



*Nolensville First  
United Methodist Church*

*May*

*2011*

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**A N O T E F R O M O U R P A S T O R**

The story goes that William Sangster, a great Methodist revivalist, had been stricken with a disease which left him with diminishing use of his body. On his last Easter, the paralysis had even progressed to his vocal chords, but he motioned for a pen and painstakingly wrote, "How terrible to wake up on Easter and have no voice to shout, 'He is risen!' Far worse, to have a voice and not want to shout."

We just celebrated the Lord's Resurrection with two glorious services. The youth led us in the early service. Their service was full of insight, enthusiasm, vision, and inspiration. People were moved as they shared their faith. I commend all of them for sharing testimonies, reading the Word, preaching, praying, doing the children's sermon, and for the skits.

Connie McCain and the choir inspired us with their Easter cantata, "Christ Above All", written by Mark Brymer. The music was great and the performance was inspiring. We thank Kathy Maynard, Barbara Belden, Phillip Tuck, Wayne Dickey, and Kim Jones for their solos. The greenery and flowers added to the joy of this special day.

I did not preach yesterday for the first Easter in over twenty years. And many of those years had been two different sermons: sunrise and the main service. I enjoyed participating in worship and being fed. The opening skit by the youth, "I'm Alive" was performed by Maddie Mucci, Alex Campbell, and Kathryn Nichols. It was about Jesus after the Resurrection, two of His followers were trying to put Him back onto the Cross.

Bishop Willimon (I believe) once said that we can deal more readily with Good Friday than with Easter. We know about suffering, injustice, and death. The idea of rising from the dead is not in our comfort zone. We want to put Jesus back on the Cross – even on Easter Sunday! We proclaim Jesus atoning death for our sins, but how does the Resurrection play into our lives? How can this power of life give meaning to us? What do we do with our forgiveness? How might it help others to gain victory over the "deaths" in their lives?

Jesus came proclaiming the Kingdom of God. There is about that kingdom a life force that is unstoppable. We are invited to be a part of that. We can live out this resurrection power in many aspects of life. Some of our guests from Room in the Inn were fueled by that power as they sought to get their lives back on track. They had had enough of tomb living.

Resurrection power is hope for hopelessness. There is much in denominational literature about the plight and future of the United Methodist Church. It is a little disconcerting when each proposal or rebuttal begins with a litany of how much we have lost. There are lessons to be learned but sometimes it is like shoveling more and more dirt on the United Methodist grave. We need to focus more on resurrection power that is hope in the face of hopelessness.

Resurrection power is being with God who, in the form of a man, took all the world could give Him and rolled away the stone of hatred and doubt and rejection. God said "No!" to the world's rejection.

To paraphrase John Lennon, "And so this is Easter..." What will we do in the inspiration of its message and in the company of our Risen Lord Jesus? Will we live the Life He gives us? Will we use the power that He gives us over the tombs of our world? Will we be infused with hope in a world of hopelessness?

May God's power of life and hope be in us and with us.

*Pastor Jim*

## MISSIONS & MINISTRIES

### WHERE DO OUR APPORTIONMENTS GO?

Ever wonder what the "Apportionment" line in our budget is? It is a significant amount of money, but what is its purpose?

Apportionments are the money that NFUMC (and all other UMC churches) give to the larger United Methodist Church. We will be examining some of the ministries that the apportionments support over the next few months, such as:

#### World Service Fund

The World Service Fund is the heart of our denomination-wide ministry, underwriting Christian mission and ministry around the world. This fund strengthens our evangelism efforts, stimulates church growth, expands Bible studies and enriches spiritual commitment. By giving to the World Service Fund we help God's children everywhere shape the lives of tomorrow's leaders and proclaim our Christian faith.



The World Service Fund truly demonstrates the Mission of the United Methodist Church by:

- Supporting specific local church work with children, youth, students, persons who are mentally and physically challenged, adults and older persons;
- Providing leadership and coordination for denominational ministry with youth;
- Continuing nearly 200 years of commitment to quality college and graduate education;
- Certifying United Methodist professional Christian educators, communicators and musicians;
- Assuring United Methodists speak and work to help encourage a more ethical, just and human world;
- Continuing a proud tradition of cooperation and dialogue with other faith traditions through interdenominational and ecumenical work;
- Giving our denomination a presence in the mass media and making new communications technologies accessible to the church.

*The Ladies' Retreat and Covenant Women  
Books was able to contribute \$248 to the  
Guatemala Mission Team.*

*Confirmation Sunday, May 1, 2011*

*Congratulations to our confirmands:*

*Abby Baker*

*Josh Barboza*

*Keri Huber*

*Michael McGarvey*

*Dawson Murphy*

*On Confirmation Sunday these young people will  
be professing their faith in Jesus Christ and  
becoming full members of His Church and of  
Nolensville First United Methodist Church.*



**American Red Cross**

The need is constant.  
The gratification is instant.  
Give blood.

**Red Cross  
Blood Drive  
May 12  
2:15-7:15pm**

Nolensville Community Blood Drive  
Thursday, May 17  
2:15pm - 7:15pm

Schedule your appointment at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
using code Nolensville or call (615) 519-8494

#### **American Red Cross Puts Country in my Blood: The Stars and Stripes, Country Music, and the American Way of Life**

"Old Glory waves proudly from my porch because there's Country in my blood. I salute America's veterans and active duty military personnel because there's Country in my blood. The simple, folk lyrics of country music tug at my heartstrings because there's Country in my Blood.

It's the same blood I donate freely to help save lives through the American Red Cross. Is there country in your blood?"

Join the American Red Cross and the country music industry in our efforts to boost blood donations.

Help give someone another chance to salute the stars and stripes or another chance to hum the tunes of a favorite country artist.

Every two seconds someone in America needs blood. Since only about eight percent of eligible blood donors give blood, the need is constant. With Country in your Blood, you can make a difference.

All presenting blood donors are automatically entered into a sweepstakes drawing for the following Music City getaway: An expense paid trip for two to Nashville, Tenn. for a two night stay at Gaylord's Opryland Hotel, two VIP passes to the Grand Ole Opry, a backstage tour at the Opry House (based on availability at time of travel) and one \$300 Visa Gift Card.

## H I S P A N I C M I N I S T R Y

### **Spanish and English Classes**

Starting in June we are very excited to offer a summer study. All are welcome! If you know of anyone that needs either, please have them contact Heather Thomas [heather@g2wireless.com](mailto:heather@g2wireless.com). We would like to have people registered so that we are prepared with teachers.

The class will be two separate classes running simultaneously, one English and one Spanish. During the last few minutes of class we will all come together in a coffee shop environment to practice what we have learned. We will all be vulnerable together, and we can all help each other learn more quickly.

**Session 1** – Thursdays, 7-8pm, June 2 - July 14 (six week study)

**Session 2** – Offered for people who want to go a little deeper in their language skills, Thursdays, 7-8pm, August 4 - September 1 (five week study)

If interest continues, we may expand to more advanced sessions as well.

### **God's Vision for the future continued-**

“A Community of Faith”

As we further explore what God has in store for us, things are beginning to unfold.

As we first met with leaders in Hispanic ministry within the Annual Conference, coincidentally there was a movement within the Conference to develop a Nolensville Road Corridor Parish. This Parish theoretically would start at Woodbine and move south to Nolensville. There are twelve to fifteen churches that may be included. The 2010

census statistics have been released, and the largest Hispanic population resides in Southern Davidson county. Additionally, Smyrna, LaVergne and south of Nolensville have seen growth in this demographic as well.

Since our last newsletter we have gotten approval from SPRC and Finance to move forward with requesting seed grant money. We will be meeting in early May at the Conference office to learn more. As soon as we have information we will share it.

