



BLACKMAN

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 3, 2018

One of my favorite things about Facebook is the daily memories it sends me. A few weeks ago it sent me a picture from three years ago. In that picture there were 6 youth standing outside the Wesley Foundation on a day that we had been had at work during our local mission week. The great thing about this memory was it popped up the week after we had our local mission week this year. It was amazing comparing the size of the group from 6 participants the first year to 42 participants this year.

This year's local mission week was a blessing. We read each morning to the children at Project Transformation. It was hosted at Lavergne 1st United Methodist and as we walked into the sanctuary you could hear the young P.T. students gasp and watch their smiles as they started saying with great excitement, "Look at all the teenagers we get to read with today. We will all get one." We did have enough readers to pair up with each student and we even had some of ours left over that got to organize books, work in young artist and movement minutes. Our youth got to experience the joy that comes when a child reads to someone. We had PT children that would request certain teens each day. This experience gave our youth the opportunity to serve as mentors to younger children. Our youth were amazed at the statistics of how far students get behind if they do not read in the summer. Quite honestly it helped some of our youth realize why they needed to quit procrastinating on their summer reading and homework.

Each day after we read we would have lunch and then we would get busy at one of our local mission places. The first day we worked at home right in our church. Doing jobs from cleaning to putting up signs. We also had a planning meeting for the days ahead.

Tuesday after we read at project transformation we started cleaning off about half of an acre of land on the Lavergne Campus. It had once been home to an old barn that got tore down so with weed eaters, swing blades, rakes and hoes we got busy. Wednesday we completed this job along with weeding all their flower beds and mulched area. Our youth and leaders really support the ministry that we see happening at Project Transformation so we

wanted to donate our time and services to the host church of this great reading program.

Thursday and Friday we worked at the Wesley Foundation. We did jobs like cleaning, emptying a trailer that was filled with old cans, put down flooring, and our favorite job of painting their large storage building. We are always thankful to John and Michelle the ministers at Wesley. Not only do they provide service work for our youth, they also teach them how the work they are doing will influence the students on campus. We enjoy working together at the Wesley Foundation. Our youth are very familiar with Wesley and the fact that there are college ministries on most campuses. We use these work weeks to talk about how important it is to stay Connected to God now and in the future. Our prayer is that these young people will have great memories of Wesley that will connect them to a college ministry when they are no longer in youth group.

Each morning and afternoon we would also have reflection time. During our reflection time we would pray for and with each other and talk about Jesus. We celebrated students who had never prayed before actually praying one on one and in groups with others to praise our Lord and Savior. We worked together as a team using our strengths and our weaknesses to help us grow. We loved our neighbors and were loved in return. It was truly a week of living in community with one another and our neighbors. We laughed and fellowshiped with a genuine sense of God's presence. It was truly a blessed week.

The youth group is very thankful to Maribeth Towle, Elaine Forrest, John Forrest, Ken Legrand and Cassidy Inglis for all of your help throughout the local mission week. Without carrying adults to chaperone and parents allowing their students to attend we would not get to do this work. So also thank you parents.

Blessings,
Chandra Inglis

Prayer Requests

- **Beverly Morris**, friend of Brianne Kendall, breast cancer
- **Carrie Curry**, friend of Elaine & John Forrest, complications with cancer surgery

- **Aunt, Uncle and cousins** of Ginny Mathes, health concerns
- **Connie Fowler**, friend of Mary Rose, 3 forms of Leukemia
- **Grandpa Diest**, relative of Kathilu Mote, multiple organ cancer
- **Linda Malone**, knee replacement surgery on Monday
- **Frank Horne**, brother-in-law of Karen Sloan, Leukemia
- **Oaklee Keisman**, great grandson of Margaret Brogdon, praise report for ear surgery that went well
- **Chad Pannell**, grandson of Mary Jane Pannell, health concerns
- **The family of B.J. Lawrence**, 18 yr. old who died unexpectedly, July 7th, former student of Teresa Brockwell
- **Buddy and Kathy Gansel**, Mary Rose's mother and father-in-law, who lost their home in a Kansas flood on June 30th.
- **Lennie Fabian**, friend of Toni Walker, spinal cord abscess
- **Carie Borchers**, friend of Tamara Harris, stem cell transplant
- **Carole and Dan Felciano**, friends of Gwen and Harry Hoover, following her cancer diagnosis
- **Shirley and Joe Townsend**, following her cancer diagnosis, former BUMC members now back in our community
- **Donnie Young**, cousin of Sharon Lenox, inoperable cancer
- **Julie Schuster**, friend of Karen Sloan, ovarian cancer
- **Wayne Pyle**, father of Maribeth Towle, proper diagnosis and healing
- **Ed Kriner**, continuing health concerns
- **John Sloan**, bladder cancer
- **Bruce Broden**, complications with cancer treatment

Announcements

In case of inclement weather, stay tuned to Facebook, Twitter and email for updates on church services and activities.

- **Youth Swim Party:** We will welcome our new 6th graders to youth with a swim party on August 12th. Families of youth are invited too. Bring a side or

dessert Please let Chandra Inglis know if you will be attending.

- **Family Fellowship Event:** August 19th is UMC Day with the Nashville Sounds. This is a church wide event and bus transportation will be provided. Tickets are \$10 and a sign up sheet is in the Narthex. Guests are welcome, however everyone must purchase tickets ahead of time.
- **Saturday, August 4th** is the next Simply Fellowship and United Methodists Men's Breakfast at 8 am. Everyone is invited. Come and join us for food and fellowship.
- **Save the Date:** "Blessing of the Backpacks" will be August 5th, during both services.
- **Save the Date:** Promotion Sunday for Children's Sunday School will be August 12th. Also, Presentation of Bibles to rising 3rd graders will be August 12th during both services.
- **Trivia Night:** We will be hosting a Trivia Night on August 18th at 6:30 p.m. Childcare for 6 years and younger will be provided. We also encourage you to bring your favorite snack food or dish to share.
- **Save the Date:** We will be hosting a seminar by Judy Towne Jennings called "The Challenge of Widowhood: How to Accept the Adventure" on August 18th at 9:30 a.m. Light refreshments will be served and there is a sign up sheet in the lobby. Please note, this class is appropriate for all stages of widowhood. Please feel free to also bring a friend.
- **Sunday School Teachers Needed:** We are in need of a few elementary Sunday School teachers. If you would be interested in serving this upcoming year please contact Sarah Stockton. If you can't serve every Sunday but would be willing to be added to a substitute list, that is also a need. You can email Sarah.Stockton@hotmail.com.

- **Handbells in Worship** – Fall is traditionally the time of year when our handbell group organizes for the coming season. In the next few weeks we will be meeting to discuss rehearsal days/times and performance dates. You don't have to have any experience and being able to read music is helpful but many people have been able to learn to read enough to be able to ring in a short amount of time with the help of others in the group. We generally play during worship a couple of times in the fall and Christmas season, and will perform with other area church handbell groups at the Epiphany Ring concert on January 6, 2019. Anyone who is interested in learning more about handbells or giving ringing a try should contact Mike Rose at music@blackmanumc.com for more information.
- **Stepping Stones ministry** for August will be the 26th. We have a sign up sheet in the lobby. If you have not had a chance to be involved with this ministry, now's the time. We have openings for August.
- **Wonderful Wednesdays** – Fellowship meal and classes for all ages will start back on September 5th. The meal will be at 5:30 p.m. and classes will follow at 6:15 p.m. More details to come.

Announcement from Church Council

I am excited to announce that Brother David and Sarah have been invited by Bishop McAlilly to participate in an educational opportunity trip to Israel in January 2019 with the bishop and a group of other UM ministers.

Since the invitation does not include funding, the Church Council voted

unanimously to secure the funds to cover the cost of the trip. The total cost, including auxiliary expenses, is close to \$5000.

Instead of taking funds from the church budget, we are first giving the congregation the opportunity to make a love offering toward this endeavor. By doing so, you would be investing in our pastor not only in his work with Blackman United Methodist Church but also with any church he serves in the future.

If you would like to contribute, simply notate "for Israel Trip" on your check and place it in the offering plate. We hope to have funding in place by mid-September.

Feel free to contact me or Brother David if you have any questions. Thanks!

--*Betsy Williams*

Youth Calendar

August 5th 6th Grade Youth 4:00-5:30

August 5th Regular Youth 5:00-7:00

August 12th Youth Swim Party (families of youth are invited too) We welcome our new 6th graders to youth.*

August 19th UMC Day Nashville Sounds tickets are \$10.00 (church wide and we will take a bus)*

August 26 Regular Youth 6th-12th Grade 5:00-7:00

Save The Dates:

Fall Retreat September 21-23 @ Cedar Crest Camp*

Warmth in Winter February 1-3 Gaylord Opryland Hotel*

*Sign up sheets are outside the youth office

Scriptures for this Sunday

2 Timothy 3:10-17

Leaders in Worship Today

Rev. David Stockton

Mike Rose, Music Director

Jan MacKrell, piano

8:30 am:

Phil Glass, Worship Leader

Grace & Maggie Moore, Acolytes

Jenny Peck, Lay Reader

Mark Spears, Sound Tech

Payton Towle, Multimedia Tech

David & Susie Seadorf, Chandra Inglis, Communion Servers

Andrew Peck, Communion Prep

10:45 am:

Brandon Whitt, Worship Leader

Gage & Gavin Stephens, Acolytes

Karen Sloan, Lay Reader

Mark Spears, Sound Tech

Sarah Stockton, Multimedia Tech

Judy Shewmake, Dick Stidom, Chandra Inglis, Communion Servers

Trish Ziegemeier & Bethany McNeely, Communion Prep

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