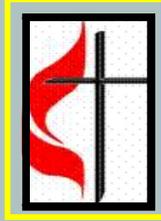


SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:15 A.M.
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
10:30



THE SOUTH END SOURCE

From The Pastor's Study

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Nursery Coordinator, Rob Dodd

South End Preschool

Director, Rob Dodd

Assistant Director, Sobiya Uddin

Taking Care, Planning Ahead

I have been pastor here at South End UMC for over ten years and I can say that **over those years I have greatly appreciated the commitment, expertise and work of the Board of Trustees, chaired by Bill Carter, Joe Jackson, Nina McIver and Rick Rains.**

The Trustee members have truly committed themselves to ensuring that our property, buildings and furnishings are well maintained in order to be a safe and welcoming place for us to worship, learn, grow spiritually, serve and host others. They are also **known for planning ahead for our future in this place**, not waiting for emergencies or crises to make decisions and act on them!

You may notice that **the large and old tree** along the church is being carefully and **professionally taken down**. It has shown signs of internal weakness and rotting over the last year. Joe Jackson has received bids from several companies for this job. While the tree may have fallen during a storm (as has several of the large branches in the past year) and not harmed one of our buildings, it may have fallen on cars or people. Before any harm could occur, the tree is being taken down. **We give thanks for its presence all these years, and we give thanks for the wisdom of the Trustees in knowing when it should come down!**

You will also notice that we have a **new concrete ramp going into the Fellowship Hall**. While the immediate impetus for its arrival was accidental damage to the previous wooden ramp, the Trustees were already making plans for replacing and upgrading this ramp as some of the underlying boards were beginning to weaken, having been there for more than 16 years.

While an insurance payment from the party involved has been used to pay for the new ramp, a majority of the **monies given in memory of Polly Maxfield have also been used for this new ramp**. **Her family decided that this would be a wonderful expression of her commitment to this church and to the future of its ministry.**



Such a ramp is so important for those who find steps hard or impossible to navigate and for bringing pounds of food and garden veggies in and out of the building.

I suspect it will be known as Ms. Polly's Ramp! She would be so proud!

Just as we plan ahead for the use of these wonderful church facilities, **may we also give such careful attention to our bodies and our hearts – so we are ready and able to use our faith and the many gifts we have been given whenever and however they are needed!**

Yours in Christ, Ann Cover

In Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy and heart felt prayers to the Beeman family in the death of
Chris Furlough who died on September 4, 2018.

Welcome Baby Leandro Henry Alcazar Thurm

Congratulations to the proud parents, Abel Alcazar and Dana Thurm and grandparents, Luis & Piadad Alcazar,
in the birth of Leandro Henry Alcazar Thurm on August 22, 2018.

CHURCH CALENDAR

September/October 2018

- September 22 ~ Fall Work Day 8:00 a.m.-12 noon
- September 25 ~ Older Adult Trip - Lunch at Beacon Light Tea Room
- September 29 ~ Music Ministry at Bethany Center @ 10 a.m. (South End String Band)
- October 2 ~ Older Adult Trip-Morning Glory Apple Orchard. Leave at 9:30 a.m. \$5.00
- October 2 ~ SEUMC Preschool International Dinner 5:00–9:00 p.m.
- October 7~ Administrative Council Meeting following worship
- October 7 ~ Begin Children's Christmas Musical work during Sunday School (9:15 am)
- October 13 ~Music Ministry at Wellington Place @ 10:30 a.m. (South End String Band)
- October 17 ~ Communion Service at Wellington Place @ 11:00 a.m.
- October 20 ~ Habitat BBQ & Music Fundraiser
- October 25 ~ Older Adult Luncheon outing (Place to be announced)
- October 27~ Music Ministry at Bethany Center @ 10:30 a.m. (South End String Band)
- October 27~Trunk N' Treat 1:00–3:00 p.m.
(Table Games for all ages every Monday at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall)

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our combined Chin Congregation/SEUMC meal on September 2:

Rick & Suzanne Rains
Carol Braden; Ann Cover
Jimmy & Linda Dunbar; Tracey Carr
Linda Carter; Gail Sanders
Lee & Landon Tomlin
Luis & Piadad Alcazar
Earnie Hickerson
Connie & Kai Mathews

The shared meal was delicious and the experience of sharing in the Lord's Prayer in two languages was a special blessing to all.

Older Adult Ministry

A core focus of the September 18 Older Adult Conference was —
We are never too old to share our faith, our wisdom and our experiences for benefit of others, especially those in the Body of Christ!
(1 Timothy 4:14 "Do not neglect the gift that is in you.")

- Sept. 25 ~ Lunch at Beacon Light Tea Room Church bus leaving at 10:45 a.m.
- Oct. 2nd ~ Morning Glory Apple Orchard Church bus leaving at 9:30 a.m. (bring \$5)
A 30 min tour followed by lunch at Nana's (meat & 3 in Nolensville)

GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND

August 2018

Total donations were \$3,775. Distributions in the amount of \$2,756 were given to 16 families for assistance with gas, utilities, rent, food and medicine.

Additional people were served by our Food Pantry.



Our children and youth are invited to participate in a wonderful musical for this Advent season!

Earnie Hickerson, Lee Tomlin, Jennifer Turcotte and others will be working with the children/youth during the first half of Sunday School each week, beginning Sunday October 7.

Report to the sanctuary at 9:15 am for singing!

The rest of the hour will be the Bible lesson in their respective classroom.

