

Some may not be aware how busy the last weekend of May was. Many church events center on life or death, but May 30 and 31 had some of both. Helene Vickers was laid to rest Saturday May 30 around 2:30 PM. The family gathered in the fellowship hall for a bereavement meal until about 3:30 PM. After the meal concluded, Jennifer, Levi, & Rowdy went all out on decorating the fellowship hall for the graduate recognition the following day. That night, around 7 PM, Julie led a team of servants by providing concessions for the outdoor movie *The Secret Life of Pets* organized by McMinnville Parks & Recreation. Macy & Sara Dodson slung hot dogs as a handful of others aggressively pushed melting ice cream sandwiches onto any takers.

The following morning was a great day of celebration oriented around accomplishments and new birth. Levi, Triston, and Taylor were honored for graduating. Then, the church left the building for Rowdy and Triston's baptisms. Hudson remembered his baptism and all three were confirmed by public professions of faith. Hallelujah! Isn't it good to see a harvest come from those initial plantings of seeds? Thank you to those who contributed to meals, pictures, decorations, hospitality, prayer, and fellowship in the life of the church for the special weekend. God was on display by your actions!

I will let the pictures & video do further talking for these momentous celebrations. Refer to our social media outlets www.youtube.com/@Mcminnville1stUnitedMethodist or www.facebook.com/mcminnvillefumc to view the baptisms or worship services.

As we look ahead to the summer, I anticipate getting a youth event schedule outlined in the next two weeks, completing our yard sale June 19-20, and setting our Vacation Bible School date very soon. As we have examined the New Testament and gospels quite a bit in sermons as of late, expect a return to the beginning of the Good Book as we consider some foundational stories from Genesis which challenge and inform our faith. Get your fix for Bible study with Deborah and unexpected heroes of Scripture with a Bible study beginning Wednesday, June 17 in the fellowship hall.

We've been recently praying a shared prayer each week. For the weekend just experienced, I invite us to pray this prayer of thanksgiving entering the first week of June: "Lord, thank you for the visible signs of your work and presence in our midst. Amen."

Prayerfully,
Ryan Heatherly

What a busy month May has been! We finished out the school year for our students, had a family pizza and game night to celebrate the end of the semester, then ended the month by providing concessions for Movies In The Park put on by McMinnville Parks and Rec. Thanks to Ryan, Beth, John & Ann Tobias, Dewayne Fox, Sarah, Macy & Bryce Dodson for helping set up and serve. We had a wonderful time connecting with our neighbors in the community.

As we shift gears and start thinking about VBS, it brings to mind that we have wonderful provisions in place thru the UMC to keep our children safe and our volunteering adults safe as well. It's called Safe Gatherings and it trains us how to safely interact with our children, youth and vulnerable adults. We periodically get re-certified in this and now is the time for most everyone to do this. We have a very convenient way of doing it and all you have to do is contact Tena at the church office and she will send you an email link so you can complete the training and get certified. This is necessary to complete especially if you volunteer with our children and youth and more specifically needs to be done before we have VBS in July. I need lots of volunteers to make VBS happen. I will have an information table set up Sunday June 7th in the lobby of the historic building and you can sign up for any area you chose to help make VBS a success. As always I sure do appreciate you all and love working alongside you all to bring the kingdom of God right here to our corner of downtown McMinnville.

With much Christian love,
Julie Holt
Director of Children's Ministry

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for for your kindness and support in showing me your gratitude for my service as Youth Director. It has been my great privilege to serve in this capacity. The meal, cards, gifts and love offerings are greatly appreciated.

Special thanks also to Jennifer Hankins for the beautiful decorations for our seniors and to Beth Heatherly for the wonderful slide show and everything else she did to contribute to the day. Also, to Ryan without whom I would not have had the opportunity or the acknowledgement of that opportunity. Thank you, Ryan.

Finally, to all of our young people let me say thank you and may God bless you all!

Sincerely,

Bruce Watson

**Thank you for your Memorial Gifts
to the General Fund & Missions
in Memory of
Eulalia Jones & Helene Vickers.**

Gifts were given by:

**Tom Jr. & Dianna Thaxton, Mac & Susan McWhirter,
Ronnie & Debbie Dunham, and
Woody & Becky Woodiel**

Dear FUMC Choir,

Thank you so much for the beautiful vase and cross with pressed flowers. The vase is sitting in our kitchen full of flowers and looks stunning. We feel so fortunate to have you all as friends and your presence in our lives. Thank you for celebrating with us as we begin this next chapter in our lives! You are all very dear to us and close to our hearts.

