



Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Sunday Morning

Worship

10:30 a.m.

THE SOUTH END SOURCE

From The Pastor's Study

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SOUTH END PRESCHOOL

Director

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Nursery Coordinator

Robert Dodd

Asst. Director

Sobiya Uddin

Our Stories Are Woven Together



This Sunday volunteers from our church family will be joining with those from a number of **interfaith communities** to work on the month long process of constructing the new house which Michelle Brown will be buying. Ms. Brown has worked with **Habitat and CCSI** (see below) to prepare for homeownership and has given of her time and effort to work on Habitat houses built prior to hers.

Our construction volunteers include Jennifer Dodd, Jimmy Dunbar, Tom Ferris, Mark Hines, Joe Jackson, Bob Nance, Becky Pollock, David Scott, Jud Scott, John Walker, Jared Weis, and Brian Wilson.

Our church under the direction of the **Men's Group** organized the summer BBQ and music fundraiser, which brings our church families together with their friends and extended families to raise money for our portion of this Habitat House. It is a great deal of work and fun and renewed connections.

For the first time, **Boy Scout Troop 4** (chartered by SEUMC) will be directly participating in this build by arriving at the church very early on Sunday morning to make breakfast for 35 volunteers on the build site. Our **UMW** will be providing other food needed for the construction volunteers: coffee, juice and fruit.

In worship on Sunday, **our congregation** will be praying for everyone involved in the Build Day, and we will be praying for the future that Michelle and Carnell will cherish in their new place.

Habitat Partner Family ~ Michelle Brown

Michelle grew up in the home her grandmother has owned for more than 30 years in Nashville's Belmont area. "My grandmother was a blessing to me. She adopted me when I was 7 years old. She took me in when she didn't have to," Michelle says. Having stability in her home life allowed Michelle to set high expectations for herself.

She is a graduate of Hillsboro High School and a certified medical assistant. When she completed her medical assistant externship at Saint Thomas Medical Group, they moved her into a permanent position as a medical receptionist "because one of the doctor's said, 'If we let her go, someone else will get her!'" Michelle explains. She loves her job, primarily because it gives her an opportunity to help others.

Michelle's true passion, though, is caring for her son, Carnell, 8. "He's my heart and my inspiration for everything I've accomplished. I wouldn't change anything about him," she says. When Michelle has free time, she prefers to spend it with Carnell. They enjoy watching movies and going downtown to look at the horse carriages. But it's business before pleasure in Michelle's house; keeping a tidy home is one of her top priorities. "Everything has a spot," she says.

Michelle and Carnell have rented a two - bedroom unit in MDHA's Vine Hill community since 2009. While Michelle doesn't have any major complaints about their apartment, she is ready to have a place of her own. "I have always wanted my own home," she says. "I want to be able to make changes (to her home) and not be told that I can't. Owning my own home will be a life changing experience."

To prepare herself for homeownership Michelle joined Christian Community Services, Inc.'s (CCSI) Mentoring Towards Independence program. She is simultaneously enrolled in CCSI and Habitat homeownership classes. "It's a lot of work to keep up with both of them, but it's worth it. Now I'm confident that I'll *keep* my home. And it will make getting the Habitat home an even greater accomplishment."

"The sky is the limit for me and Carnell," Michelle says. "With my family, my friends, CCSI and Habitat by my side, I can do anything I can dream. I've had a lot of struggles in my life and to have this opportunity is a blessing. My sponsors are godsent and I will never forget what they have done for my family."

The story of our partner family is part of ours. Our stories are part of their story.

Yours in Christ, Ann Cover



Congratulations

We give thanks for the safe arrival of Ann Shaw Hughes who was born September 21, 2015. Her proud grandparents are Earnie & Diane Hickerson. She is named after her great-grandmother, Ann Shaw Hickerson, who worshiped with us regularly.

Differing Views ~ One Body of Christ

Last Sunday I preached on the subject of climate change from the biblical perspectives that we are charged by God to take responsibility for the gift of creation (Genesis 1) and that Jesus commanded us to love God with our whole being and to love our neighbor as ourselves (Mark 12).

I preached this sermon with the knowledge that many people view this topic as a political issue and I view it as simply a challenge that we need to face.

My sermon lifted up the presence of many innovations already in progress as we, (Christians and the rest of the global community) face the challenge of caring for our natural life-supporting environment in light of the needs of an increasingly interconnected and vastly expanding global population – needs of clean air and useable water, food and energy. Our global population has grown from 2 billion in 1927 to 7 billion in 2011 and is expected to reach 9 billion by 2050.

My prayerful request was that we increase our efforts now to work together as people of faith to address these needs-- for the sake of the lives of our children and all those who will come after us.

