in your life?" Well, I believe the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit want a relationship with us, not just as individuals but as a family of believers. Most importantly, our church family has a unique gift to share with the world. A megachurch cannot provide the kind of love and care a church family like ours shares and receives. Christ will help us to welcome people who long for a faith family.
3. "Excuse me, Amanda," you might exclaim. "What is the Book of Discipline?" Well, it's the book the good people of the United Methodist Church have used since the formation of our denomination. Within this book, I am able to find all the answers to how we organize ourselves and do the work of the church. It's like a church recipe book for pastors who don't know what to do! If there is a problem in the church, a pastor can find best practices for addressing it.

Our Charge Conference will be held on **November 15th**. The Charge Conference is the governing body of our congregation, responsible for setting goals, electing leaders, and managing church business. It meets once a year as an official meeting overseen by our district superintendent, Ann Robins. Please pray for us and join us on Sunday, November 15th at noon. In the weeks ahead, I hope to share more information with you about the *Book of Discipline*.

Scriptures for August

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| 8/02 | Genesis 32: 22-31 |
| 8/09 | Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28 |
| 8/16 | Exodus 1: 8-2:10 |
| 8/30 | Exodus 3: 1-15 |

The *General Book of Discipline* reflects our Wesleyan way of serving Christ through doctrine and disciplined Christian life. We are a worldwide denomination united by doctrine, discipline, and mission through our connectional covenant. The *General Book of Discipline* expresses that unity.

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/book-of-discipline-101-general-book-of-discipline>

A Report from the Pastor, Staff, Parish Relations Committee

Church Family,

I am excited to inform you we have filled two open staff positions at the church – the administrative assistant and the youth coordinator.

Our new administrative assistant is Cheryl Fox.

Cheryl grew up around Anderson County, Tennessee, and graduated from the Anderson County Vocation School. She has spent several years working in multiple cities in North Carolina including Wilmington, Durham, and Maggie Valley. Cheryl has now returned to Tennessee and currently lives in Andersonville. She comes to us with experience as an office manager, a cleaning specialist, and as a website designer/developer. Cheryl will start her regular schedule in the MUMC office on August 10.

Our new youth coordinator is a familiar face – Jenny Nichol.

Jenny previously served as MUMC's youth coordinator in the early 2020s before needing to resign in 2024 for personal reasons. Jenny is back, as energetic as ever! Jenny's past devotion to our youth program was incredible! We look forward to her future leadership. Jenny will be starting to work immediately on the fall youth program.

Please join me in welcoming Cheryl and Jenny to the MUMC team!

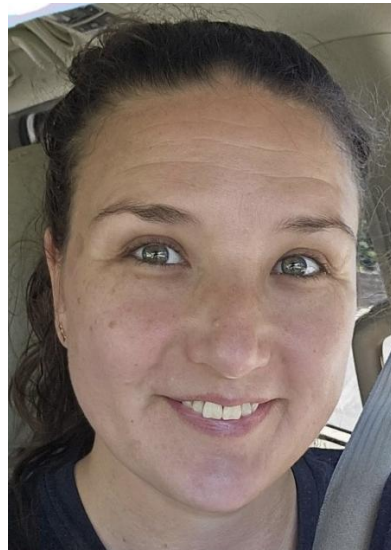
Tom Thrasher

Chairman, S/PPR Committee Chairman

Sheryl Fox



Jenny Nichols



WELCOME ABOARD!

Community Outreach, in Jesus' name...

Aid to Distressed Families of Appalachian Counties



At the ADFAC Warehouse, 75 backpacks were packed to be delivered to Clinton High School, along with 75 empty ones. Thanks to Sherry Livengood for coordinating this outreach project. Thanks also to Josh Allen, Carole Evans, Amanda & Maggie Madson, and Tom & Nancy Thrasher for volunteering for this effort.

Our Homebound Families

Don't forget our Extended Family Members

Juanita Smith 301 Cross Street Clinton, TN 37716	Gibby Seals 101 Dana Drive Oak Ridge, TN 37830	Peggy Burton Morning Pointe Assisted Living 960 S. Charles G. Seivers Blvd. Clinton, TN 37716
Ellie Green 517 Delft Way Knoxville, TN 37923	Mary Ann Conner 297 Doe Run Blvd. Clinton, TN 37716	Joyce Wilson 112 Hillcrest St. Clinton, TN 37716
Clyde Horton 118 McAdoo St. Clinton, TN 37716	Andrea Fritts 916 Eagle Bend Road Clinton, TN 37716	Susan Overstreet 410 Halsboro Lane Clinton, TN 37716

*We hope you will consider sending a card
to our members who may be in an assisted-living facility, or home-bound.*



01 Marilyn Murphy
02 Karen Cary
04 Kim Eby
12 Mary Hatmaker
13 Deane Kay
14 Anne Ford
Catie McCracken
Terry Moore
Roger Ridenour

20 John Pryse
21 Maggie Madson
Tom Thrasher
27 Peggy Burton
Bill Gallaher
30 Andrea Fritts



Our *Prayer Warriors* are fearless.
No request is too big or small. They know God
answers prayers. If you have a prayer request, or
would like to be a part of the *Prayer Warriors*
Call Sarah Medley at 865-406-9161.