Thank You

Prayer Shawl Ministry:

Dear Friends in Christ,
Thank you to everyone in the Prayer Shawl Ministry who devoted their time and prayers to make such a special gift for us in Barbara's memory. It is a lovely reminder of God's love and your support during this difficult time. The shawl is beautiful and we are grateful for the comfort you bring in our time of grief.

With deep gratitude,
Marsha & Nathan Scott

FUMC:

Thank you so very much for the use of the church sanctuary for my mom's funeral service.

Nathan Scott & family

Good Neighbors

June 4

Lead Cook: Mac McWhirter

Route 1: Sandlin

Route 2: Sub

Route 3: Sandlin

Route 4: Dodson

Route 5: Alsbrook

June 18

Lead Cook: Everett Brock

Route 1: Sandlin

Route 2: Sub

Route 3: Miller

Route 4: Young

Route 5: Alsbrook

Dear First United Methodist Church Family,

We want to thank you for all you did to make our wedding so special. For every attention to detail, from the preparation of the building and grounds, to the flowers cut and given by the ladies at the church, to the time that many gave, we and our families are so truly grateful. Every well-wish and every prayer has been felt and appreciated as we begin our new lives together. Thank you!

FUMC welcomes Sarah McVey on staff as our new organist beginning June 21, 2026.




Warren County
TENNESSEE



Warren County Community Blood Drive
First United Methodist Church - Outreach Building

200 West Main Street - McMinnville, TN 37110

Tuesday June 23, 2026 12:30 – 5:30 PM

\$15  gift. All donors receive a \$15 e-gift card to their choice of merchant PLUS automatic entry for a chance to win one of two \$7,500 gift cards!!!

To schedule an appointment log onto redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: Warren019 or scan QR Code above call 1 800 RED CROSS

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Mike & Shelley Lopez (A) Randy & Lynn Tede (A)	3	4	5	6 Michael & Brenda Spanjer (A)
7	8	9 Steve Miller	10	11	12	13 Ann Schultz Betty Troop Ken & Mary Nelle Smith (A)
14 Everett Brock	15 Robert Newman	16 Randy Tede	17 June Hucceby Steve & Mary Koelbl (A)	18 Daria Myers	19 Karen Carr Ryle & Paige Chastain (A)	20 Lily Grace Spanjer Neil & Ann Schultz (A)
21	22 Cerissa Smith Bruce & Cerissa Smith (A)	23 Jennifer Hankins	24	25 Becky Woodiel	26 Josh Wanamaker	27 Brandon & Kristen Hodges (A)
28	29	30				

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, June 4: Good Neighbors in Fellowship Hall

Saturday & Sunday, June 6-7: Hosting Mountain T.O.P. Group from Indiana overnight in Outreach

Sunday - Thursday, June 7-10: TN-Western KY Annual Conference at Murfreesboro First UMC

Monday, June 8: Prayer Shawl Meeting

Wednesday, June 10: Church Council Strategic Planning Session @ 6pm in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 10: Choir Practice @ 7:00pm

Monday, June 15: Final day to RSVP and pay \$45 for Youth White Water Rafting Ocoee Trip. The trip will be Monday, June 29.

Wednesday, June 17: Deborah Bible Study for Men, Women, & Youth @ 6pm in Fellowship Hall for 8 weeks

Wednesday, June 17: Choir Practice @ 7:00pm

Thursday, June 18: Good Neighbors in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, June 18: Yard Sale open for church members from 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Friday & Saturday, June 19 & 20: Yard Sale in Outreach Building

Saturday, June 20: Habitat House Dedication @ 10:00am

Sunday, June 21: Combined Service @ 10:30 due to Yard Sale in Outreach

Sunday, June 21: FUMC Welcomes Sarah McVey as our new organist!