I received a variety of responses to this sermon, one being in the form of an email from Jud Scott. He requested that his remarks, “My View”, be published in the newsletter.

I am thankful for all of the feedback that I receive from time to time and especially after this sermon. I am thankful for the sincere concern of Jud and others that I as pastor and we as congregation stand faithful to the gospel of Jesus Christ in our proclamation and in our life together of ministry and mission.

Yours in Christ, Ann Cover

My View (For what it’s worth)

I do not believe it is appropriate for our pastor to espouse her political views from the pulpit as if they are indisputable facts. As we all know there are two sides to every story.

We ask why the United Methodist Church (South End in Particular) is losing members and attendance. Perhaps it is because we have become nothing more than another social agency. While it is important that we care for those unable to care for themselves it is not the primary purpose of the church. As I understand it the purpose of the church is to spread the word of Jesus Christ. Our mission is to preach redemption through the life, death and resurrection of Christ Jesus.

I hope this will not be taken as a condemnation of our pastor but as an awakening that we should examine our proclamation of the Gospel.

Jud Scott

ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER CHANGES

New Phone # - for Mary Lee Mackie
(615) 720-0288

Change Name and Address for: Deborah Kelly
DEBORAH STONE
257 Lucy Kelley
Brighton, TN 38011

CHURCH PICTURE DIRECTORY

Photo Sessions:
Friday October 16 ~ 2 pm—9 pm
Saturday October 17~ 10 am—5 pm

Thanks for your time and cooperation in making this new directory possible.

Last minute sign up:

- 1) on web site at www/seumc.org
- 2) Before or after Sunday Worship
See Ruth Ann Looney
- 3) Call: Ruth Ann Looney
@ (615) 973-0089



**American
Red Cross**

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT SEUMC

Thank you to the 11 people from our congregation who donated the life giving gift of blood last Sunday at the Red Cross Blood Drive.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Fellowship Meals at 5:30 p.m.

Adult & Children's Activities at 6:15 p.m.

[Children's activities: Music, Reading /Homework Assistance]

September 30 (adult program) ~ Part III Bible Study on Prayer led by Frances Merritt

October 7 (all ages) ~ Non-traditional Worship

October 14, 21, 28 (adult program) ~ Discussion led by Ann Cover based on book,
"The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness"

by Michelle Alexander (2012)

November 4 (all ages) ~ Non-traditional Worship

UMW Fundraiser

Back by popular demand!
Streakfree Microfiber Cloths

THEY'RE BACK!

The South End United Methodist Women have those wonderful microfiber cloths that you love to use for streak-free cleaning, and they are available for purchase once again.

\$6.00 each or 2 for \$10.00

If you would like to place an order, you may either:

- 1) Contact any UMW member
- 2) Or contact the church office at (615) 833-2077 or office@seumc.org

Good Neighbor Update July & August 2015

Total donations were \$2394.

Distributions in the amount of \$2354.

were given to 14 families for assistance with gas, utilities & food.

Additional people were served by our Food Pantry.

Save the Date!

October 4 ~ Fellowship Meal Pot Luck
After worship. Sponsored by UMW

October 24 ~ Saturday
Outdoor Movie Night sponsored by our Youth Class

October 31st ~ Halloween
Trunk-n-Treat - 2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO WORSHIP

1) We are expanding a group of people (youth & adults) who agree to serve as

- Liturgists or Readers
- Communion Servers
- Children Time Presenters
- Those who will lead in the Prayers of the People

If you have never done so, but think you would like to consider being trained or oriented to participate in any or all of these worship roles, please contact Ann Cover at acover@seumc.org or (615) 833-2077.

2) Both John Walker and Frances Merritt will preach one Sunday each quarter. (12-13 weeks)

John is a Certified Lay Speaker and Frances is pursuing her call to become a United Methodist Licensed Local Pastor.

They will preach in Ann's absence, as well as on Sundays when she is present in worship. John and Frances will both serve as liturgists as well.

David Cannon	September 1
Gen. William Jones	September 4
Scott Regas	September 5
Savannah Tomlin	September 7
Ruth Ann Looney	September 11
Philip Wallace	September 13
Suzie Harlan	September 15
Carol Fager	September 21
Linda Garvey	September 21
Ed Marks	September 23
Ernest Blair	September 25
Matthew Jones	September 26



BIRTHDAY

Nancy Beeman	October 13
Peggy Duke	October 14
Jerry Duncan	October 14
Brian Wilson	October 14
Jenny Dodd	October 16
Carolyn Cannon	October 18
Andelyn Regas	October 19
Jerry Duke	October 23
Valerie Tomlin	October 28
Irene Marshall	October 30



SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER