

# The Shining Beacon

MISSION STATEMENT

We are "Love at Work" spreading the grace and truth of Jesus Christ in our witness to those in the Lambuth neighborhood, University of Memphis Lambuth Campus, our community, and the world in which we live.

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:15 A.M. Invite a Friend!

**PASTOR** Dr. Gary Morse

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Trish Loyd

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WORSHIP & MUSIC LEADER Mike Peery

#### PRAISE TEAM

Cindy Roberson, Donna Morse, Hazel Hunt, Gina Dickey, Tera Hay, Shelby O'Brien, Kendall Rezabek, Kevin Eberle, Bill Farmer, Danny Laughlin, Adam Simpson

> BULLETIN, A/V, GRAPHICS AND PROJECTION

Jim Parish

### **MINISTRY CHAIRS**

Church Council Cathy Venable

> Lay Leader Joey Williams

SPRC Robert Conder

> **Finance** Ann Evans

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> Trustees Bill Farmer

Education, Spiritual Formation Trish Loyd, Robert Conder

> Witness/Evangelism Alice Redding

Missions George Dean, Willis Ward

Congregational Care Shirley Adams



## **BETTER TOGETHER: WHY CHURCH MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**

Have you ever thought about the reason or reasons why you joined LMUMC? Was it the beauty of the sanctuary? The love and warm welcome feeling displayed by church members? Was it the need to be in fellowship with others who desire to serve Christ or perhaps the praise team or Pastor Gary's sermons? A few years ago one of the major credit card companies used the slogan, "membership has its privileges". That credit card company offered cash back to card holders. We, of course, can't provide you monetary gain, but we are a fellowship of believers who can offer much more of what is valued and important to God.

When performing at our best, our church focuses its attention and resources more on non-members than members. The mission statement of the United Methodist Church is "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Lambuth Memorial's mission statement is: "Love at Work" spreading the grace and truth of Jesus Christ in our witness to those in the Lambuth neighborhood, The University of Memphis Lambuth Campus, our community and the world in which we live." These mission statements remind us that while we seek to acquire new members, our ultimate goal is to lead others to Christ. An outgrowth of this is mission work in all of its different forms. In Matthew 28:16-20, Jesus gives the disciples the Great Commission. In verses 19 & 20 he states, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Church membership, then, is not about privileges like assigned pews, having a say in important church decisions, or getting to the front of the line at potluck dinners. Rather it is a call to participate as a part of a fellowship of followers of Jesus Christ who seek to make the world more like the kingdom of God. The Christian faith was never intended to be a solo journey. The first followers of Jesus came together for teaching, meals and prayer. Acts 2:42 says, "They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and to the fellowship, the breaking of bread and prayer." The same is true today. We are better together as part of a local congregation. We are better together as part of a global church. Membership may have its privileges, but at Lambuth Memorial our commitment to Christ and one another is far more important.

In our Wednesday night Bible Study led by Robert Conder, we discussed some thought provoking questions to prompt us to action. We all need to ask ourselves: Are we doing what God calls us to do? Is He calling us to do more? We tend to put God in a box and cease to be in awe of Him. He expects so much more than we think. We need to adventure with God and strengthen our promise to God to serve him.

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# FRAN PLAN MINISTRY

Fran Plan is a ministry of prayer and action for reaching the unchurched Christian and the unchurched non-Christian

(unchurched Christian - anyone who has not been to church in six months)

- In response to God's love and grace given for us in Jesus Christ, we are called to share our faith and pray for others that they, too, might have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.
- We each have unique gifts that enable us to reach out to others in a variety of ways. We are called to faithfully use our own gifts.
- Each of us can pray for others. It is important that we pray for people by name, as individuals, as well as for the world and creation in general.
- Identify these persons in your network of relationships who are not actively involved in the life of a local church or who do not know Jesus Christ –
  - Friend (Mark 5:19)
  - Relative (John 1:41-42)
  - Acquaintance (John 1:45)
  - **N**eighbor (John 4:28-29)

Pray for these persons daily. Pray for your own relationship with them, that it may be one in which God's love is shared.

Lambuth Memorial United Methodist Church

# COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE AND POTLUCK LUNCHEON at Lambuth Memorial SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 10:30AM

Bring a Dish • Bring a Friend Come for worship and stay for food and fellowship.

White Stone Missionary Baptist Church

### Better Together, continued from page 1

We have an opportunity to invite others with whom we have relationship to visit our church. There are FRAN Plan Ministry flyers available on the table at the sanctuary entrance. Use this as a tool to brainstorm names of people to invite to Lambuth Memorial. The acronym FRAN is intended to help us think about those you can personally invite. In FRAN, the F stands for Friends, The R stands for Relatives, The A stands for Acquaintances, and the N stand for Neighbors. Research has shown that the majority of people who visit a church were invited by someone. There is a great event scheduled for Sunday, February 18 at 10:30AM. It is another combined worship service with our sister church, White Stone Missionary Baptist Church to be held here at Lambuth Memorial. There will be a potluck meal to follow. Of course, besides our regular worship service, the Wednesday night Bible Study, children and youth activities, and mission and outreach projects are other events to which you might consider inviting someone.