Tuesday, June 23: Staff Meeting @ 11:00

Tuesday, June 23: Red Cross Blood Drive 12:30 - 5:30 in Outreach Building

Wednesday, June 24: Deborah Bible Study week 2 @ 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall

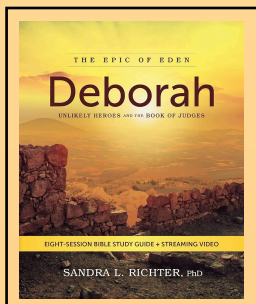
Wednesday, June 24: Choir Practice @ 7:00pm (final practice, no practice in July & August)

Thursday, June 25: GED Graduation & Reception in Outreach Building

Saturday, July 4: Pancake Breakfast

Friday, July 10: Youth Lock In and Bible Trivia Bowl

Saturday, July 11: Gilley Pool Party and Movie with McMinnville Parks and Recreation at 8:00pm



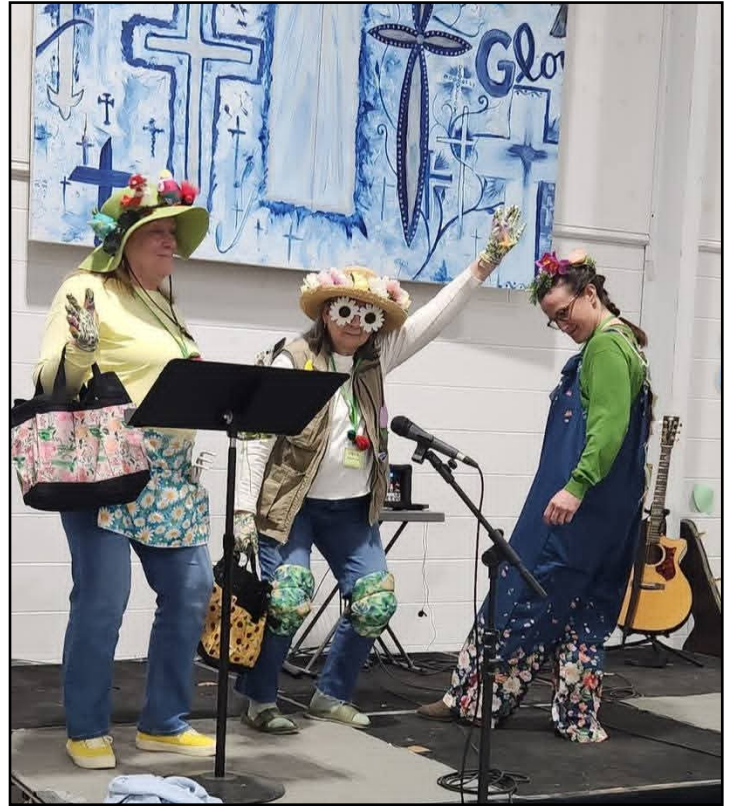
Beginning Wednesday, June 17, Marsha Newman & Peggy Bratcher will lead an 8 week study on Deborah and the book of Judges. Books are \$20 each and the deadline to order is June 8. Sign up by calling the office, writing your name on the sign up sheet in the lobby, or contacting Peggy or Marsha.



Attention: Internet Users

Due to some upgrades with our internet you will no longer need a password to use the wifi in any or our buildings on campus. You will select MFUMC Public from your phone settings and when prompted you will hit the log in button and the check mark. No password will be needed for guests to use the wifi on this system.

BEERSHEBA SPRINGS ASSEMBLY WOMEN'S RETREAT, "GATHER & GROW", MAY 1-3, 2026



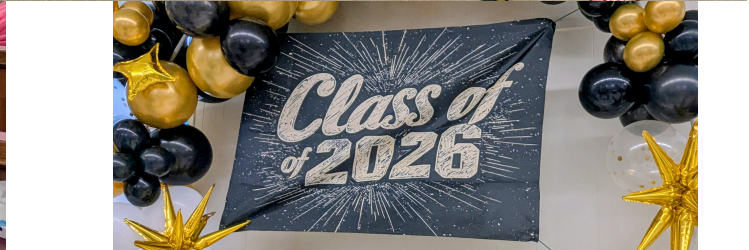
MOVIES IN THE PARK & GAME NIGHT AT FUMC



FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR ROBERT HICKS AFTER ORGAN RECITAL: MAY 19



MAY 31: GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY & CELEBRATION TO HONOR GRADUATES & BRUCE WATSON





BAPTISMS AT SMOOTH RAPIDS RIVERFRONT



EASTER SUNDAY: APRIL 5, 2026

Pastor Ryan will continue to serve at McMinnville First UMC



***Congratulations to Kyle & Tara Olver
Wedding Day April 25, 2026***



Washington's Prayer for America

JUNE 8, 1783

I now make it my earnest prayer, that God would have the United States in His holy protection, that He would incline the hearts of the Citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to Government, to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another, for their fellow citizens of the United States at large, and particularly for their brethren who have served in the Field, and finally, that He would most graciously be pleased to dispose us all, to do Justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that Charity, humility and pacific temper of mind, which were the Characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed Religion, and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy Nation. Amen

