



Last month I shared the results from the yard sale. Do you recall we earned \$6,922? A couple items were for sale online and actually pushed the total over the \$7,000 mark! What I didn't share were some stories of success which outweigh any report concerning sales figures.

Just days before the yard sale, two men who helped significantly with securing and moving inventory accepted offers to go to treatment facilities elsewhere. Then, a third man chose the same, then a fourth, and a fifth! To my knowledge four of those men remain in the programs working on their self-improvement. These results are among the type of fruit I long to see in ministry! A lot happened in a couple weeks as we turned the calendar from April to May. As one who reflects regularly, I asked myself, "How did God arrange this to happen?"

More than a year ago, I was advocating for Empower Upper Cumberland and related ministry opportunities. Families began gathering, eating, learning and sharing life together on Tuesday nights in our fellowship hall. After trying to connect with several participants, one single family began attending Wednesday night programming and activities. After months of Empower participation, a mother left years of restaurant work for a staff position with Upper Cumberland (who organizes the Empower program). You may have come to know this person as Redd, even if her business cards do say "Bryanna!" Redd has long sought ways to make a difference, but now she can access so many resources to do exactly that. Redd has been largely responsible for helping these men transition from life on McMinnville streets to the treatment facilities where they now have opportunities for transformation. Had we not said "Yes" to Empower, these important connections likely would have not been made. Men would still be on the streets, lacking coping skills as they confront recurring routines and temptations. Also, a cook ministering to people occupying bar stools as they enjoy a warm waffle would lack the resources to make a bigger difference. All this makes me ask myself, "Doesn't God know what he's doing?" In our theology, we call this GRACE. God provides when we can't see the future and works among people to orchestrate and bring forth opportunities, goodness, and prosperity among individuals, people, and communities of faith. Recall (Jeremiah 29:11 CEB) I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the LORD; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope. Praise God for the way our steps are

ordered and life's dots are connected for God's will and purpose!

Field Trip!



Travel dates to Discovery Park of America which suit most travelers are Tuesday & Wednesday, July 8-9. Confirm your attendance by listing your family name (# traveling, and which night you need a hotel reservation) at this link: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1PtVvMYkCacFeefW4RtmjUj-m2vaZCwjGgyIHIPWlacY/edit?gid=0#gid=0>. Ticket prices and information can be found at https://discoveryparkofamerica.com/visit/tickets-information/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=21079672971&gbraid=0AAACwXP6anK5Q3m75q6Cz4Chj7VEng_&gclid=CjwKCAjw6NrBBhB6EiwAvnT_rg7VY4ExiNiebSq744fkIW5xBKNRW-eBpOhp18uj4MlxIQKVqHyv7BoC7VQQAyD_BwE

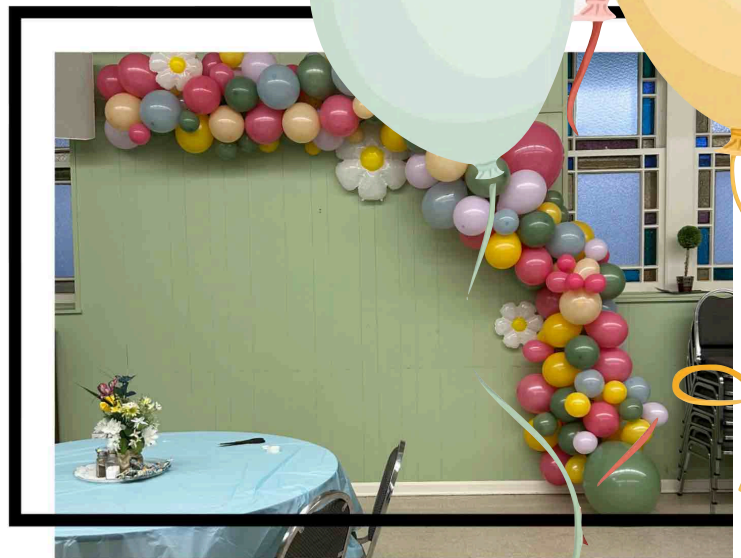
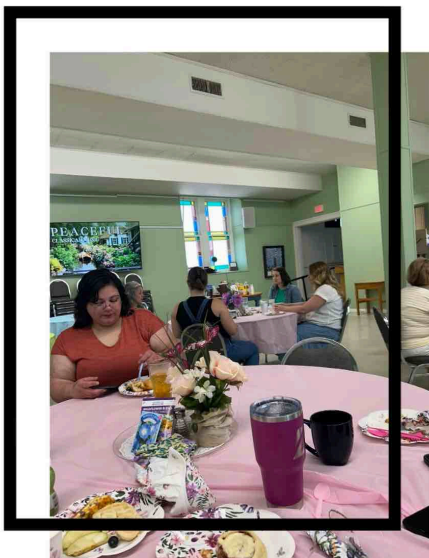
Update on previous announcement: Launching a Hispanic ministry at McMinnville First is no longer a viable option given fluid circumstances with our Hispanic brothers and sisters. We're grateful for your thoughtful discussion and openness to exploring new opportunities for ministry!