**In case you are new to NFUMC or were just wondering:**

Our mission for Hispanic Ministry was born some seven years ago. The core goal and mission of this ministry was and is to reach out in faith to the Hispanic community to share God's love and minister to them. When you begin such an outreach, you strive to meet their immediate needs. Once trust was gained, over time the ministry became more than just helping the needy. It began to grow into worship, social services, helping people find jobs and feeding the hungry many times at Jesus' Closet and other times outside of that one day. In doing so it is not meant to exclude, simply a focused ministry that is intended to bring people to God through love, help, scripture, worship, etc. Just as with any mission or cause there is a targeted audience (the military, cancer patients, homeless, international outreach, etc.). This one is no different...not excluding but including our Latino brothers and sisters, a community of faith .

If God is tugging at your heart to get involved, we would love to have you.

In his love,

- Heather Gee-Thomas and your Hispanic ministry team

## G O L D E N C R O S S S U N D A Y

May 8 is a Tennessee Conference-wide Special Sunday, which supports McKendree Village for Seniors in Hermitage. Your generous gift supports the Golden Cross Fund, which covers the gap between a resident's cost of care and their financial resources.

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

- ✘ Confirmation class of 2011
- ✘ Michele & Tom Overton's 25th Anniversary

*Submit your thanksgivings to the front office by the  
25<sup>th</sup> to be included in the next newsletter.*



***Be the hands of Christ! Volunteer!***

## N A T I V E A M E R I C A N M I N I S T R I E S S U N D A Y

May 15 is a United Methodist Church-wide Special Sunday, which supports Native American ministries and helps United Methodist Native American seminarians to become church leaders. Half of your generous gift will go to develop and strengthen Native American ministries here within the Tennessee Conference, and the other half goes towards scholarships through the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

## FROM THE MISSIONS TEAM

### Room In the Inn

Thank you Michele and Tom Overton for your willingness to head the committee and to all the volunteers who helped provide a meal, a "welcome home" atmosphere and/or clothing.

### Sixty First Avenue UMC:

Thank you to all who provided toys for the Christmas Toy Store (serving 4,619 children from 1400 families) and the Praise Team and others who helped lead worship and provide food and blankets for the homeless.

### Graceworks Ministries

Thank you Sandy Green for keeping us informed of immediate needs. Also thanks to the volunteers who bring food/paper products and those who physically fill the shelves and the boxes to be distributed. Watch your bulletin/newsletter for a special food drive coming soon. If you want to learn more about Graceworks, check it out online at [www.graceworksministries.net](http://www.graceworksministries.net).

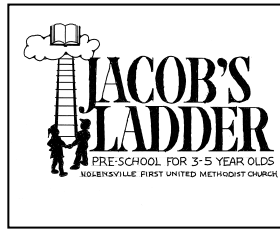
### Change the World May 14-15

"Let's also think about how to motivate each other to show love and to do good works." Hebrews 10:24 (CEB). Take the challenge. We can make a difference by writing a note, visiting a nursing home or someone who lives alone, making a phone call and the list goes on. What difference will you make? Start today! Don't wait for May!

### Your Mission Field

We are all called to help others, and many of the Sunday School Classes and other groups are doing mission. Please let the Mission Team know what you are doing. Feel free to email Sylvia at [sylviabouvier@comcast.net](mailto:sylviabouvier@comcast.net). Help us keep the congregation "in the know" about the many missions we are involved at NFUMC.

Don't forget to read the articles on the [Hispanic Ministries!](#)



*And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. (2Corinthians 3:18)*

Raising Painted Lady Butterflies is always a highlight of our year. We delicately transfer the tiny larvae to feeding containers and then never cease to be amazed by what God does as they grow, form a chrysalis, and then transform into beautiful butterflies. Isn't it the same with our children? We wait patiently through pregnancy as a microscopic egg becomes a precious child of God.

But the waiting, and most definitely the patience, do not stop there. God continues to transform our children as we nurture them with sustenance and love, until every child experiences the freedom to become what God would have them be. And the transformation goes on and on, through our adult life. Who of us knew when we were children, what we would be today? And who of us knows what we will be in the future. I confess that **no one** would have ever convinced me that I would be involved in a preschool as I worked on a master's degree in French over forty years ago! I guess I am just now becoming a butterfly.

