

Nolensville First United Methodist Church



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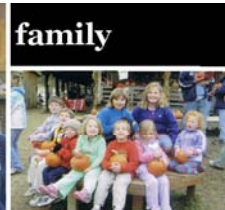
Welcome home!



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June 2011

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

There is a pretty spot beside the Oculaluftee River where we set up to spend the afternoon reading. We carried our chairs and drinks and books to the park. We hadn't been there long until they started flying by — gnats!

"Drat! Gnats!"

"What's that?"

"Dang gnats. We set our chairs on a nest on gnats."

Determined to escape them, I picked up drink and chair and book and glasses; but when I moved, the gnats moved, too.

They got on my face and hair. They did a somersault in my moustache. One crawled in one ear and out the other. With these gnats I was determined to be thorough. I shooed. One got on my glasses and I blew-PHEW, and blew-PHEW, and blew-PHEW! To escape them, I shooed and blew and even did the dance of Snoopy. (Linda has the picture). We gave up, gathered our stuff, and moved to a gnat-free zone down by a fountain.

Gnats are some of God's most disagreeable creatures. They seem to take great joy in annoying. They are easily swatted but seem to travel in gnat packs.

There are a lot of "gnats" that hamper our life. Alone they are not much, but annoy us nonetheless. We can shoo and blow but they seem intent on disturbing our calm psyches. You know what they are: the slow-moving car in the fast lane, the people who stop in the middle of a store aisle, telemarketers who call when you are eating, people with small ideas and big mouths, etc.

I can deal with most of these pretty easily. What is most "gnat-gravating" are the "gnats" that get into the life of the church and the Kingdom of God.

We had one of these recently with the prediction of the Rapture for Saturday, May 21. I heard of one preacher who didn't do his sermon until after 6pm on Saturday night — just in case.

Some people use the Gospel to bully, threaten, or politick for their own point of view. They major in minors that take up time and some energy of the church.

A few years ago the question was what kind of car would Jesus drive? Gnaturally, this got covered in the press. (By the way, the correct answer is a Honda. See Philippians 2:2).

What really gnat-gravates me is when gnats get into the life of the local church. You see, when gnats get into our meetings and classes and worship, we get distracted from who we are and what we are to be about. We spend our precious time and energy swatting and shooing and doing Snoopy dances.

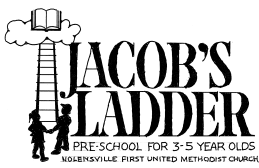
These gnats can be finances or petty squabbles or negative thinking. They manipulate us. Ultimately, they are not mighty theological matters to be dealt with or priorities of mission and ministry. They take up our time as we discuss the color of carpet or some financial line item of \$7.36. And they can be instruments of that great Gnat who is the enemy of God's Kingdom and Seducer away from the agenda that the Bible gives us.

Let me be clear. Our time together conferencing (Wesleyan term for meetings) should be about making disciples of/for Jesus Christ, baptizing, proclaiming the Gospel of love and grace that is life-affirming and world-changing. Let us so use our time. Let us make His Kingdom our focus instead of the agenda that comes up quite gnaturally.

Standing in grace, and growing in His love,

Pastor Jim

MISSIONS & MINISTRIES



Director's Ditty: *We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

(1 Thessalonians 1:2-3)

Dear, Dear Families, Board Members, Staff, and Church Members,

The kind of love expressed in this passage from 1 Thessalonians is the kind of love that I feel for each you. Your willingness to work for Jacob's Ladder, your labor of love expressed as you taught, helped at parties, special events, or programs, and your extreme trust extended as you opened your hearts to each other have all been overwhelming. You are amazing! With your support we have made great strides this year: our parent participation has been higher than ever; the children exhibit a huge growth in maturity; and communication between families, staff, the Board of Directors, and the church has been open and rewarding.

Bear with me as I review a few of the ways we have taught the children to reach out in missions together. The children did "Small Chores for Small Change" and brought in their earnings to contribute to Concepcion. Together, with staff donations, we collected over \$200. Boxes of groceries were brought in for Graceworks, to help those in need throughout Williamson County. A hearty meal and an evening of fellowship were provided for twelve homeless gentlemen during Room in the Inn. Food and donations for supplies were contributed to Wilson's Dog Rescue. A collection of money and supplies were brought to help the victims of tornadoes in North Alabama. Many families contributed either cash or garage sale items to support the mission trip to Guatemala. Wow! It has been so rewarding to see children be in missions.