Tentative date of the musical will be **Sunday, December 16 during worship.** CD's of the music will be available for families to take home on Oct 7.

Questions? Contact Ann Cover

September—HAPPY BIRTHDAY ~ October

SEPTEMBER

David Cannon	9/1
Gen. William Jones	9/4
Scott Regas	9/5
Savannah Tomlin	9/7
Ruth-Ann Looney	9/11
Phillip Wallace	9/13
Suzie Harlan	9/15
Carol Fager	9/21
Ed Marks	9/23
Ernest Blair	9/25
Matthew Jones	9/26

OCTOBER

Nancy Beeman	10/13
Peggy Duke	10/14
Jerry Duncan	10/14
Brian Wilson	10/14
Jenny Dodd	10/16
Carolyn Cannon	10/18
Andelyn Regas	10/19
Jerry Duke	10/23
Valerie Tomlin	10/28
Irene Marshall	10/30



Church Fall Clean This Saturday! ~ 8:00 a.m.—12 Noon

We hope many of you will come out this Saturday to help with our annual Fall Clean Up.

We need help both indoors and outdoors.

Trimming

Weeding

Starting to tear down the garden

Whatever we do not get done this Saturday morning, we will make a list of priorities still to be done.

Others can volunteer when they have time to help with anything on the list in the coming weeks.

OUR 2018 HABITAT BUILD

Thank you to the following people who helped with our Habitat Build on September 16, 2018.

David Cannon, Tim Cantrell, Eli Crouse, Jimmy Dunbar,
Sam King, Kelly McIver, Tommy McIver, Kaylin Perryman,
Becky Pollock, David Scott, Jud Scott



(Pictures from 2017)

HABITAT BBQ & MUSIC FUNDRAISER - October 20, 2018



Be sure to mark your calendar for the annual SEUMC BBQ & Music Fundraiser.

Be watching for more information about ticket sales this special annual event sponsored by our United Methodist Men's Group.



BBQ



Tennessee United Methodist Annual Conference 2018

It has been my honor to attend the Tennessee UMC Annual Conference held this June 13-15 as your delegate.

Some highlights follow:

Bishop William McAlilly led the clergy and laity attendees through the worship and business sessions. The conference theme was to join a movement named "See All the People" by getting to know and building relationships with those around us. We were told to use Jesus to see the people and to reach out to them using the adage "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."

A memorial service was held on Wednesday morning for the pastors and spouses who passed since the last conference.

During lunch and early afternoon sessions, Rev. Junius Dotson and Bishop McAlilly shared with us the means of making disciples in our communities. They said that we are strategically placed to make disciples. A video was shown recognizing 15 retiring ministers and their spouses.

Over the last five years, our conference membership has decreased 2% while attendance has decreased 10%. Online attendance is occurring in some churches.

A service of Licensing, Commissioning and Ordination was held on Wednesday night with our Frances Frierson Merritt being licensed as a First-Time Local Pastor. Thirteen persons from South End were there to share in this momentous occasion. A reception followed.

On Thursday morning, a constitutional amendment from the 2016 General Conference was brought forward for a vote regarding the rights of women including pastors. A vote was required because of erroneous wording in a previous vote on the matter.

The 2019 Conference Budget and Conference Resolutions were presented to allow attendees the required 24-hour period for review before Friday's votes. We were updated by the Bishop and Dr. Julie Hage Love on the current status of the Commission on the Way Forward – a task force created by the 2016 General Conference to address the issues of human sexuality within the United Methodist Church. The goal of the commission's work is to provide for the most unity as possible, the most diversity as possible, the most global reach as possible and still remain one denomination. More information will be provided in the near future on the General Conference Special Session to be held in February 2019. There was significant emphasis in these conference proceedings on how we are all unified in Jesus Christ and how many other beliefs we hold dear and in common as United Methodists.

We heard from our missionary in Costa Rica, representatives from Martin Methodist College, Miriam's Promise, Cedar Crest and Beersheba Springs, Stratford High School (Dalewood/Aldergate UMC), Golden Cross, and were shown a video about working to help those with Dementia/Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers. An update was provided about Fresh Start-Columbia, a ministry, sponsored by our conference, with a Christ-like environment that provides healing and transformation of broken people. There, an individual is empowered to become the best that he or she can be. Conference ministries have been restructured into strategic teams from the old model of standing committees that may or may not have worked close together.

The United Methodist Hymnal is again under revision and the Revision Committee seeks your input. To participate in a survey, go to: www.research.net/r/worshipforhymnalrevision.

Deaconesses of our conference were recognized and their ministries prayed for by Bishop McAlilly. Included in these women was our own Liz Shadbolt who works with Open Table Nashville, a nonprofit that focuses on helping people rise above homelessness.

The Annual Conference 2018 voted Yes on the Resolution on Intent to Form a New Conference joining our conference with the Memphis Conference. The vote was taken to decide whether or not to endorse the intent to move forward with a plan to form a new conference. This vote also means that the leadership of both conferences will continue this year to work out the legalities of joining pension, health care, and other entities such as location(s) of staff offices. Approval of further study will lead to another vote at both conferences in 2019.

The Tennessee UMC Conference has 636 churches that are divided among five districts. South End UMC is in the Cumberland River District. Our District Superintendent is Rev. Scott Aleridge.

Rev. Ann Cover has received an appointment to South End UMC for this next year.

More information about the conference including the List of Appointments for 2018 can be found at tnumc.org.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Gill Sanders