The joy of teaching children is much like watching the transformation cycle of a butterfly. They come to us so hungry for stimulating learning and, like a caterpillar, partake gratefully of all we have to offer. And what better food to offer than the Word of God! We released our butterflies this past week in perfect timing to compare the empty tomb on Easter morning with the empty shell of the cocoon. As always, we thank you for opening the church to Jacob's Ladder.

June 6-10 we will offer a summer camp for 4 and 5 year olds entitled "Journey Under the Sea." For information, please contact Terri.



Jacob's Ladder is now accepting applications for staff positions.

-Terri Anderson  
Director

[jacobsladder@nolensvilleumc.org](mailto:jacobsladder@nolensvilleumc.org)

## Welcome our New Members!



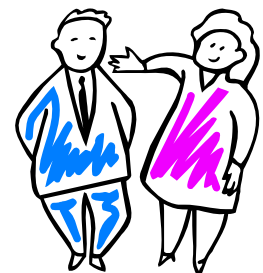
*The Pryor Family*

*Erin & John  
Evan, Cruz, Grant & Holden*



*The Cathey Family*

*Mari & Jodi  
Matt & Jared*



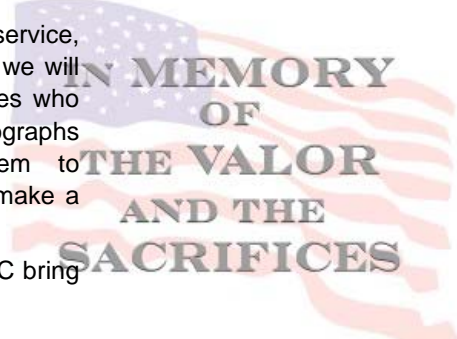
**SUNDAYS AT CHURCH**

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

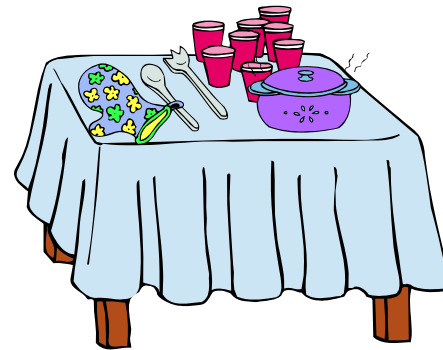
**Fifth Sunday Combined Service**

May 29 is the Fifth Sunday in May, so we will be having a single combined service, followed by a covered dish luncheon. This is also Memorial Day weekend, so we will have a red, white, and blue themed service that will also honor our loved ones who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country. We would appreciate copies of photographs of those we will honor (preferably in uniform!). Please email them to numc@nolensvillumc.org, or give them to Pastor Jim, so he can have Chris make a digital copy of them.

For the luncheon following the service, families with last names starting with A-C bring a fruit or a salad; D-J a dessert, and K-Z an entrée or casserole.



<b>M A Y S C R I P T U R E</b>	
<b>May 1 - Second Sunday of Easter</b>	
Act 2:14a, 22-32	Ps 16
<b>1 Pet 1:3-9</b>	<b>John 20:19-31</b>
<b>May 8 - Third Sunday of Easter</b>	
Act 2:14a, 36-41	Ps 116:1-4, 12-19
<b>1 Pet 1:17-23</b>	<b>Luke 24:13-35</b>
<b>May 15 - Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	
Act 2:42-47	Ps 23
1 Pet 2:19-45	John 10:1-10
<b>May 22 - Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	
Act 7:55-60	Ps 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Pet 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
<b>May 29 - Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	
<b>2 Sam 23:8-17</b>	Ps 66:8-20
1 Pet 3:13-22	<b>John 14:15-21</b>



**S E C O N D S U N D A Y  
B R E A K F A S T**

The **Emmaus** class is responsible for set-up, drinks, and clean up on May 8, 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.

