

SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:15 A.M.  
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP  
10:30

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## THE SOUTH END SOURCE FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

### New Year's resolutions vs. Spiritual self-evaluation

The holiday season is over -- wondrous anticipation of Christ's coming and the joyous celebration of his birth.

As the candles are extinguished, the family and friends have gone home and the decorations have been taken down, we are often left with feelings of sadness, or fatigue, or emptiness. New Year's resolutions give us something immediate to focus on as we head back to work and school, should we miss the Valentine's Day cards in the stores calling out for our attention!

**Rather than thinking of resolutions to be fulfilled, perhaps** a more satisfying endeavor is that of spiritual self-evaluation. We have just celebrated the greatest gift ever given to humankind. What better time is there to take stock of what that gift means to the living of our lives?

**Take time in the coming days to pause and reflect on the following questions:**

- ~ Where have I seen God at work in my life: in my compassion, in my sensitivity toward the deep ills of society, in my prayer life and my study of the scriptures?
- ~ Have I earnestly prayed and worked for peace -- in my family and in my community?
- ~ Have I worked to preserve and protect the physical world around me?
- ~ To what extent have I been faithful in both the private and public worship of God?
- ~ How have I supported those in need, in sorrow, in pain, and confusion?
- ~ How have I supported new members of the congregation or people new in their faith, particularly those who at their baptism I promised to nurture and undergird with prayer?
- ~ What growth have I seen this past year in my walk with Christ?
- ~ What threats to committed discipleship have I overcome -- and which threats still challenge me?
- ~ Have I remembered to give thanks to God for all the progress I see and to seek earnestly from God the power to follow more fully?

(Adapted from *This Day: A Wesleyan Way of Prayer* by Laurence Hull Stookey. Abingdon Press, 2004, pp.98-99.)



**I pray that this kind of soul searching will lead all of us in to the new year with a renewed sense of focus, peace, and inner strength.**

May God richly bless your New Year!

Yours in Christ,  
Ann Cover

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*Coordinator...*

*Robert Dodd*

*Assistant Director...*

*Sobiya Uddin*

## Upcoming 2017 Church Calendar

January 22–February 26

Scriptural texts for worship will be the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew, chapters 5-7)

Thursday-Sunday, January 27-29

~ Warmth In Winter ~ (Conference Youth Retreat) at the Gaylord Opryland Convention Center

Saturday, January 28, 10:00 a.m.

South End String Band at Bethany Health Center

Sunday, Jan 29, 10:30 a.m.

~ Service of Song ~

(think of hymn requests and look forward to the South End String Band leading in worship)

Sunday, Feb 12 ~ Following worship

~ Boy Scout Sunday ~

Boy Scout Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser

Sunday, Feb 12 ~ Following worship

~ Administrative Council Meeting ~

Sunday, February 26, 6:00 p.m.

~ Service of Song and Prayer ~ At Creeewood UMC (Liberty, Creeewood, Mt. Pisgah, & South End)

## Calling New Volunteers for Room In The Inn at SEUMC

There are a handful of committed people who have kept this ministry going for a number of years at South End UMC. We need to expand upon this group of faithful volunteers, and we are asking those of you who have never volunteered to consider working with a seasoned volunteer just once during this winter. Your help is especially needed for spending the night and transporting our guests from downtown. Ann Cover

## Meet the Newlyweds

Honoring

## Robert and Crystal Kirby

Sunday, January 29th 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

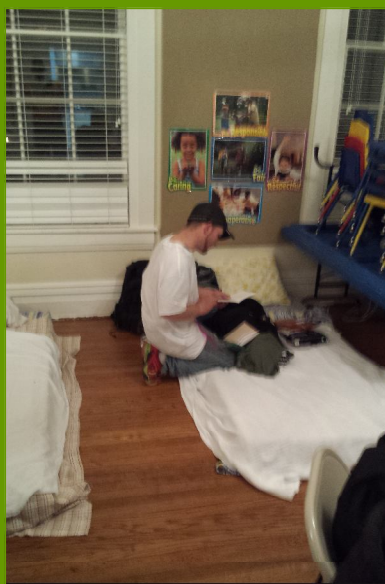
South End United Methodist Church

5042 Edmondson Pike, Nashville

~ Gift card tree available for those who wish to participate~

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S MINISTRY TO OUR ROOM IN THE INN GUESTS

Thank you to the United Methodist Women who once again provided gift backpacks filled with caps, scarves, gloves, long underwear, shirts, a gift card and other goodies to the men who stayed at SEUMC on December 16, 2016.



## Good Neighbor Update ~ December 2016

Total donations were \$649. Distributions in the amount of \$2,183 (using surplus from large gift in November ) were given to 15 families for assistance with gas, utilities and food. Additional gifts included garden sweet potatoes, Thrift Smart cards and pantry food.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### January

Liz Sanders 1/11  
Jimmy Dunbar 1/12  
Nicolae Donaldson 1/16  
Gail Sanders 1/23  
Bill Burnett 1/25  
Kay Bixler 1/27  
Marshall Riley 1/30



### February

Jonathan Ferris 2/2 Polly Maxfield 2/27  
Jeffrey Lassiter 2/6 Mack Lassiter 2/29  
Linda Carter 2/8  
Betty Southall 2/10  
Lee Tomlin 2/13  
Spencer Dodd 2/21  
Sara Miller 2/24



