



Thank you for your hard work and efforts to continue the mission of the local church. Let's recognize and celebrate the good work and ministry happening in our midst. Receive these important updates.

Car Wash Results

Car wash sales totals were not available when the July newsletter was released, but they are now. With the help of a mobile fundraising app generating about half of proceeds, total gross sales for the car wash was \$8,645! Net sales after supply cost were **\$8,548.69**. Someone commented these figures are super impressive, considering most car washes generate a few hundred dollars! A few participants prepared the grounds with general landscaping on the grounds in front of the outreach building* before June 21, and 27 total participants worked in some way for the car wash. Total man hours approached 140 hours, so the net proceeds per labor hour were \$61.37! A summary follows:

Gross proceeds	\$8,645.00
Supply cost	\$96.31
Net sales	\$8548.69
Total labor hours	139 hours 18 mins.
\$/hour	\$61.37/participant hour

As impressive as these are, the more inspiring portions are those subsequent stories of personal development among yard sale/car wash participants. Here are some inspiring developments:

- A man went to treatment in April, has remained, and now entered phase two of a treatment program.
- A man returned to McMinnville after two months in a treatment facility, but allocated remaining yard sales proceeds to go to a second facility better suited for his personality and interests.
- A man got his license reinstated, one year of automobile insurance paid, \$1,900 heart medication prescription provided through

Dispensary of Hope, and is assessing whether professional driving is medically feasible.

- A couple used their proceeds for a new pair of shoes, a portable air conditioning unit for \$75 purchased at a thrift store to cool their hot house, and MES utility payments. The woman got her ID and also paid towards child support.
- A man put \$600 of car wash proceeds towards truck repair and safely returned to Indiana where temporary job prospects are more favorable.
- A woman got 3 box fans & an oscillating fan for friends she is temporarily living with. Those four fans cost the exact amount she had earned from the yard sale – *to the penny!*
- A few paid on their court fines.
- One requested funds towards residential plumbing needs, but due to a cheap solution, will divert funds towards a cash vehicle to dependably get to work without relying on others.
- Some contributors have balances remaining, and we look forward to their continued progress.

**Our landscaping agreement does not include space around the outreach building, so volunteers and creative solutions are necessary to keep this area appealing.*

Discovery Park of America Field Trip

I am partial to Discovery Park for its location in my hometown, but I hope there are a few more fans of DPA than before. I am still blown away that 46 attendees traveled to West Tennessee. (It was reported 40 were non-guests/church attendees). Originally, I was hopeful for 10-12 travelers; 46 is outstanding; this congregation has a habit of exceeding my expectations (that's a good thing)! Enjoy some pictures from our trip, especially those featuring the Real Bodies exhibit. Remember, Psalm 139:14 (NRSV) says, "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well."

(Photos of Discovery Park on pages 4-6)

Men's retreat at Beersheba canceled

As I was about to register for the August men's retreat at Beersheba, we learned the retreat had been cancelled partially due to recent maintenance issues which arose, but primarily because of low registration numbers. Personally, I am disappointed it was cancelled. Men, we would probably do ourselves a favor by registering earlier in future years, but I confess I am also part of the problem for not doing so. Next year, men, let's register early and ensure this can be a good annual event.

Confirmation for Youth?

Confirmation class for youth has been on our radar for a few years. Staff members are prayerfully discerning whether the time might be right for such a class. Parents should be informed that confirmation marks an important juncture for young people in the United Methodist Church. The goal of confirmation aims to educate youth in basic tenets of the Christian faith, and it potentially culminates with public professions of faith and/or baptisms among prepared students. Unbaptized students are invited to make public profession of faith, be baptized, and join the church as a professing member. Students previously baptized are invited to make their faith public, join the church, and participate in a remembrance of baptism. Many confirmation classes also conclude with offsite retreats at destinations like Lakeshore or Lake Junaluska in North Carolina. Wouldn't that be fun?! Parents, expect more information about confirmation after school resumes.