# Sunday Children's Ministries

	Children's Message	Children's Church	Nursery	Acolytes
<b>May 1</b>				
8:00	Pastor Jim	Lisa Dickey	<b>NEED</b>	
10:30	Pastor Jim	<b>NEED</b>	<b>NEED</b>	<b>NEED</b>
<b>May 8</b>				
8:00	Terri Anderson	Mary Beth Hagan	<b>NEED</b>	
10:30	Olivia Haley	<b>NEED</b>	<b>NEED</b>	<b>NEED</b>
<b>May 15</b>				
8:00	<b>NEED</b>	Susan Foote	<b>NEED</b>	
10:30	Susan Nichols	<b>NEED</b>	<b>NEED</b>	<b>NEED</b>
<b>May 22</b>				
8:00	<b>NEED</b>	Dana Cunningham	<b>NEED</b>	
10:30	Tom Crawford	<b>NEED</b>	<b>NEED</b>	<b>NEED</b>
<b>May 29</b>				
10:00	Pastor Jim	Lisa Dickey	<b>NEED</b>	<b>NEED</b>

## MUSIC IN WORSHIP

I would like to first thank everyone who worked, sang, helped move furniture, plants etc. during the Easter/Holy Week season. I hope that it meant as much to you as it did to me. Sharing the cantata with Jenkins was a real blessing. Sharing is so much fun and everyone gets the best of both when we share. Gene and Sylvia, you were both wonderful at the Tenebrae. Thank you for sharing your talents. Ed (AKA voice of God) thank you for your time and as always your generous sharing of your voice at the cantata and tenebrae services. It would not be a cantata without your reading of the narrative and scripture.



To each person who did a monologue during the Lenten season, thank you as well. You each made Lent come alive to those who listened. Carol Domaleski, thank you for loaning your candle sticks and decorations. They do make a difference. To each of the choir members who gave so generously of your time and talents, thank you for making my job so easy and fun.

Chris, thank you for getting the programs done so that I did not have to do them. You are a jewel. Tony and Corey, thank you for making us sound so good. I know how much time you put in when we are not even here. And last but not least: thank you Pastor Jim for allowing us to take time away from your ministry to share ours.

Now for the month of May: May 21 is our turn to host Gospel Fest. If you can help in some way, please get in touch with me or Chris. She will pass the word on. Gene Wilkerson has the list of churches and is visiting them, and I am sure he could use some help. So far we have not had a big turnout so we need your help to get the word out to the area churches and community so that this will be a successful night for Meals on Wheels. Thank you in advance for your time and help in this ministry. More information will be out soon. So far we have Jenkins, Triune UMC, College Grove UMC, and Epworth UMC committed. I am still waiting on Trinity UMC and College Grove Baptist. If you know someone who would be interested let me know.

- *Connie McCain*  
 Director of Music  
 music@nolensvilleumc.org

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

May is here already, and the kids will be getting out of school for the summer soon. Time flies by, doesn't it?

Promotion Sunday is Sunday, June 5. We do not do anything special for this except this is the day that the kids move up to their new classes. So if your child/youth will be in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 9<sup>th</sup> grades for the 2011-12 school year, they will be moving up to their new Sunday School class on June 5.

You probably notice I did not say anything about rising kindergarteners. That is because as of this writing, we only have one possible child that might be in kindergarten this fall. Therefore, we are not having a kindergarten class starting in June. They will stay with our current preschool class for now. Of course, if we happen to have several kindergarteners move in later in the year then we would possibly open up a separate class. But that means I would need more teachers.

Speaking of teachers, we are still looking for someone willing to rotate teaching with me in the preschool classroom. Plus, we could always use more people willing to substitute when our regular Sunday School teachers are not available. These positions are equal opportunity positions meaning they are open to any adult, male or female, young or old. Please contact me if you are interested in either of these possibilities.

Blessings,

-*Theresa Pickett*  
 Sunday School Superintendent  
 jtpickett76@comcast.net

## FAMILY & FELLOWSHIP

### MAY EVENTS

<b>Sun</b>	<b>May 1</b>		No Youth Group
<b>Wed</b>	<b>May 4</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	Bible Study
<b>Sat</b>	<b>May 7</b>	<b>5pm</b>	Spaghetti Supper and Cake Auction
<b>Sun</b>	<b>May 8</b>	<b>5pm</b>	Youth Group/Parent Night and Potluck Dinner
<b>Wed</b>	<b>May 11</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	Bible Study/African Children's Choir
<b>Sun</b>	<b>May 15</b>	<b>5pm</b>	Youth Group - Last one of the Year!
<b>Wed</b>	<b>May 18</b>		No Bible Study - study for exams, instead!
<b>Wed</b>	<b>May 25</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	Bible Study



*Summertime Family Nights*

Watch for more details about evenings of church family fun coming up this Summer. We expect the first will be in late June!

