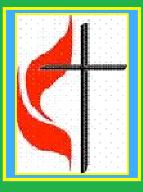
### SOUTH END UNITED METHODIST CHURCH June 13, 2013



Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

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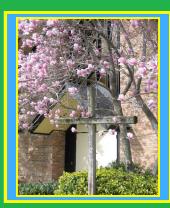
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## THE SOUTH END SOURCE

#### FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

#### Jesus Meets Us Where We Are

"...and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age." (Matthew 28: 20)

"The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ... Very truly I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father."

(John 14: 10, 12)

There is a framed picture on the wall in the foyer of our sanctuary that draws my attention every time I walk through the main sanctuary doors. The artist painted a pair of hands, calmly opened to the onlooker. The hands make me feel that I am being called into some encounter with that person. The hands welcome me, but they don't tell me what to do or point to where I should go. They simple say, "I have chosen to be here with you". Most of us walking into our church would see these hands as the hands of Jesus, inviting us into a life—transforming relationship.

I thought about the image of those hands often this week as I attended our Annual Conference sessions with Linda Carter and 1400 other United Methodists from Middle Tennessee. We sang and worshipped together, participated in Bible study, listened to reports, voted on resolutions, and heard the witness of what God is doing in congregations and in individuals' lives.

We were pulled into the stories of what people are passionate about and doing for the sake of Christ and God's kingdom – a great variety of things: hunger ministries; work with the homeless; support for veterans, orphans, immigrants, older adults, teens and young adults, children in poverty; inclusion of people of all races, nations, gender and sexual orientation; health and disabilities ministries, prison ministries, scouting, the eradication of malaria, and more!

This year at Conference, more than most, I was struck with how deeply people spoke of Jesus having met them where they were and how that led them into a new life, a new perspective, a new possibility, a new hope for themselves and others.

**Jesus is willing to meet each of us, everyday, where we are.** Not just for the sake of hanging out, but to bring us into that blessed relationship with God which is life eternal and life abundant – here and now and forever.

**Jesus meets us in the midst** of our frustrations, dilemmas, indecision, fatigue, pain, loneliness, addictions, joys, sadness, challenges, deceptions, hopes, dreams, sins and wrongdoing, and in our desire to show love and compassion and justice.

Jesus meets us where we are, and Jesus has wonderful plans for each of us and for us together as the body of Christ! Thanks be to God!

Yours in Christ,

Ann Cover



5:30 p.m. ~ Fellowship Meal 6:15 p.m. ~ Program or Bible Study

June 19 ~ "Quilt of Quotes"
(Bring a favorite poem, quote or Bible verse to share)

<u>June 26</u> ~ News from Annual Conference: (What it means for our congregation & ministry)

## Thank You

To My Church Family,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the gift card, it will be wisely used.

Also my family and I would like to thank all that contributed to the scholarship fund for the children who would not have an opportunity to attend a fine preschool as South End.

There are families who would not have funds to send their children to preschool and this will give a head start our future leaders.

In Christ,

**Kay Stone and Family** 

#### **SUMMER PROGRAM MINISTRIES**

REQUESTING SUMMER VOLUNTEERS!

(Contact Ann Cover at acover@seumc.org or at 833 – 2077)

#### 1) Summer Food Program

[A weekly food distribution during the summer school vacation for designated families who rely on the federal free and reduced lunch program through the public schools to adequately feed their children]

Volunteer Needs (sign up for one or more times)
[Thanks to all those who have made commitments to help!]

Mondays: (June 3 – July 29) 1pm Weekly Food Pickup

Tuesdays (June 4 – July 30) Food distribution

at SEUMC Fellowship Hall

Wodnesdays (June 5 – July 21) Food Distribution

Wednesdays (June 5 – July 31) Food Distribution at SEUMC Fellowship Hall

#### 2) Taking our summer VBS to Haywood Lane Apartments

[This is an outdoor, morning experience in which we take VBS to the children where they live! Ann Cover, Leigh Ann Cate (Crievewood UMC) and Becky Peeler (West End UMC) plan the VBS sessions. Youth, adults and children from four churches are our leaders and volunteers.]

Tuesdays and Thursdays in June: 9:00 – 11:00 am Volunteers will: read to children, work with crafts, serve snacks, be there as a friend/presence.

Volunteers to be at SEUMC by 9 am any Tues.or Thurs. in June.

<u>6/18 and 20</u> -- Ann Cover, Lee Tomlin w/<u>adults, youth & children from SEUMC</u> and Golden Triangle Youth

<u>6/25</u> -- Becky Peeler, Ann Cover, Lee Tomlin & older elementary group from West End UMC and Youth from First UMC Norphlet, Arkansas.

<u>6/27</u> -- Leigh Ann Cate, Ann Cover, Lee Tomlin and volunteers from Crievewood UMC and Youth from First UMC, Norphlet, AK



# Habitat Fundraiser ~BBQ & Music ~



Saturday, June 29, 2013

BBQ or Chicken Dinner \$8 adults, \$3 children

Food served: 11 am to 2 pm & 4 to 6 pm

Entertainment

12:00 -4:00 p.m. In the sanctuary.

This is a fundraiser for our Habitat for Humanity build.

In order to raise our portion of the funds for this year's Habitat House Build, we ask that each Church family purchase \$80 of BBQ tickets. We encourage you to sell these tickets or give them to friends and family.

Don't want to cook for the 4th of July?
Our United Methodist Men are
selling Whole Boston butts for \$35.00.
Get your order in now!

# Homecoming ~ 2013

Sunday, June 30, 2013
Potluck Ment following worship!

PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!

#### **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

6/1 Nathan Dunbar

6/8 Allen Chiasson

6/9 Carol Ferris

6/10 Tom Ferris

6/14 Bates Southall

6/22 Joshua Ferris

6/23 Andrew Ferris