Sunday School Discussion Wednesday, August 13, @ 5PM

Because attendance for adult Sunday School has been down for some time, could consolidating 1-3 of our Sunday School classes be helpful? Consolidation could enrich the overall experience with more attendees per class, spread out teaching responsibilities, and strengthen fellowship among participants.

Everyone (especially Sunday School leaders) is invited to attend a discussion on Wednesday, August 13 at 5:00 PM, in the fellowship hall concerning Sunday School realities and possibilities.

Wednesday Nights to Return

Wednesday night programming is scheduled to resume August 20.

Wednesday Night Adult Study Parents, does it feel as if your child's first word may as well be *smartphone*?

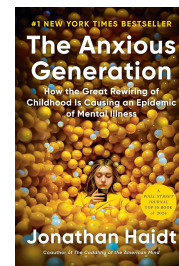
Increasingly, kids ask for phones at younger and younger ages. Parents, if you are facing or have faced this challenge you are certainly not alone. More and more studies suggest benefits of smartphones (security, accessibility, connectivity,

etc.) should be evaluated in light of related long term risks (long term mental health, a culture of comparison, and harmful peer pressure, etc.). I was recently introduced to a best-selling book in which has garnered much attention – *The Anxious*

Generation. In a district meeting, I discussed with another pastor about her church's experience using this book as material for a small group study. Now it's coming to a church near you in

McMinnville - ours! If you would like to have Tena order *The Anxious Generation*

for you, please request a copy during office hours and pay in advance for your copy to help us stay more organized. If that's not possible, we will order a few extra. To ensure your own copy, please order in advance by calling 473-4419 during office hours or emailing tena@mcminnvillefumc.com.



Interested in taking the next step in the local church?

Consider a ministry Team:

We appreciate the good work of so many serving on ministry teams throughout the remainder of 2025. As August is upon us and the work of identifying ministry teams for next year has begun, consider doing a favor for your church. If you would like to serve in a particular area, make that known. *An area of particular need will be a finance chairperson for 2026.* Note, more than half require membership in the local congregation; check with Pastor Ryan to verify. A short summary of various ministry teams follow:

The ***Finance Committee*** oversees the budgeting, income generation, and responsible management of church funds to support the mission and ministry of the congregation. Working closely with church leadership, the committee ensures transparency, accountability, and alignment of financial practices with the vision of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

The ***Staff-Parish Relations Committee*** supports and evaluates the pastor and staff, fosters healthy communication between congregation and leadership, and helps align staffing with the church's mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ. The committee ensures ethical and effective personnel practices, collaborates with the district superintendent on appointments, and upholds confidentiality and spiritual discernment in all decisions.

The ***Board of Trustees*** and the ***Incorporation*** manages and maintains the church's property and assets to support its disciple-making mission, ensuring all legal, safety, and stewardship responsibilities are fulfilled. Trustees provide oversight of facilities, insurance, and gifts while aligning

property use with the church's vision and community needs.

The **Nominations and Leader Development Committee** identifies, equips, and supports spiritual leaders who can guide the church in fulfilling its mission of making disciples and transforming the community. This team helps individuals discover their gifts, invites them into leadership, and ensures church roles are filled with faithful and well-prepared laity.

The **Missions team** leads the congregation in participating in God's global and local mission of redemption, justice, and transformation by fostering awareness, engagement, and support for outreach ministries. Rooted in the example of Christ's self-emptying love, this team equips the church to serve with compassion, cross boundaries, and witness to God's grace through mission education, hands-on service, and faithful partnerships.

The **Shepherding Team** offers ongoing care and spiritual support by sharing appropriate resources during life's significant or difficult moments. Through these simple yet meaningful acts, the team embodies Christ's compassion and reminds individuals they are not alone in their journey.