And while doing all of this, the boys and girls have made great strides in learning. Our new curriculum was a great success as they learned their phonics, worked on fine motor skills and strengthened their concept of numbers, colors, and shapes. The addition of a music teacher has greatly aided in teaching self control and encouraging self confidence.

Our yearly theme songs "Come and See What God has Done" and "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder" ring true as we praise God for all that we have received and accomplished. God has richly blessed our program by sending the perfect blend of families, teachers, and leaders and, above all, being faithful in His care of our program.

**Give Thanks
To God**

-Terri Anderson
Director

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PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

Sunday, June 19, is a United Methodist Church-wide Special Offering Sunday. It falls on the Sunday after Pentecost. As Pentecost celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit calling for God's shalom, then Peace with Justice witnesses to God's demand for a faithful, just, disarmed, and secure world. Your generous gifts support missions at the local, national, and global levels. For examples of the missions, please visit www.umciving.org/PWJS.

*Let us come before Him with
thanksgiving...*

- ✘ Birth of Evan Andrew Church
- ✘ Melissa & Harry Thomas' 40th Anniversary
- ✘ Anna & Norman Sparks' 25th Anniversary
- ✘ Denise & Kevin Gavin's 20th Anniversary
- ✘ Amy & Chris Ray's 10th Anniversary

Submit your thanksgivings to the front office by the 25th to be included in the next newsletter.

Dear Carol, John, Casey and Keri Huber,

Carol, thank you does not express all that we feel for your service to Jacob's Ladder over the past two years. Your tireless work on behalf of the children and the preschool program will never be forgotten! Casey, we could not have held Jacob's Ladder summer camps without your creative design and preparation. And Keri, how would we have set up for school without your assistance in the Activity Center? John, we will pray for you and for your family transition to a new home in California. Your family presence at NFUMC has been a gift to the community. May God bless you and keep you, and make His face shine upon you, until we meet again.



Be the hands of Christ! Volunteer!

Wedding Coordinator Needed!

We have hosted many beautiful weddings and renewal of vows in our historic sanctuary over the years. The tradition continues, and a new wedding coordinator is needed!

What does a wedding coordinator do?

- ✘ *Answer questions about weddings at NFUMC, give tours of our facility*
- ✘ *Provide our wedding guidelines, which are on our website*
- ✘ *Coordinate available wedding dates and times with the front office*
- ✘ *Stay in contact with bride/groom throughout the process*
- ✘ *Be on-site during all wedding rehearsals, decorating of sanctuary/fellowship hall, weddings, wedding receptions*
- ✘ *Contact with the church's sound technicians*
- ✘ *To compensate you for your time, for non-member weddings you are paid*
- ✘ *And, most important, share in the joy of a very special occasion, the sacrament of marriage!*

If you are interested in this opportunity to serve, contact Susan Foote at 749-2337 (work) or 283-3471 (home), or Osusanjane@yahoo.com

SUNDAYS AT CHURCH

All volunteer schedules (including updates!) are on the website under "Calendars."

ACOLYTE TRAINING

On Sunday, June 12, there will be an acolyte training class for rising 3rd graders through 99-year-olds. You just have to be able to carry the candles and be able to sit through the service. Join us and help our church family worship the Lord. Contact Dawn at djgiareed@united.net if you are interested!



Worship Times
8:00am and 10:30am
Sunday Mornings

Sunday Children's Ministries

	Children's Message	Children's Church	Nursery	Acolytes
June 5				
8:00	Pastor Jim	Lisa Dickey	NEED	
10:30	Pastor Jim	NEED	NEED	Drake Woodward
June 12				
8:00	NEED	Zannie Martin	NEED	
10:30	Kim Jones	NEED	NEED	Olivia & Haley Massey
June 19				
8:00	NEED	Dana Cunningham	NEED	
10:30	Sandy Green	NEED	NEED	Lauren Burch
June 26				
8:00	NEED	Mary Beth Hagan	NEED	
10:30	Chris Ray	NEED	NEED	Ashton Reed

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Nolensville First UMC All Points Bulletin:

MOST WANTED

Sunday School teachers for our children's department.