*"Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation, by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."
Philippians 4:6*

Wednesday Nights

Please plan to join us on Wednesday nights for Dinner & Bible Study!

Dinner begins at 5:30 pm, followed by YUMS activities, Youth Fellowship activities and a study of *Jesus's parables and how they apply to us today*.

This study will be led by Sherry Livengood and Charles Parke. Please bring your Bible.

August 05th - Luke 15: 11-32

August 12st

August 19st

August 26st

Children's
Ministry

Take me out to the ballgame!
Sunday, August 16th at 2 pm
Youth members and families

See Jenny and Josh for details.



PRESS THE
YALE BUTTON
WHEN YOU
LEAVE, PLEASE!



We need your help in keeping the building secure.

Whenever you leave the building, please make sure, the door is closed and locked! You should push the door in, then press the **YALE** button, then wait until you hear the chime that signifies the door is secure. Thank you for your help!!



IF you have a key/key code for the doors to the buildings, please let the office know. We're making a list and checking it twice! We have had a few instances of finding a door unlocked, and are trying to prevent that. Thanks!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00 Holy Grounds 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	3 6:30 p.m. - BSA Troop 131	4 5:00 p.m. - Delta Kappa Gamma	5 5:30 pm - Dinner 6:00 pm - Youth - Children's Ministry - Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	6 Food Pantry 5:00 p.m.	7 Office closed	8
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30 9:00 Holy Grounds 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:45 A sneek peek of Gather at Market	31	The Church office is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday – Thursday				

More Memorial Outreach:



Asbury UMC held a tent Revival service on June 28th

Nancy Thrasher played the Introit with Pastor Lee Radford, and Pastor Amanda gave the opening prayer for the service. It was truly a blessing to be a part of this service, and pray for our community's revival.



Cottage Meetings in August

A special thanks to Pat & VL Stonecipher, Donna & Chuck Parke and Anita & Erik Hill for sponsoring the events of July. A good time was had by all!



Brendan is Baptized!



With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

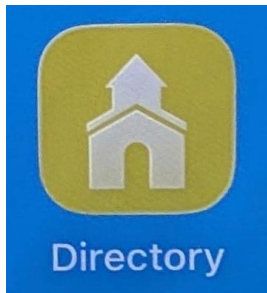
Memorials and Honorariums

<u><i>In Memory of</i></u>	<u><i>Given by</i></u>	<u><i>For</i></u>
Becky Williams	Anne Davis	Children's Music
Barbara Fagan	Caitie McCracken	General Fund
	Jim Ern & Sarah Medley	Ida Gamble Scholarships
	Deane & Sutton Kay	Family Ministries
	Denise Davis	Food Pantry
	Gibby Seals	
	Pat & VL Stonecipher	
Bill Ross	Tom & Nancy Thrasher	Trustees: Building Repairs
	Bill Steinkamp	General Memorials Fund
	Sarah & Jim Ern Medley	Ida Gamble Scholarships
	Gail & Bill Gallaher	Food Pantry
	Deane & Sutton Kay	
	Sharon McCarty	
	Pat & VL Stonecipher	
Jeannie Bertram	Tom & Nancy Thrasher	Trustees: Building Repairs
	Gwen Ferguson	General Memorials Fund
	Pat & VL Stonecipher	Ida Gamble Scholarships

Looking forward:

September: New Members Class with Pastor Amanda
September 13: Greekfest
October 11: *Homecoming*
November 1: Church at the Park (Norris Dam State Park)
December 18: *Lessons and Carols @ 7 p.m.*

Mark your calendars!



The Instant Church Directory is being updated. The directory may be downloaded on all cell phones, and tablets, by going to the App Store on Apple device, and the Play Store for Android devices. Once you download the app, you can make edits to your page by:

1. Open the app
2. Tap the 3 bars in the left corner
3. look for "Edit My Info"
4. Make edits of the sections that may need updating
5. Tap the 3 bars to go to the "Home" page,
6. Check your family page for corrections

Contact Nancy Harper, if you have any questions?

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