# Church Leadership for 2017

South End United Methodist Church  
Church Leadership for 2017

## Administrative Council

Administrative Board Chair	Irene Marshall
Vice Chair	Frances Merrit
Secretary	Ruth Ann Looney
Lay Leader	Linda Carter
Nurture	Linda Dunbar
Witness	Linda Dunbar
Outreach	JoAnn Dawson
Treasurer	Carol Ferris
Financial Secretary	Kelly McIver
Finance Chair	Philip Wallace
Endowments Chair	Jud Scott
SPRC Chair	Earnie Hickerson
Board of Trustees Chair	Joe Jackson
UMM	Rick Rains
UMW	Linda Dunbar and JoAnn Dawson –
Chair, Weekday Ministries	Rebecca Lassiter and Elizabeth Shadbolt
Scout Representative	John Walker
Lay Member to AC	Gail Sanders
Alternate Delegate	Lee Tomlin
Pastor	Ann Cover
Preschool Director	Robert Dodd
Music Ministry Representative	Rick Rains
Children's Choir	Earnie Hickerson, Jerry Duncan
Members at Large	Jennifer Turcotte, Mark Hines, Abby Dodd, Josh Ferris, Michael Portacci, Bill Burnett

## Ministry Groups

**Nurture Ministries Group** (BOD ¶1252.2a: Worship, education, stewardship, member care, and small group ministries group.)

Linda Dunbar - Nurture Chair

Jerry Duncan— Worship—(Chair), Tommy McIver, Rick Rains, Jim Kirby, Earnie Hickerson, Kitty Shadbolt,  
[Rick Frazer, Eric Pio, and Andrew Ferris – AV/tech support]

Education -- Brenda Nance, Irene Marshall, Allison Marshall, Peggy Duke, Lynda Carter

Member Care – Linda Carter, Linda Dunbar, Gail Sanders

Stewardship -- Bill Jones, Jud Scott, Joe Jackson, Kelly McIver, Allen Donaldson, Jared Weis, Earnie Hickerson, Ruth Portacci,  
Liz Shadbolt, Phillip Wallace, Ann Cover

**Witness Ministries Group** (BOD ¶1252.2c: Shall give attention to developing and strengthening evangelistic efforts...)

Jerry and Lynda Duncan

Jud Scott; Bill and JoAnn Dawson; Linda Dunbar; Suzanne and Rick Rains

Communication Team – Angie Walker (Chair), Gail Sanders, Lynda Dunbar, Linda Dunbar, Ruth Ann Looney

**Outreach Ministries Group** (¶1252.2b: attention to local and larger community ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy. Includes church and society, global ministries, higher education and campus ministry, health and welfare, ...)

Bill Dawson and JoAnn Dawson

Jenny Dodd; Cathy Donaldson; Kitty Johnson; Connie Johnson; Gail Sanders; Connie Mathews, Ann Cover - Pastor

Weekday Ministries Board

Will include: SPRC representative, trustees representative, church finance representative

Chair – Rebecca Lassiter and Elizabeth Shadbolt  
Health Representative -- Kitty Shadbolt  
Finance – Carol Ferris  
Preschool Teacher Representative – Brenda Nance  
Parent Representative -  
Educator -- Peggy Duke  
Director, Preschool – Robert Dodd –  
Assistant Director – Preschool-Sobiya Uddin  
Trustee Representative – Rob Dodd  
Staff Parish Representative – Rebecca Lassiter  
Ann Cover - Pastor

Board of Trustees (BOD ¶259.3: ¶¶2524-2551)

Joe Jackson (Chair -- 2019)  
Tommy McIver (2019)  
Carolyn Swinney (2019)  
Robert Nance (2017)  
Al Chiasson (2017)  
Dudley Looney (2018)  
Rick Rains (2018)  
Chris Wince (2018)  
Ann Cover (Pastor)

SPRC Committee (BOD ¶259.2)

Earnie Hickerson (Chair–2018)  
Peggy Duke (2019)  
Gene Eason (2019)  
Rebecca Lassiter (2017)  
Jenny Dodd (2017)  
Janna Chiasson (2017)  
Anthony Belfiglio (2018)  
Ann Cover (Pastor)  
Linda Carter (Lay Leader)

Finance (BOD ¶259.4)

Philip Wallace (Chair)  
Carol Ferris (Treasurer) (Treasurer's duties  
outlined in BOD ¶259.4b)  
Cathy Donaldson  
Kelly McIver (Financial Secretary)  
Joe Jackson (Trustees Chair)  
Linda Carter (Lay Leader)  
Ann Cover (Pastor)

Endowments (established as subcommittee of Trustees)

Jud Scott (Chair)  
Carol Ferris (Treasurer)  
Kelly McIver (Financial Secretary)  
Joe Jackson (Trustees Chair)  
Linda Carter (Lay Leader)  
Ann Cover (Pastor)

Committee of Lay Leadership (Nominations) (BOD ¶259.1)

To Be Elected at Charge Conference:

Ann Cover (Pastor/Chair of Nominations)  
Gail Sanders (2019)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2019)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2019)  
Angie Walker (2017)  
Philip Wallace (2017)  
Liz Shadbolt (2018)  
Eli Crouse (2018)  
John Walker (2018)  
Linda Carter (Lay Leader)

- The ¶ numbers refer to paragraphs in the United Methodist Book of Discipline, where the requirements and duties of each committee are outlined. A copy of the Discipline is available in the church office for your perusal.