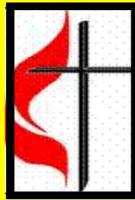


SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:15 A.M.
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
10:30



THE SOUTH END SOURCE

From The Pastor's Study

Called into the Ministry of Church Leadership

If you have spent any time in worship at South End UMC, you know that there are several people who preach from time to time – and we all have different “titles”!

I (Ann Cover) am the ordained Elder (pastor) appointed by the bishop to this congregation. John Walker is a Certified Lay Speaker. Frances Merritt is a Certified Candidate who has been approved by our District Committee on Ministry to attend Licensing School prior to being appointed this July as a part time Licensed Local Pastor. When Erica Allen was with us, she was also a Certified Candidate who was approved by the same District Committee on Ministry to pursue the ordination as an Elder, pending the completion of her seminary work (M. Div degree) and residency years.

Confused yet? Well, we are Methodists and thus we have a pathway with rules and guidelines for just about everything, which for the most part is a very positive thing!

All four of us started the process as an Exploring Candidate. “...this step exists is to help the exploring candidate discern what shape God’s call is taking in their lives. It involves one’s inward call—the call of God on their lives as they sense it inwardly; and it involves an outward call—the call of God on a person’s life as outside observers recognize and affirm that call” (sgaumc.org)

John discerned that his call was not to licensed or ordained ministry but to preaching and teaching. So he followed that process that the UMC has for such a call.

A lay speaker is a professing member of a local church who is ready and desirous to serve the Church, and who is well informed on and committed to the Scriptures and the doctrine, heritage, organization, and life of The United Methodist Church. A lay speaker has completed the required training courses in lay speaking and has been approved by a district or annual conference committee on lay speaking. **Lay speakers serve the local church by** witnessing to the Christian faith through spoken communication, church and community leadership, and caregiving ministries. **When certified,** the lay speaker may conduct services of worship, preach, and lead study sessions as requested by the pastor or the district superintendent. (umc.org)

Frances has taken a different path. Having completed a bachelor degree in Biblical studies and theology (American Baptist College, Nashville), certification to serve as a volunteer chaplain for the Metro Nashville police Department and the early steps of the United Methodist candidacy process, Frances has discerned that her call to ministry takes the form of a Licensed Local Pastor.

Local pastors are not ordained but are licensed to preach and conduct divine worship and perform the duties of a pastor. They are appointed, but need not make themselves available as itinerant ministers. Local pastors may also serve in extension ministries settings. They are not elected into membership of the annual conference. **When appointed, the local pastor performs** the usual duties of a pastor, including preaching and teaching; leading in worship and liturgy; receiving new members; performing the sacraments of baptism and The Lord's Supper; and performing the services of marriage (where state laws allow), burial, and confirmation. The local pastor’s authority is only within the appointment setting and does not extend beyond it. (umc.org)

In late fall of 2017, Frances was asked to accept the part time position of pastor/chaplain to the employees of the UM Publishing House, which she does in addition to her long held administrative position there. **By approval of the District Committee on Ministry and the Bishop’s Cabinet, this position at the publishing House will become Frances’ first appointment.** Thus she will be attending an intensive week of Licensing School (May 13-19) at Lakeshore Camp (Memphis Conference UMC Camp).

Our prayers go with her as she completes this phase of her preparation. **Our support of her ministry will continue** as a number of us will attend the service of Licensing, Commissioning and Ordination at Annual Conference this year – Wednesday, June 13 at 7:00 pm! **Our joy is that Frances will continue to worship with us and be part of our congregation!** Ann Cover

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In Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy and heart felt prayers to the family and friends of Jane Ragland.

Jane died under hospice care in Bloomingdale, Illinois on Monday April 30, 2018.

Her memorial service will be May 19 at First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

In Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy and heart felt prayers to the members of the Chin Bethel Congregation, and to Mr. Run Thang in the death of his wife, Mrs. Naw Thang, who died on May 2, 2018. Her funeral service will be held on Saturday May 12, at Hillcrest United Methodist Church, as our sanctuary is not large enough to hold 300 people.

CHURCH WORK DAY ~ Saturday May 19

9 a.m.—Noon

Many of you have already signed up for specific work projects that need to be addressed. Thank you! There is still time to sign up to work in areas that have not been selected. If you are interested and able to help, please let Joe Jackson know, or call the church office.