The **Lay Member of Annual Conference** represents the local church at the annual conference, participates in its decision-making, and communicates its actions back to the congregation. This role requires spiritual maturity, strong communication skills, and active engagement in both local and connessional ministries of the United Methodist Church.

If you read this far, thank you for hanging in there, and consider yourself up to date!

In Christ,
Ryan Heatherly



Plastic bags, made from fossil fuels, end up as waste in landfills and oceans. Wildlife often mistake them for food and eventually humans are harmed through the food chain. **Switch to reusable tote bags**—plastic-free and made from eco-friendly materials.

Each year, around 20 billion disposable diapers are sent to landfills, adding 3.5 million tons of waste and potentially introducing pathogens, according to the EPA. The **switch to cloth diapers** saves money, reduces exposure to unknown chemicals, and decreases landfill waste.

The US uses 6.5 million tons of paper towels annually, each ton requiring 17 trees and 20,000 gallons of water to produce. Decomposing towels in landfills emit methane. **Switch to old fabric** (especially flannel) to make absorbent washable alternatives or buy rolls of paper towels made of bamboo.

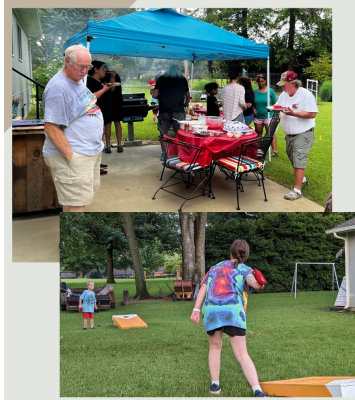
The average American family uses 500 plastic snack bags each year, which are made from non-degradable polyethylene and may contain BPA. **Switch to reusable silicone options** to reduce waste and help keep plastics out of food and the environment.

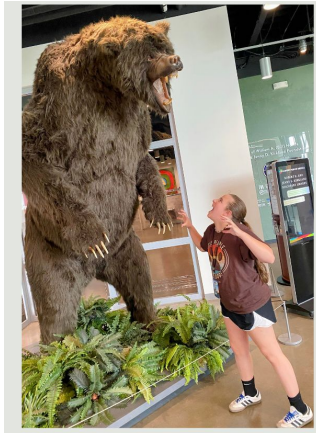
The loofah and pouf are often confused. Poufs are colorful plastic-mesh scrunchies for the shower that contribute to landfill and ocean pollution and release microfibers into water. Loofahs come from the luffa plant. They are sustainable and can be composted. **Switch to eco-friendly loofahs.**

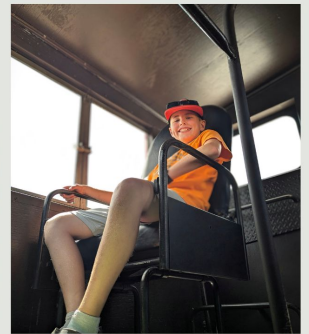
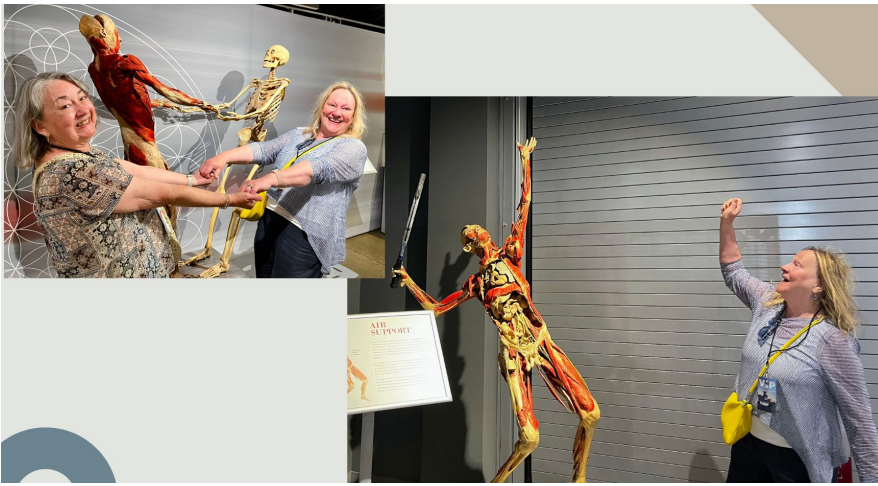
I am again asking for feminine hygiene products for the girls at WCHS. Your donations last year lasted almost the entire school year and the girls and I were so thankful for what you supplied. If you feel lead, please bring tampons and pads to me at the early service or to the church office. Thank you! Dana Mullican