If spotted, please approach with love and gratitude because they have been known to be armed with the Word of God and to be extremely loving. Please notify Theresa Pickett or Tony Bolton of any sightings of said church members.

As I announced in the second service on May 22, I just found out that we need to find someone to teach the 1st and 2nd grade Sunday School class for the Summer Quarter. Summer quarter starts June 5 and runs through the end of August. There will be approximately seven to eight students and the majority, if not all of them, are pretty regular attendees. The class uses Faithweaver curriculum as do all of our children's Sunday School classes. Mary Beth Hagan teaches the class for the Fall and Spring quarters. So it would be wonderful if we could find someone interested in staying in the rotation with her and also teach the Winter quarter as well as the Summer. But right now the immediate need is to fill the position for the Summer.

I am praying that God sends us the teachers we need. Fortunately, I already had planned to combine the Kindergarten and Preschool class for the 2011-2012 year so we do not need a separate kindergarten teacher. Also, I still am looking for someone to rotate with me for that class. As I said, I am praying and attempting to keep a positive outlook that God will equip our Sunday School department with the staff we need. But I will also admit that it gets very discouraging when I only get people who are already teaching come up and offer what they can do to help out. I am sorry, but our teachers need a break every now and then or we will not have anyone because they are burned out. We need new people to step up and step up now!

Here is a table with children and youth teachers for June 2011 through May 2012:

We also have Susan Baker and Eddie and Kathy McGee who fill in regularly as subs for some of our children's classes.

In His Service,

-Theresa Pickett

Sunday School
Superintendent
jtpickett76@comcast.net



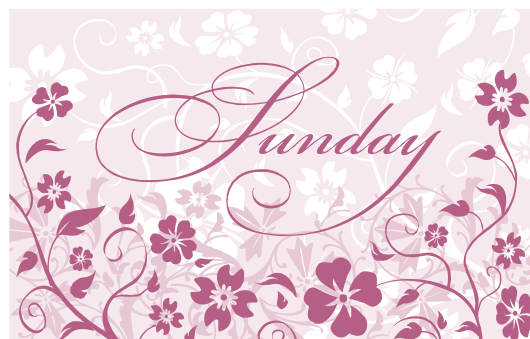
JUNE
SCRIPTURE

- Jun 5** - Seventh Sunday of Easter
Act 1:6-14 Ps 68:1-10,32-35
1 Pet 4:12-14, 5:6-11 John 17:1-11
- Jun 12** - Pentecost
Act 2:1-21 Ps 104:24-34, 35b
1 Cor 12:3b-13 **John 7:37-39**
- Jun 19** - Trinity Sunday/ First Sunday after Pentecost
Gen 1:1-2:4a Ps 8
2 Cor 13:11-13 **Mat 28:16-20**
- Jun 26** - Second Sunday after Pentecost
Gen 22:1-14 Ps 13
Rom 6:12-23 **Mat 10:40-42**

SECOND SUNDAY
BREAKFAST

The **Good News** class is responsible for set-up, drinks, and clean up on June 12, at 9:15am. Please remember that the class responsible for Second Sunday breakfast is also requested to provide cookies, donuts, or other snacks for all other Sundays of that month.

Please put ALL food away after fellowship on Sundays. We are called to be fishers of men, not mice and ants.



	Jun-Aug 2011	Sept-Nov 2011	Dec-Feb 2012	Mar-May 2012
Pre-K & K	Theresa Pickett	Theresa Pickett	Theresa Pickett	Theresa Pickett
1st & 2nd Grade	NEED	Mary Beth Hagan	NEED	Mary Beth Hagan
3rd & 4th Grade	Monica Larson	Zannie Martin	(Dec) Zannie; (Jan-Feb) Dawn	Dawn Reed
5th & 6th Grade	Heather Thomas	Lisa Thompson	NEED	Lisa Thompson
Jr High	David Belden	David Belden	David Belden	David Belden
Sr High	Sam & Andrew Tidball	Sam & Andrew Tidball	Sam & Andrew Tidball	Sam & Andrew Tidball

FAMILY & FELLOWSHIP



JUNE EVENTS

Wed	June 1	6:30pm	Kick-off for Open Worship, games outside at 7:30am
Fri	June 3	7:30am	Rafting
Sun	June 5	4pm	Mission Trip Training Meeting Mission Trip money due!
Wed	June 8	6:30pm	Open Worship
Wed	June 15	6:30pm	Open Worship
Sat	June 18		Lawn Festival
Fri	June 24		Leave for Mission Trip, until July 1

Worship

Open Worship
Wednesdays

6:30-7:30 every

Wednesday this summer,
starting June 1

(and from 7:30-8pm will be a
time for games outside).

