

**Lectionary for Sunday, August 1, 2010**

Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

August 2, 2010

Dear Friends,

What an incredible day Sunday was at FUMC. Our worship services were amazing and it was a great honor for us to serve as a “teaching church” for some who had been attending the School for Congregational Development (SCD). Thanks to our Chancel Choir, Jennie Smith, the Sanctuary East Praise Band, and Chris Jacobs for your awesome music. Thanks to the staff and lay persons who provided leadership for our teaching time with our guests with the SCD. I think they were impressed with the way we “do church” at FUMC. What a privilege for us to share with others what God is doing among our faith community. We all look forward to other such teaching times in the future.

I hope that you have marked your calendars for Sunday, August 29 to join us in Sanctuary East for **The Big Splash!** From 5:00 to 6:30 we will gather for worship and to learn more about how we will be enhancing our small group ministry. The larger our congregation grows the more important being connected to a small group becomes for us as we journey together in our Christian pilgrimage. Dr. David Lowes Watson, a scholar on John Wesley, will be our guest preacher for this evening service. This is something you don’t want to miss. You can register on The Big Splash bulletin insert, by calling the church office, or online [www.franklinfumc.org](http://www.franklinfumc.org). My dream is to have every member of the FUMC family connected with at least one small group. I hope you will help make it happen.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 22 as the FUMC Adult Choirs will be hosting Music Festival Day from 4 to 7 p.m. There will be great food, amazing music, and incredible fun. Plan on being here and bring others with you.

Our Building Committee continues to be hard at work developing plans for our North Campus. Our next committee meeting will be on Thursday, August 5 starting at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. The work of this committee will become more and more focused on how the new facility will look and function. Our goal is to ultimately build a facility for the next 150 years. What an amazing joy to be able to be a part of such a God-sized endeavor. There will also be some focus groups meeting to discuss specific areas of ministry on August 3, 4, and 7. Please see our website for specific ministry times and dates. Your participation at these focus is greatly appreciated. After all of the information is collected and a master plan designed a Church Conference will be called, at some time in the future, where the final decision will be made concerning this new facility. **ONLY** a church conference has the authority to approve the final plans. I encourage all of us to be in prayer for the building committee and our faith community as these decisions are made. May God be pleased by what we say and do.

These are exciting days at FUMC! We can all say with confidence, the best is yet to be!!! Thanks be to God!!!

Grace and Peace,

Lynn

## FIRST KIDS

**Children's Ministry at Franklin First UMC** has a new Facebook page. The page is named, **First K.I.D.s**. Keep up to date with Children's Ministry by clicking the "like" button.

**The Countdown continues until Promotion Sunday!** All Children's Sunday school classes need to be fully staffed with teachers and shepherds for the year by Aug. 8! 2 yr.-olds and kindergarten at 10:30 am, and 9:00 am second grade classes are in need of additional teachers.



Sign up today on the bulletin insert or online! **You will be glad you did!** For more information, contact Becky Peeler ([bpeeler@franklinfumc.org](mailto:bpeeler@franklinfumc.org)).

**You must be "GREEN" to serve in Children's Ministry!** If you plan to serve in any capacity in Children's Ministry you must attend one of the upcoming Safe Sanctuary sessions and submit to a background check. Plan to attend today in room A203 at 10:30 am, August 4 at 6:30 pm in Room A207, or August 22 at 9:00 or 10:30 am.

## Get Ready for Promotion

**Sunday, Aug. 8!** Children will be promoted to their next age or grade class on this Sunday. Parents, please begin now to prepare your children for this transition by talking to your children about the fact that they will change rooms, have different teachers, and make new friends in Sunday school.

## FELLOWSHIP

**The Primetimers** will meet on Tuesday, August 10 at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall for a dinner of hamburgers and hot dogs prepared by the Men of Momentum. Rob Harris will be our speaker and share some awesome underwater photos from his adventures to exotic locations. Sign up on the Mission Menu or call the church office to reserve your spot by noon on August 6.



**Mark Your Calendars!!!** Join the FUMC Adult Choirs for a fun afternoon of food, refreshments and music at our Music Festival Day on August 22nd, 4 to 7 pm. More details to come - watch this space and your email in the coming weeks and save the date on your calendars.

**The Building Committee Focus Groups** will meet in A210 on the following dates to prepare a full report with final recommendations for review and approval prior to submitting to the architect for use in the next phase of facility design. These meetings are **open to all church members and interested parties**. No invitation is needed to attend! Childcare will be provided but please make a reservation with Amber Wakefield by calling (931) 619-6641 or sign up for childcare on the Mission Menu.