Cookout at Glenn & Vicki's







Dear Prayer Shawl group,

I can't tell you how touched I was when I found the two prayer shawls that you left in a bag at my home for my step son John and I. I was truly moved to tears and John was very touched as well. John chose the grey one and I have the beautiful pink one on my bed. They exude such love and comfort, reminding us that we are not alone in our present trials and that is a great comfort. Thank you so much and may God bless you and your wonderful, loving ministry.

Sincerely, Carolyn Moge & John Moge

Calendar

Sunday, August 3 - Blessing of the Backpacks. All students and teachers bring your backpacks and /or teachers bring bags to church on this day. We will offer this during both worship services.

Wednesday, August 13 - Sunday school discussion at 5:00pm in the fellowship hall concerning Sunday School realities and possibilities.

Wednesday, August 20 - Wednesday night programming scheduled to resume

Tuesday, August 26 - Red Cross Blood Drive from 1:30pm-5:30pm in the Outreach building. All donors receive \$15 eGift Card.

Dear McMinnville Ladies,

Many, many thanks for your warm welcome and love at yesterdays' event. The brunch was delicious! We are so grateful for all the great cooks in your group. My only regret was that I would have loved to have more to enjoy it, but feel blessed for those we had.

I wish you well for the remainder of the summer August can bring many hot days! I hope we will see many of you at our annual day in October. Not knowing what the year would bring when we set our theme, it turns out it is even more important now and we have the opportunity to touch many families with God's love. We will send the recipes out soon. So we all can start planning toward our shelf stable meal kits.

Many thanks again.

Much love to all!
Susan King

It was truly sweet of you to spend all of the time it takes to make that beautiful shawl. I appreciate your kindness so much.

Hugs,
Melba Hale

Dear Ladies, The Payer Shawl Ministry

Thank you so very much for making and giving these Beautiful Blessed Shawls! We received them from a dear friend Jimmie Dean Bush. We are so grateful and Blessed! You all are doing God's work!

Many Blessings, Sherry & Chuck Kirby.

Thank you for giving gifts

TO: FUEL, General

IN MEMORY OF: Sara Jean Thaxton, Bob Cass

BY: Joe & Charlotte Hamby, Louise Brown

Good Neighbors Cooks & Driver Schedule

Aug 7

Cook: Mac
Route 1: Sandlin
Route 2: Hinds
Route 3: Sandlin
Route 4: Spanjer
Route 5: Alsbrook

Aug 21

Cook: Brock's
Route 1: Sandlin
Route 2: Hinds
Route 3: Miller
Route 4: Dodson
Route 5: Alsbrook



AUGUST



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Robbie Mitchell David & Julie Holt	2
3 Paige Chastain	4	5	6 Bryan & Melinda Miller	7	8	9 Will Davis James Chastain
10 Dennis Kronlage	11	12 Evie Hodges	13	14 Jack Phillips	15	16
17	18	19 Charlotte Hamby	20	21 Whit Taylor Susan Gulick	22	23 Woody Woodiel
24 Barry Medley	25	26 Tina Walker Stacie Harris Levon & Eulalia Jones	27 Zayden Smith Anthony & Susan Barrett	28	29 John White	30
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