Upcoming sermon series : For some time, I have wanted to preach through all or most of a particular book of the Bible. The upcoming lectionary cycle lends itself to a thorough journey through Luke, and I look forward to leading us through this gospel beginning in June all the way to Advent (which begins November 30, 2025). Get a head start and see what Luke has to say yourself!

In Christ,
Ryan Heatherly



Ladies Brunch



Dear Family,

You can never imagine the excitement that I/ We feel...when we open the mailbox and see how the Lord is at work in this place! We are so thankful to you for supporting our mission. It could not have come at a better time! Words cannot express our gratitude enough for always supporting us during Lent, and all other days of the year!

Thank you for the \$1,501.00 and for your faith in what we do. The Hope Center is a place where we provide HOPE for those who seek to live a better and more productive life through recovery and the teaching of life skills. We are honored to serve our community! It is such a privilege and would not be possible without people like you. May God Bless you always, In All Ways!

Sincerely,
Lorie Gretzinger-Pierce, Director
The Board and Volunteers



Blessings are woven into prayer shawls crafted by volunteers at First United Methodist Church. Patricia Bryan and Jimmie Dean Bush display one of the most recent productions of the Prayer Shawl Ministry that has been at work since 2006 at First United Methodist Church. Some 20 knitters create the fashionable wraps—including red, white and blue versions for patients at Veterans Administration hospital—as gifts to people experiencing illness and other challenging times in their lives. Other specialties include chemo caps for distribution at St Jude's Childrens Hospital and the Sarah Cannon Cancer Center. The volunteers meet on the second Monday of every month and pray over their handicrafts before they're ready for giveaway. As of last week the group had given away 1,813 shawls. Bryan and Bush share in a lively and uplifting conversation about the ministry when they appear this week in the *INSIGHTS* series on McMinnville Public Radio 91.3-WCPI. The half-hour discussion airs this Saturday at 9:00 am. For further information or to request a shawl or cap interested persons may call the FUMC office at 931.473.4419.



It's always fun to have Sunday School outside!



Sunday school teachers needed for pre-k/ kindergarten class and early elementary class. Sunday school material will be provided . Any questions please call/text Julie Holt.

Justin Smith receiving house warming gifts during the first worship service.



Hello,

My name is Melissa Crouch, I am a Volunteer Coordinator for Gentiva Hospice, formerly known as Avalon Hospice. I am currently looking for volunteers who might be interested in assisting with several programs that Gentiva has to offer its patients. The types of volunteers we utilize include Direct Patient Care, Administrative, Special Projects, Vigil Services, Veteran to Veteran, and Bereavement Support.

As a direct care volunteer, you would have daily, weekly, bi weekly, or even monthly patient care contact where you might provide the companionship they are lacking in their final days. (Scheduling is often set between the volunteer and patient after the initial visit.)

As an administrative volunteer you might come to our office and assist the staff with general office tasks.

As a special project volunteer, you might play an instrument for a special event, assist with Bingo, arts and crafts, paint fingernails or do hair.

As a vigil volunteer you would be holding bedside support for the actively passing patient. You may be playing soft music, holding a hand, or quietly reading to the patient. (Hearing is the last sense you lose.)

As a vet-to-vet service, we have learned a veteran will disclose to other veterans about life faster than a non-veteran. You may do pinning ceremonies, veteran café, or simply keep a veteran company.

As a bereavement volunteer you will receive additional training and may assist the Bereavement Coordinator in making calls or assisting in a memorial service, etc.

Thank you for your time and consideration for serving your neighbors in Warren, DeKalb, and Van Buren counties.

Contact Melissa Crouch, Volunteer Coordinator if you are interested in any of these programs or a presentation of hospice services itself.

Being a Hospice Volunteer is a very rewarding experience! | look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,
Melissa Crouch, Volunteer Coordinator

Redd Nelson works regularly with teenage girls ages 13-17 in need of clothing. Currently, she is aware of a need for girls' teenage underwear & pants. Before donating any used pants to a thrift store, please consider directing any used girls pants, new underwear, or teenage girls' clothing to Redd & UCHRA's efforts to support local teens in need. Please do not donate anything that could possibly be viewed as gang related such as skulls, bands, or crowns. Redd can be reached at 850-866-6074 or 931-349-6522.