- August 3, 6:00 - 7:00 pm** Children and Preschool
- August 3, 7:15 - 8:15 pm** Worship, Music and Technology
- August 4, 6:00 - 7:00 pm** Adult Ministries & Hospitality Services
- August 4, 7:15 - 8:15 pm** Senior Adults and Special Needs
- August 9, 6:00 - 7:00 pm** Youth & Recreation Ministries
- August 9, 7:15 - 8:15 pm** Campus Design, Landscape Planning, Architectural Symbolism

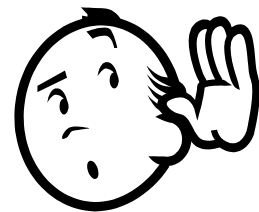
**The Building Committee** will meet on Thursday, August 5th at 6:00 pm in B101. The meeting is open to ALL church members.



**Happy Birthday—all Women of the Church** ... Join us at our Annual UMW Birthday Luncheon next Sunday, August 8, from 11:45 to 1:00 in

Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Sit at your birthday month's table and savor a delicious salad plate luncheon with birthday cake for dessert! Mary McKinney of the Bethlehem Centers of Nashville will be this year's guest speaker. Sign up on the Mission Menu.

**Attention: Special Guest Speaker!!!** Would you like to improve your listening and communicating skills? David Meador, a National Champion in Blind Golf will engage us with humor and stories and take us to a place where sight is secondary. His subject will be, "If You Could Only Hear What I Hear." Come Tuesday evening, August 17 at 7:00 pm to the 3rd floor youth conference area. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments provided. Sponsored by FUMC Stephen Ministry.





## THE BIG SPLASH



AUGUST 29 from 5:00-6:30

The Small Group Ministry invites you to take The Big Splash! On Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> please join us in Sanctuary East as we Worship our great Savior and explore a new model for Small Group Ministry. The Christian journey was never intended to be walked alone. When we gather with other Disciples of Christ, we have an amazing opportunity to study God's Word, support and encourage one another and journey through life **together!** Join us as we introduce and explore what it means to be a part of a Wesley Life Group.

The Re Band will lead our music, David Lowes Watson will be our guest speaker and you will hear from others whose lives have been strengthened by being a part of a Small Group. We also invite you to prayerfully consider joining a small group on August 29<sup>th</sup>. Please register to attend The Big Splash by signing up to for a potential small group or you may just attend the event and explore the new model. [Click here](#) to register for The Big Splash online. Go ahead, take the plunge!

## SERVICE & GENEROSITY

### **A Note from the Johnson**

**Family**—Dear Members of FUMC: A huge thank you to each of you who has shared your time and energy to bring us meals. One of our neighbors said to me that our church doesn't just talk the talk but they walk the walk! Our families have been impressed by the support we have received from our church family. We feel blessed that God led us to Franklin First United Methodist Church. In Christian love, Ben, Jill, Benny and Jack Johnson.

**The Good News Class** needs a storage cabinet or large bookcase. If you have one to donate, contact Nelia Westenberger at (931) 487-9887 or [westcorn@bellsouth.net](mailto:westcorn@bellsouth.net).

**Volunteers are needed to provide lunches** for the staff for August 24<sup>th</sup>, October 26<sup>th</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>. This is your chance to serve like Martha and be appreciated like Mary. If your class or small group is willing and able to provide lunch for our church staff one of these months, please contact Judy Barnhill (615) 790-8128 or [barnhilljudy@bellsouth.net](mailto:barnhilljudy@bellsouth.net).

**Edward Jones Investments is sponsoring a school supply donation drive** for anyone wishing to donate school supplies to the Franklin Special School District for those families that can't afford to purchase them. Supplies may be dropped off at Edward Jones Investments, 509 New Highway 96, Suite 102A through August 31, 2010. If you have questions, call 599-7960.

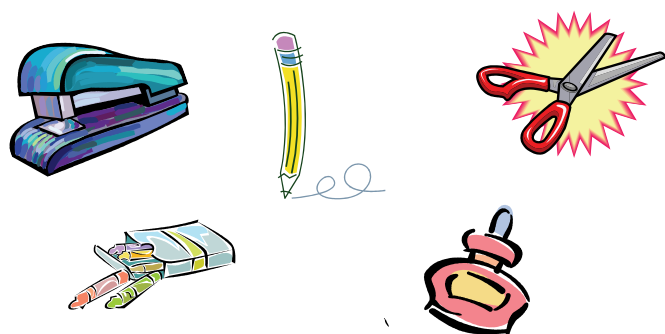
**FIRST FAMILY MATTERS**

as of August 2, 2010

**At Vanderbilt:** Lee Miller, Phillip Wright  
**Just Gone Home from the Hospital:** Steve Lawrence, Tom Graham, Lee Miller, Al Hooke, Alex Bond

**Congratulations to** Carolyn and Parker Altman on the birth of their son, George Weigle Altman, born July 26, 2010.

**There will be a Habitat for Humanity build** on Saturday, August 21 and Saturday, August 28 from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Fairview area. There are several opportunities to serve. See the Mission Menu for more information and to sign up.



**RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS for July 25, 2010**

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Sunday School Attendance                      | 576         |
| Worship Attendance                            | 919         |
| Offering this Week—General Fund               | \$37,239    |
| Offering this Week—North Campus Building Fund | \$35,486    |
| YTD Offerings—General Fund                    | \$1,271,978 |
| YTD Operating Budget                          | \$1,318,050 |
| YTD Operating Budget Spent                    | \$1,208,077 |
| Loan Balance-July 23, 2010-Activity Center    | \$1,559,999 |
| Total Principal Paid YTD-Activity Center      | \$182,854   |
| Loan Balance-July 23, 2010 -North Campus      | \$3,500,689 |
| Total Principal Paid YTD—North Campus         | \$315,000   |
| Foundation Gifts                              | \$0         |

Questions? Call LaVerne Sweeney,  
 Business Manager, 794-2734

# WEEK AT A GLANCE

## 2010 CALENDAR FOR FRANKLIN FIRST UMC:

Please complete an Event Form  
(available at the office or online) 2 to  
4 weeks in advance to reserve  
dates for all meetings and  
activities. Also, if you should  
change a date, day, or time  
after completing the initial Event  
Form you must contact Pam  
with the update as all of our  
publications rely on the accurate  
information supplied to the office  
staff and recorded on the  
church calendar. Contact Pam  
at the church office (794-2734)  
if you have any questions.  
[pgarland@franklinfumc.org](mailto:pgarland@franklinfumc.org)  
[www.franklinfumc.org/pdf/EOF.pdf](http://www.franklinfumc.org/pdf/EOF.pdf)

### MONDAY, August 2

- 6:00 pm North Campus Facilities Design Sub-Committee Meeting, A210
- 6:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting, B101
- 6:30 pm Missions and Outreach Team Meeting, A303
- 6:30 pm Lay Leadership Outcome Team Meeting, A302

### TUESDAY, August 3

- 6:00 am Men of Momentum, Cafe
- 7:00 am Tuesday am Bible Study, B101
- 9:00 am Older Adult Fitness, Sanctuary East
- 10:00 am Ladies Sewing Circle, Kitchen
- 11:30 am Youth Taco Tuesday, Meet-Up
- 6:00 pm Focus Group Meetings, A210
- 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry, 3rd Floor
- 7:15 pm Focus Group Meetings, A210

### WEDNESDAY, August 4

- 8:00 am Wednesday Prayer Walk, North Campus
- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Group, B214
- 6:00 pm Focus Group Meetings, A210
- 6:30 pm Safe Sanctuary Training, A207
- 6:30 pm FirstSong Rehearsal, Historic Sanctuary
- 7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Historic Sanctuary
- 7:15 pm Focus Group Meetings, A210

### THURSDAY, August 5

- 9:00 am Older Adult Fitness, Sanctuary East
- 1:00 pm Building Committee Meeting, B101

### SATURDAY, August 7

- 8:00 am Rehearsal Worship Team, Sanctuary East
- 8:00 am Prayer Walk, North Campus

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9:00 and 10:30 Worship Services (Blended Worship & Traditional Worship) • 9:00 and 10:30 Sunday School

**Knowing Christ | Sharing Christ | Making Disciples**



**MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:** It's **IMPORTANT** to keep your family and contact information up to date with the church office. Please contact Debbie Miller, your Membership Secretary, at the church office ([dmiller@franklinfumc.org](mailto:dmiller@franklinfumc.org) or 794-2734) with any changes or additions (i.e. name, address, e-mail, phone, births.) Thank you!

**VIDEO SCREEN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** New PowerPoint presentations are loaded each Sunday morning. If you have information for the week ahead, please let John Knorr know by the Friday before. *John Knorr*, [jknorr@franklinfumc.org](mailto:jknorr@franklinfumc.org)

**NEWSLETTER AND/OR BULLETIN PUBLICATION REQUESTS:** The deadline for submitting information for the Mission Menu, Franklin First UMC bulletin insert, and First Things First Newsletter is **Tuesday at noon**. Please submit to: [secretary@franklinfumc.org](mailto:secretary@franklinfumc.org). Thank you! *Due to limited space on printed publications, an article may not be able to run more than twice—consecutively. We will do our best to accommodate each request.*

**Church Staff:**

Dr. A. Lynn Hill, *Senior Minister*  
Rev. Vona R. Wilson, *Associate Minister*  
Rev. Mark Coursey, *Minister of Evangelism & Program*  
Rev. John Williams, *Minister of Visitation*  
Rev. Becky Peeler, *Minister to Children*  
Sarah Carty, *Asst. Director of Children's Ministry*  
Jacob Fasig, *Director of Youth Ministry*  
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Sarah Evins, *Music Director—Sanctuary East*  
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Juanita Hill, Bert Miller, Sid Bradley, Jr., Arthur Polk, *Custodians*



**Learn more about Franklin First United Methodist Church.** Join us for our next Newcomers Lunch and Orientation on August 29 from 11:45 to 1:45 pm



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