Special Recycling Day

Saturday May 12, 2018 ~ 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

West End United Methodist Church

(Parking lot—West End Ave & 22nd Ave)

WHAT is this? It is a cooperative endeavor to provide a way to recycle the things that take extra effort to recycle/dispose. It is the third such event, organized by the Creation Care Ministry of our conference and hosted by West End UMC.

This recycling event is open to the folks of the 14 participating congregations (listed below) who will provide the volunteers on site and who have each donated \$25 handle the costs, primarily of renting the large shredder. We thank our United Methodist Women for donating our \$25.

WHAT can we bring? Batteries (free) ~

Most Electronics (free) ~

CRT monitors (\$10 fee) Televisions (\$25 fee)

Documents to be shredded (large shredder on site)

Medications (Metro Police officers to accept them)

Good Will trucks (to receive "donations"/stuff from us)

Want to Volunteer on May 12?

Contact Ann Cover acover@seumc.org

Participating Congregations: Belle Meade UMC, Belmont UMC, Blakemore UMC, Calvary UMC, Christ Church Cathedral, Congregation Ohabai Shalom, Edgehill UMC, Glendale Baptist Church, Holy Name Catholic Church, McKendree UMC, Second Presbyterian Church, South End UMC, Unity of Music City and West End UMC.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PANHALKERS

Ujwalkumar and Sharlet Panhalker received their American Citizenship on April 20, 2018.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

Elliott Chiasson graduates from Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet High School. He will be going to University of Memphis. Elliott is the son of Al and Janna Chiasson.

Savannah Stephens graduates from David Lipscomb High School. She will be attending University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Savannah is the granddaughter of David & Kay Bixler and one of our summer youth volunteers.

PREPARATIONS FOR SUMMER MINISTRIES UNDERWAY

Summer Food Program (our seventh year – with an expectation of about 40 neighborhood families per week)

~ Neighborhood families, referred come to the church for weekly distribution of supplemental food :

Tuesdays 5:00 – 7:00 pm and Wednesdays 10:am – 12 noon / June 5–July 25

~ You can help by --- Being a volunteer at one or more of the distribution sessions or

–Donating a week’s worth of specific canned fruit needs

Kitty Shadbolt will be contacting folks to volunteer .

~ Tusculum Elementary and Norman Binkley Elementary School

staff as well as St. Thomas Clinic at Edmondson Pike are compiling their priority lists of families for us.

The Church Garden – Almost everything is planted: tomato plants;
cucumbers; melons; hot peppers; sweet potato “slips. Strawberries are coming in soon!

Summer Wednesdays --- 3:00 pm – 6:30 pm (June 6 –27 & July 11 –25)

A time of weekly summer programming for all of our preschool , elementary and youth at SEUMC to include Bible stories, garden and cooking activities, crafts, reading, current event discussion (youth),, and music (singing, **group ukulele lessons**, and hand chimes). It will end with a fellowship meal, singing and prayer.

If you are interested in helping with any of these ministries—please contact Ann Cover or Kitty Shadbolt via the church office (615) 833-2077, office@seumc.org or Ann’s cell (615) 310-0465.

Church Calendar

Monday, May 14 @ 9:30 a.m.

~ Fellowship Brunch at Thistle Farms Cafe
(All welcome. Riding Church Bus)

Wednesday, May 16 @ 1:00 p.m.

~ Communion Service taken to Wellington Place

Wednesday, May 16 @ 6:00 p.m.

~ Leader’s Meeting: Church Safety

Saturday, May 19 @ 8:00 a.m.—Noon

~ Church Workday

Sunday, May 27 @ 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

~ Confirmation Sunday

SEUMC MUSIC MINISTRY

South End String Band

May Schedule

Saturday May 12 ~ Wellington Place @ 10:30 a.m.

Saturday May 19 ~ Bethany Center @ 10:00 a.m.

Saturday May 26 ~ Judson Baptist @ 11:00 a.m.

Good Neighbor Update

April 2018

Total donations were \$1,593.
Distributions in the amount of \$1,615 given to 9 families for assistance with gas, utilities & food.

Additional people were served by our Food Pantry.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May & June

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Elliott Chiasson	5/1	Lydia Chiasson	5/31
Dante Belgio	5/11	Beau Seiner	5/31
Jim Kirby	5/11		
Iris Lassiter	5/18		
Eli Crouse	5/20		
Angie Dunbar	5/22		
John Walker	5/26		
Rob Dodd	5/31		



Nathan Dunbar	6/1
Al Chiasson	6/8
Carol Ferris	6/9
Tom Ferris	6/10
Bates Southall	6/14
Joshua Ferris	6/22
Andrew Ferris	6/23