I challenge each one to invite at least one person to church between now and the end of February.

Alice Redding, Evangelism Chair

## WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHTS

Family Night Meal, 5:30PM Programming All Ages, 6 - 7:00PM

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE STUDY

"One Faithful Promise" The Wesleyan Covenant for Renewal by Magrey deVega

Wednesday's, 6:00PM, Library

## YOUTH/CHILDREN SCHEDULE

- Wednesday Night Programming (PreK - 12th grade) began January 10 and will end with Senior Night on May 2. We will not meet Holy Week\ Spring Break, March 28.
- Youth (6th 12th grade) will meet on Sundays for small groups January 14 through May 6, with the exception of Spring Break/Holy Week on March 25 and April 1.
- More details to come about special programs this Spring!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY EVENING CREW SNACK SUPPERS

Click on the link Beth Ann posted to the church Facebook page to sign up, email her at bethann\_c@hotmail.com, or call 931-205-6804. You may also contact the church office to sign up.

## WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHTS MEAL COORDINATOR NEEDED

We are hopeful this person would help organize a weekly menu and volunteers (shop for supplies or designate this responsibility as well), but not be the one in the kitchen each week. Contact Beth Ann or the church office to volunteer.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING FAMILY NIGHT MEAL

Until we can recruit a meal coordinator for Wednesday Family Night meals, we are hopeful we can cover each week with a rotation. If you are able and willing to sign up for a week once a month or once a semester, click on the link on the church Facebook page or contact the church office.

We typically serve around 30 people (adults + children) around 5:30 pm, needing volunteers in the kitchen from around 4:30 - 6:30 pm depending on the meal.



# RUTH ANN ATNIPP 1094 N. Main St., Apt. E7

Dyer, TN 38330

# WELCOME VISITORS

January 7 – Jan Neely, Nelson Piercey, Paulette Piercey, Inge Poole, Zoe Poole

# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Merry Varnell – 4<sup>th</sup> Max Whaley – 7<sup>th</sup> Ginger Rodgers – 8<sup>th</sup> Glen Vanderford – 13<sup>th</sup> Joey Williams – 14<sup>th</sup> Cindy Roberson – 19<sup>th</sup> Norris Todd – 21<sup>st</sup> Sara Wallace – 23<sup>rd</sup> Terry Kuper  $-24^{th}$ Howard Yates  $-25^{th}$ Nancy Hawks  $-26^{th}$ Alice Redding  $-28^{th}$ Frank Neudecker  $-29^{th}$ Dave Cox $-31^{st}$ Ann Phillips  $-31^{st}$ 

#### **JANUARY USHERS AND GREETERS** Dave Cox, Jane Cox, Joey Williams, Susan Williams

LITURGIST

01/21 Scott Conger 01/28 Scott Conger

ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY 01/21 Sally Neudecker 01/28 Sally Neudecker

MEALS ON WHEELS 01/22 Dean/Whaley 01/29 Clement/Thompson

JANUARY BUS DRIVER - Brandon Byford

## TRUSTEE COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday, January 18, 5:30PM, Phillips Classroom

LM Men's Group, Saturday, January 20 8:00AM, Townsend Hall Breakfast • Devotion • Business Meeting

COMBINED SLT MEETING, Sunday, January 21 following worship in Townsend Hall

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday, January 25, 5:30PM, Phillips Classroom

# CHURCH CALENDAR 01/20/17 – 02/02/18

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
SAT 01/20	8:00AM	LM Men's Group	Townsend Hall
SUN 01/21	8:30AM 8:45AM 9:00AM 10:15AM 11:30AM 5:00PM	Praise Team Prayer Time Sunday School Morning Worship Combined SLT Meeting CREW	Sanctuary Whitestone MB Church Classrooms Sanctuary Townsend Hall Townsend Hall
MON 01/22	9:30AM 4:15PM 5:30PM	Disciple IV Wesley Foundation Zumba	Library Sanctuary/Townsend MFLC
TUE 01/23	5:30PM 7:30PM	Zumba GOD Group Narcotics Anon	MFLC MFLC
WED 01/24	5:30PM 6:00PM 6:00PM 7:00PM 7:30PM	Family Night Dinner Youth/Children Small Groups Adult Bible Study Praise Team GOD Group Narcotics Anon	Townsend Hall Classrooms Library Sanctuary Townsend Hall
THR 01/25	5:30PM 5:30PM 6:00PM	Finance Committee Mtg. Zumba Disciple IV	Phillips Classroom MFLC Library
FRI 01/26			
SAT 01/27			
SUN 01/28	8:30AM 8:45AM 9:00AM 10:15AM 5:00PM	Praise Team Prayer Time Sunday School Morning Worship CREW	Sanctuary Whitestone MB Church Classrooms Sanctuary Townsend Hall
MON 01/29	9:30AM 4:15PM 5:30PM	Disciple IV Wesley Foundation Zumba	Library Sanctuary/Townsend MFLC
TUE 01/30	5:30PM 7:30PM	Zumba GOD Group Narcotics Anon	MFLC MFLC
WED 01/31	5:30PM 6:00PM 6:00PM 7:00PM 7:30PM	Family Night Dinner Youth/Children Small Groups Adult Bible Study Praise Team GOD Group Narcotics Anon	Townsend Hall Classrooms Library Sanctuary Townsend Hall
THR 02/01	5:30PM 6:00PM	Zumba Disciple IV	MFLC Library
FRI 02/02	12:00PM	GOD Group Narcotics Anon	Townsend Hall