This is a youth-led worship time, but it is open for anyone in the church or the community who wants to attend. Please help spread the word. There will be a ten-minute devotion from a youth, and the remainder of the time will be completely open for anyone who wants to come and be in God's presence. We will do whatever the spirit leads us to do: sing, worship, pray, discuss faith questions, etc.

-Sam Tidball
Youth Director
youth@nolensvilleumc.org

Spaghetti Dinner

June 4, 2011, 3 to 6pm

Ebenezer United Methodist Church

101 King St, Nolensville

\$7 a plate, includes Spaghetti, choice of sauce, bread, salad, and a dessert. Dine in or get it to go! For information contact Joyce Shearry 945-2575 or Cora Green 925-8530

Benefiting the Ebenezer UMC Youth

JUNE 2011

BIRTHDAYS

6/1 Pauline Williams; 6/2 Geraldine Wares, Richard McVey; 6/3 Liz Jones; 6/4 Sherry Walsh, Elizabeth Redman; 6/5 Jimmy Reaves; 6/6 Griffith Terry, Jack Terry; 6/7 Patty Wilson; 6/8 Susan Nichols, Alex Campbell; 6/9 Tammy Norem, Robert Verell; 6/10 Parman Henry, Van Leonard; 6/12 Tommy McGarvey; 6/13 Dot Hitt; 6/14 Lester Hitt, Haley Massey; 6/15 Lisa Dickey, Marshall Bolton; 6/16 Jeff Mucci, Owen Warren, Andy Moore; 6/19 Norman Sparks, Bret Berry, Brooke Berry; 6/20 John Sarappo, Sean Norem; 6/24 Matt Hall; 6/25 Jonathan Larson, Larry Smith; 6/26 John Pryor; 6/27 Jared Serio; 6/28 Lara Redman; 6/29 Grant Garcia; 6/30 Shaw Thomas

ANNIVERSARIES

6/3 Sue & Dave Waddell (22), Marianne & Mark Parris (21); 6/4 Bea & Art Robins (56); 6/9 Carolyn & Bob Crigger (49); 6/14 Sandy & Lew Green (52); 6/18 Cindy & Tommy McGarvey (28), Jill & Dean Jeffries; 6/19 Heather & Johnny Thomas (18); 6/21 Barbara & David Belden (44); Pamela & Fred Needham (24); 6/27 Linda & Myron Williams (47), Erin & John Pryor (13)

And special congratulations to Amy & Chris Ray for their 10th Anniversary on June 16, to Denise & Kevin Gavin for their 20th Anniversary on June 22, to Anna & Norman Sparks for their 25th Anniversary on June 27, and to Melissa & Harry Thomas for their 40th Anniversary on June 11!

Clowns - Arts and Crafts - Free Games - Rock Climbing Wall - Food - Bouncies - Prizes - Music

Face Painting - SnoCones - Balloons - Food - Arts and Crafts

Parade - Silent Auction - Vacation Packages - Gift Certificates & Much More - 5k & 1k Run

Lawn Festival

Nolensville First United Methodist

Saturday June 18, 2011

Parade: 10:30am Games & Concessions 11am - 2pm



Join the FUN!

**This Year Honoring Those Who Serve:
Our Nolensville Volunteer Firefighters**



7316 Nolensville Road



Free Children's Activities - Homemade Ice Cream - Sweet Shop

See also www.nolensvilleumc.org

**UNITED METHODIST
WOMEN**

The UMW met May 11, at NFUMC. Mary Martin opened our meeting with a prayer and the reading of "The Purpose." The devotion given by May was titled "Can You Hear Me Now"? Mary also read a poem "How to Plant Your Garden," which gave us much to think about.

We had seventeen members present, including two new members. We also had one visitor. Carolyn Crigger was our hostess. She introduced our guest speaker, Sandy Baxter, who writes a column for *The Brentwood Journal* each week. Her talk was about "Take Time to Care." In this talk she reminded us how important it is to take care of ourselves. She told us many easy ways we can improve our health. Sandy closed our meeting with a prayer.