-*Sam Tidball*  
 Youth Director  
 youth@nolensvilleumc.org

# 37th Annual Lawn Festival

The Nolensville First United Methodist Church Lawn Festival is on June 18. This our 37<sup>th</sup> year and the festival will be bigger and better than ever. We thank those who have participated in the past, and for those who have not, we invite you to join us this year.

We feel that it is vital to continue growing our festival and church so that we can continue providing valuable programs. Nolensville First United Methodist Church is a vital part of our growing community. Our missions and outreach programs include Room in the Inn (shelter for homeless men), Jacob's Ladder Preschool, hosting Boy Scout and Cub Scout troops, youth mission trips to underprivileged area, a growing Hispanic ministry, Ronald McDonald House, and Graceworks Ministries.

To make this a true success, we need your support, financially, in services, and in prayer.

Here are the areas we need volunteers along with contact names:

Sweet Shop	Good News Class, Olivia Haley (776-2318)
Parade	Eddie McGee(776-5779), Lanny McGowan, Mike Redman
Concessions	Emmaus Class, Ken Cunningham (228-0632)
Children's Games	Fellowship Class and Youth, Sam Tidball, John Maynard, Jeff Mucci (618-530-4096)
Ice Cream	Believers Class, Kathy McGee (776-5779)
Silent Auction	Fellowship Class, Cindy McGarvey (776-4108)
Backyard BBQ Cook-off	John Maynard

## "Heavenly Treasures" Garage Sale

On Saturday, May 14, the Guatemala Mission Team will be having a garage sale to raise funds for our trip to Guatemala.

The sale will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 7am to noon. If you have been putting off your spring cleaning, now is a good time to reconsider! Our team will be available to pick up and store anything you would like to donate to our sale beginning May 6. Contact any Mission member to schedule a pick up.

## Spaghetti Dinner and Cake Auction Saturday, May 7, 5pm!

Come enjoy a night of elegance at by enjoying a delicious spaghetti dinner prepared and served by the youth. We will end the night by having an epic cake auction! You will not want to miss your chance to bid on our church members' most famous and delicious cakes! Donations will be accepted at the door and all proceeds from the cake auction serve to fund our entire youth program. This is an important event for the youth since **we are completely self-funded**. There will also be a 10% tithe of whatever we make that will be donated to World Vision Organization to help feed the hungry. You can help by attending this event or by baking cake! If you would like to make a cake, just bring it on Saturday to the event labeled with your name and what type of cake it is.

# May 2011

## BIRTHDAYS

5/2 Linda Hall, Averi Smith; 5/3 Bobby Jones; 5/5 Meredith Church, Pamela Needham; 5/6 Tom Hatcher, Addison Fohr; 5/7 David Hatcher; 5/8 Mike Redman; 5/9 Will Sparks; 5/11 Carole Colebank; 5/13 Eric Woodward; 5/14 Natalie Paul; 5/15 Lanny McGowan, Sr., Gene Wilkerson; 5/16 Abby Larson; 5/17 Abby Baker; 5/18 Bruce Wollaber; 5/19 David Burdge, Dan Norem, Jayme Wagner; 5/21 John Maynard; 5/22 Amy Hoag; 5/23 Max Massey; 5/24 Michael McGarvey; 5/25 Phillip Tuck, Erica Colebank, Josh Mucci; 5/26 Dean Jeffries, Madison Tuck; 5/27 Keith Shults, Mike Pate, Tyson Smith, Max Mucci; 5/28 Lori Hall, Timmy Yeager; 5/29 Donna Casey

## ANNIVERSARIES

5/1 Kathy & John Maynard; 5/10 Missy & Doug Marcus; 5/17 Lori & Josh Thomas; 5/19 Missy & Larry Smith; 5/21 Michelle & Barry Willis; 5/23 Cheryl & John Lenderman; 5/27 Susan & Blaine Foote  
And happy 25th anniversary to Michele & Tom Overton on May 10!