## 2018 FINANCIAL REPORT

Budgeted Income Received 01/07 \$3,730.05 (No church 01/14 due to inclement weather.)



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<sup>5</sup>Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God.
<sup>6</sup>He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them— he remains faithful forever.

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## PRAYER CONCERNS

#### **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

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Charles Boykin	Lucy Hawl
Tina Byford	Nancy Haw
Judie Éenner	Skippy Ha
Jenny Hamilton	Donna Lac

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Sympathy is extended to the family of Jimmy Dyer, husband of the late Carol Leathers Acuff Dyer, who died 01/09

#### HOMEBOUND FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Sara Dickerson Celestine Ramsaur Arrie Edwards Juanita Roberts Robert Shackelford Darren Wood

#### FRIENDS & FAMILY OF MEMBERS

Angel Abbott (relative of Cathy Venable)<br/>Barbara Bean (stepmother of Cindy Roberson)Ted Hicks (son of Sue Hicks)Barbara Bean (stepmother of Cindy Roberson)Shelia Hopkins (friend of Martha Dean)Helen Billingsley (mother of Alice Redding)Olivia Johnson (niece of Jim & Cathy JoGG Bray (friend of Carol Carnell)Olivia Johnson (niece of Jim & Cathy JoJacob Carkuff (brother of Beth Ann Simpson)John Leach (friend of Mike Freeman)Savannah Conley (niece of George &<br/>Martha Dean)Gipsey Maxwell (Lucy Hawks son-in-la<br/>Barbara Mayeaux (mother of Velma<br/>Bobby Mayo (friend of James Swann

Donna Dickey (friend of Cathy Venable) Ronnie Dorris (friend of Sara Wallace) Mary Duncan (friend of Jenny Hamilton) Debbie Fullington (sister of Bebe Flack) Shirley Garrett (roommate of Juanita Roberts) Lynn Gay (uncle of Sara Wallace) Beverly Hall

Phyllis Harris (sister of Alice Redding) Brenda Hawkins (mother of Kim Laughlin)

## OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR WORLD

those who don't know Christ, persecuted Christians all agencies for helping those in need those in nursing homes and assisted living

Ted Hicks (son of Sue Hicks) Olivia Johnson (niece of Jim & Cathy Johnson) Terry King (brother of Peggy Parish) John Leach (friend of Mike Freeman) Gipsey Maxwell (Lucy Hawks son-in-law's father) Barbara Mayeaux (mother of Velma Mayeaux) Bobby Mayo (friend of James Swann) Marcie Mills (friend of Bill & Judie Fenner) Debbie Moody (sister-in-law of Max Whaley) Virginia Moore (mother of Deborah Smith) Charles & Evelyn Morse (parents of Gary Morse) Ruth & Tom Oliver (friends of Shirley Adams) Robert Osborne III (brother of Melinda Stewart) Mark Pace (brother of Tina Byford) Frank Parker (cousin of Kim Laughlin) Phillip Pickens (cousin of Danny Laughlin)

> our community the homeless, the hungry our troops, our nations and leaders healing of racial tensions in our country

Megan Pinter (daughter of Brandon & Tina Byford) Rusty & Mary Price (brother & sister-in-law of Laurie Clark)

Deborah Redmond (Tina Byford's daughter's fiancé's mother)

Dan Reynold's (brother of Peggy Parish) Joe & Melanie Rogers (friends of April Hamm) Larry Scallion (friend of Matt & Sara Wallace) Joe Smith (son of Gary Smith) Tanzania Missionaries Eric and Elizabeth Soard Doug Thompson (husband of Mary Thompson) Becky Ward (sister of Melinda Stewart) Brother John Washington's mother Suzanne Wehner (friend of Mary Lou Adams) Amanda Wildermuth (niece of Peggy Parish) Ginger Wildermuth (sister of Peggy Parish) Joan Willyerd (cousin of Sara Wallace)

> The United Methodist Church Wesley Covenant Association U of M Wesley Foundation our neighbors at Whitestone church