The UMW gave a donation to the African Children's Choir who performed here on May 11. We are planning a basket for the Lawn Festival silent auction. It will be a movie basket full of everything to make movie time at home lots of fun. We anticipate great bidding on this item! Several members plan to donate items for the silent auction. Olivia Haley and Joyce Patton ask everyone to make something for the Sweet Shop. They need help from anyone interested.

Carolyn Battle will be our hostess on June 8. The meeting will be at her home. We always welcome new members and visitors.

- Carolyn Battle
Secretary

YOUNG HEARTS

Our trip to Nissan in April was postponed until Thursday, June 2. Please be at NFUMC at 11:30am, and we will leave promptly at noon, as the tour begins at 1pm.

In the meantime, Young Hearts met at NFUMC on May 27. Thirty-seven members were present. William Edmondson presided and welcomed new members. Christine Deere, Executive Director of Tennessee Senior Olympics was the guest speaker. A slide show of seniors aged 50-90 are involved in official sports. Our own Celia Leech is very involved as a volunteer. The mission of senior Olympics is to promote healthy lifestyles. We had delicious lunch prepared by Jackie Green. Don Hoffmeister, Joyce Patton, and Celia Leech are to be commended for great programs and lovely decorations.

Young Hearts will tour Fontanel Mansion on July 22.

- Carolyn Crigger
Secretary

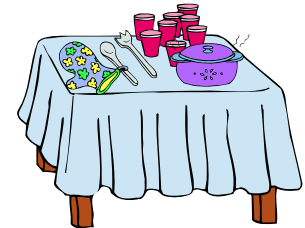
F.R.G.S.
Fully Rely On God

Parents, A friendly reminder of our Safe Sanctuary policy: **ALL children from Nursery to 6th Grade must be dropped off and picked up by a parent.** Please do not send an older sibling to pickup a child from Sunday School or WOW.

Thanking you in advance for assisting in keeping Nolensville a "Safe Sanctuary" for our children!



If you use the church tablecloths, please remember to wash, iron, and hang them back on the hangers in the closet.









**BEHIND THE SCENES
HIGHLIGHTS FROM APRIL FINANCIALS**



General Operating Fund Balance at April 31, 2011	\$ 7,104.51
General Operating Fund Balance at March 30, 2011	<u>\$ 7,408.23</u>
Increase / (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(\$ 303.72)
General Operating Fund Income	\$ 29,236.47
General Operating Fund Expenses	<u>\$ 29,540.19</u>
Net Income / (Expenses)	(\$ 303.72)

Next Finance Committee Meeting: Tuesday, June 21, 7:45pm

June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Upcoming Events Jul 2-16 Jul 4 Jul 7 July 17-21 Jul 31	Guatemala Mission Trip Town 4th of July Celebration Blood Drive at Jenkins VBS Youth Sunday: Fifth Sunday Combined Service and Luncheon		1 6:30pm Open Worship 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	2 Young Hearts 7:00pm English/Spanish classes 7:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal	3 Painting FH 7:30am UMYF Rafting	4 Painting FH 
5 	6 Jacob's Ladder Camp 6:30pm Lion's Club set up 7:00pm Lions Club	7 Jacob's Ladder Camp 6:45pm Boy Scout set up 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 298 7:00pm Missions Team 7:00pm Stewardship Committee	8 Jacob's Ladder Camp 9:00am Staff Meeting 9:30am UMW set-up 10:30am UMW 6:30pm Open Worship 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	9 Jacob's Ladder Camp 7:00pm English/Spanish classes 7:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal	10 Jacob's Ladder Camp	11 
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19 Happy Father's Day!!! 	20 9:00am Guitar Camp set-up 10:00am Guitar Academy Camp 6:30pm Lion's Club set-up 7:00pm Lion's Club	21 9:00am Guitar Camp set-up 10:00am Guitar Academy Camp 6:45pm Boy Scout set up 7:00pm Trustees 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 298 7:45pm Finance	22 9:00am Guitar Camp set-up 10:00am Guitar Academy Camp 4:15pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Family Night 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	23 9:00am Guitar Camp set-up 10:00am Guitar Academy Camp 7:00pm English/Spanish classes 7:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal	24 UMYF Mission Trip 9:00am Guitar Camp set-up 10:00am Guitar Academy Camp	25 UMYF Mission Trip
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