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW met April 13, at the church with thirteen members present and two visitors.

Mary Martin opened our meeting with prayer and led in reading *The Purpose*. Mary's devotion was titled "Enjoy and Give."

Dot Arnold has finished twelve boy and girl premature baby outfits. They were sent to Baptist Hospital.

We voted to send one child to summer camp.

Joyce Patton was our hostess. She introduced Olivia Haley who gave a heart felt drama of "Mary at the Foot of the Cross."

After our program we had an auction sale to build up our treasury. Our auctioneer was Olivia Haley who did a great job. Each member brought two items for the auction. With fifteen women present we made almost \$250. It was a lot of fun. One mystery item in a fancy bag brought much bidding among the women.

We adjourned with a prayer and then went to lunch.

Our next meeting will be May 11, at the church at 10:30am. We welcome visitors and new members.

- Carolyn Battle  
Secretary

## YOUNG HEARTS

Please save the date: Friday, May 27, 10am will be our next meeting. We will have Christine Debre, the Executive Director of Tennessee Senior Olympics, as our speaker. We will meet in Fellowship Hall and Jackie Green will prepare a delicious lunch for us. Come and join our group; new members are welcome!

- Carolyn Crigger  
Secretary

If you use the kitchen, please take home your leftover food and supplies. Do not simply leave them in the pantry or refrigerator.

Unless you have made arrangements, nobody will use it, then the "kitchen angels" have to throw it out.

Summer Camp at Cedar Crest in June!

Details on our website!



Parents, A friendly reminder of our Safe Sanctuary policy: **ALL children from Nursery to 6<sup>th</sup> 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!



## BEHIND THE SCENES FROM THE TRUSTEES

*The Sunshine Builders* sprang into action on April 4, when the storm landed a tree on the parsonage. Several were available on the afternoon of the storm to remove the tree from the roof, and others arrived the following morning to cut the tree limbs into smaller pieces and haul them away. We anticipate having a new roof on the parsonage in the near future.



Grubby Saturday was a huge success. Denise & Kevin Gavin organized this event. Despite the Women's Retreat

and Car Wash for Guatemala Missions, seven ladies and twelve gentlemen were on site to clean the kitchen and Sanctuary and spruce up the outside of the building and grounds. It was a great day of labor and fellowship with our church family.

The Youth will soon have a new basketball goal. A post was donated, and several have been busy getting it ready for placing in concrete.

During this time of financial stress, giving of your time and talents is very much appreciated.

- Jimmy Reaves  
Chair, Board of Trustees

**NOLENSVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**2011 GENERAL FUND QUARTERLY UPDATE**  
 Results through March 31, 2011

**Comments:**

Overall, first quarter results were good with expenses slightly exceeding contributions, decreasing the General Fund by \$933. Still there is concern for the remainder of the year as designated funds from the Special Gifts Fund will be depleted in April. Year to date general giving is averaging \$25,000 per month while expenses are expected to exceed \$30,000 per month. Should expenses exceed contributions at this rate, we will end the year with a \$40,000 deficit in the General Fund.

Over the next few months the Finance Committee, Trustees, SPPRC, and Church Council will closely monitor expenses and contributions to see if any changes to our budget will be required.

Please remember to review your quarterly giving statements.

Our 2010 financials were audited by Eckler Consulting with no major findings. Overall, our auditor was pleased with our system and progress, complimenting Beth Lindsey and our staff for their continued efforts and improvements.

The Finance Committee would like to thank the Trustees and all who have volunteered over the last quarter as their time and efforts have offset significant costs for the church. This is another great example of giving that illustrates the impact of using all God's gifts, not just finances.