	Shirt	pants	Bra	Shoe
Girl 1	Small	Medium	34B	6
Girl 2	Medium	Large	36A	9
Girl 3	Medium	Medium	34A	7
Girl 4	2x	—	2x Sport Bra	12 in mens
Girl 5	Medium	Large	36D	7 1/2
Girl 6	small	small	32B	7 1/2
Girl 7	Large	Large	Large Sport Bra	9 1/2
Girl 8	Large	Large	38D	8 1/2

JUNE HOMELESS MEETING

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

11:00 AM

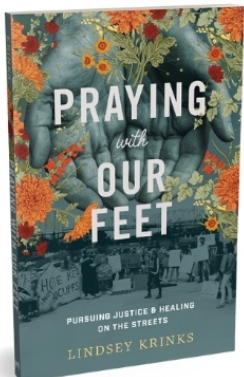
Location: First United Methodist Church - Youth Building

Special Guest Lindsey Krinks

**Author, Street Chaplain,
Activist, and nonprofit leader**



Lindsey Krinks (MTS, Vanderbilt Divinity School) is a street chaplain, activist, and nonprofit leader who has worked for over a decade on the front lines of social justice movements. She is the cofounder of Open Table Nashville, a nationally acclaimed interfaith homeless outreach nonprofit. Krinks has served as a fellow with the New Leaders Council, a national network for millennial leaders, and regularly speaks to student, church, and community groups across the country. She was featured in Saint Cloud Hill, a documentary about Nashville's largest homeless camp in 2019 and has been featured in dozens of Nashville news stories.



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Upcoming Events

Sunday-Wednesday, June 1-4 -Do you want a voice in the broader church? The Tennessee Western KY annual conference will be held at Collierville UMC. Consider attending as an at large Annual Conference member delegate of the Caney Fork River District. Stipends would be provided; interested persons should contact Pastor Ryan or Beth Heatherly. More information is available at twkumc.org/AC2025.



VBS is around the corner! Join us for a thrilling road trip adventure where kids (Travelers) explore exciting destinations with the Navigator and their pup, Scout! Through engaging Bible stories, interactive games, and fun challenges, they'll discover that God is always with them. Road Trip VBS is more than just fun — it's a journey of faith, friendship, and unforgettable memories!

Register soon for VBS!



Tuesday, June 24 - Red Cross Blood Drive in our Outreach Building from 12:30pm-5:30pm. All donors receive a \$15 Amazon eGift Card plus enter chance for \$7,000 Gift Card! To schedule an appointment, log onto redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: Preds19 or scan QR code.

Blood Drive



It's time to Light the **Fire** for Missions again! Our second annual missions event — where we grow in the Spirit and support thousands of pastors across the Spanish-speaking world together — begins Wesley Day (May 24) and extends through Pentecost (June 8). *We'd love to have you join us again this year!*

Participation is simple, and hasn't changed:

1. **Register** on our event page [here](http://www.wesleyheritage.org/lightthefire) (www.wesleyheritage.org/lightthefire)
2. Pick a time to **skip a meal** and spend time with God in prayer or reflection. We have a devotional [here](#) that can guide you during that time.
3. **Donate** the cost of the meal to support global missions through our secure link [here](#).
4. Next, **share** about your experience with someone else — over a simple meal, picnic, or cookout. We have a second devotional to guide that time also, if you need it.

Church Trip to Discovery Park of America – Summer Field Trip Opportunity

Visit **Discovery Park of America** in Union City, TN — including their temporary summer exhibit: **Real Bodies: The Exhibition**. See the human body through the lenses of anatomy, emotion, and human experience — perfect for families, youth, and adults! **If interested, please complete the requested information at the google sheet** <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1PtVvMYkCAcFeeW4RtmjUj-m2vaZCwjGgyIHIPWlacY/edit?gid=0#gid=0> Optional overnight stay at a nearby hotel is recommended to make the most of the experience — either before or after the visit. The link can be accessed in the digital copy of this bulletin e-mailed Thursday. Tentative travel date is Sunday & Monday, June 29-30 or Tuesday & Wednesday, July 8-9.

Car Wash - June 21 (If rained out, June 28) Missions Team and *When Helping Hurts* participants are hosting a car wash. Tentatively, advance tickets will cost \$10 or \$15 day of car wash. Proceeds will be allocated towards homeless individuals' stability and their most critical developmental goals. Proceeds will be determined based on hours contributed to the car wash. Support may be directed towards goals such as license reinstatement fees, parole fees, housing security deposits, etc., as requested by volunteers and approved by Pastor Ryan. Volunteers of any age are welcomed to help this cause. More details will be shared when available.

Friday, July 4 - Pancake Breakfast from 7am-10am on the Court Square Downtown McMinnville. Plates include 2 pancakes, 2 Pieces Bacon, Drink (Coffee, Juice, Water). Proceeds will go to our F.U.E.L. program to feed needy children.

Any newsletter information should be communicated to Rachel Waters by a week before the last day of the month or e-mail rachel@mcminnvillefumc.com. Find the monthly newsletter on our website www.mcminnvillefumc.com under the resources tab.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

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