	YTD through		2011 Totals	
	Actual	Expected	Budget	Difference
<b>Contributions<sup>1</sup>:</b>	<b>\$91,037</b>	<b>\$ 331,219</b>	<b>\$ 360,533</b>	<b>(\$ 29,315)</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Salaries	\$ 45,166	\$ 179,390	\$ 179,339	\$ 52
Apportionment	\$ 18,465	\$ 73,861	\$ 71,606	\$ 2,255
Facilities/Operations	\$ 18,099	\$ 89,442	\$ 92,676	(\$ 3,234)
Ministry/Missions	\$ 10,165	\$ 28,622	\$ 28,250	\$ 372
Misc/Extraordinary	\$ 76	\$ 451	\$ 500	(\$ 49)
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 91,970</b>	<b>\$ 371,767</b>	<b>\$ 372,370</b>	<b>(\$ 604)</b>
<b>Excess / (Deficit)<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>(\$ 933)</b>	<b>(\$ 40,548)</b>	<b>(\$ 11,837)</b>	<b>(\$ 28,711)</b>

**General Fund Balance as of 12/31/2010: \$8,342. General Fund Balance as of 3/31/2011: \$ 7,408<sup>6</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Donations and giving include undesignated contributions, such as the offering or other giving without designation or specifically designated for the general operations of the church.

<sup>2</sup> Excess of donations and giving over expenditures is denoted by a positive number. A deficit is denoted by a negative number shown in parentheses.

**Next Finance Committee Meeting: May 17, 7:45pm. Meeting topics will include April financial Results, electronic giving programs, and fundraising for various building/capital improvement needs.**

*Worship Times*

8:00am and 10:30am Sunday Mornings

10:00am Fifth Sunday of the Month

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Confirmation 2:00pm Gospel Fest Rehearsal 5:00pm Disciple	<b>2</b> 6:00pm JL Board 7:00pm Lions Club	<b>3</b> Missions Team 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 298	<b>4</b> 4:15pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Worship Committee 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Worship 8am Subcommittee	<b>5</b> 9:30am Friendly Neighbors 2:00pm Directory Portraits 7:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal	<b>6</b> 2:00pm Directory Portraits	<b>7</b> 8:00am Men's Group 9:30am Directory Portraits 5:00pm Spaghetti Supper/Cake Auction
<b>8</b> Golden Cross Sunday 9:30am Sr Youth Congreg Visit 2:00pm Gospel Fest Rehearsal 5:00pm UMYF 5:00pm Disciple	<b>9</b> 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop 1244	<b>10</b> 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 298 7:00pm SPRC 7:00pm Worship & Sp Form	<b>11</b> 10:30am UMW 6:00pm Dinner 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 7:00pm African Children's Choir 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b> 2:15pm Blood Drive 7:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal	<b>13</b> 2:00pm Directory Portraits	<b>14</b> Heavenly Treasures Garage Sale 9:30am Directory Portraits
<b>15</b> Native American Ministries Sunday 1:00pm Gospel Fest Rehearsal 5:00pm UMYF 5:00pm Disciple	<b>16</b> 4:00pm Daisy Scouts Troop 2362 7:00pm Lion's Club	<b>17</b> 6:30pm JL Program 7:00pm Trustees 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 298 7:45pm Finance	<b>18</b> 4:15pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b> JL Picnic 7:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal	<b>20</b> 	<b>21</b> 5:30pm Gospel Fest Rehearsal 7:00pm Gospel Fest
<b>22</b> 5:00pm Disciple	<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b> 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 298 7:00pm Church Council of Stewards 	<b>25</b> 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b> 7:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal	<b>27</b> 10:30am Young Hearts	<b>28</b> 
<b>29</b> Fifth Sunday Combined Service 5:00pm Disciple 	<b>30</b> Memorial Day	<b>31</b> 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 298	Upcoming Events	Jun 2 Jun 3 Jun 6-10 Jun 12-14 Jun 18 Jun 20-24 Jun 24-Jul 1 June 26-Jul 1	English & Spanish classes begin Youth Rafting Jacob's Ladder Day Camp Annual Conference Lawn Festival Guitar Academy Day Camp Youth Mission Trip Camp Cedar Crest	