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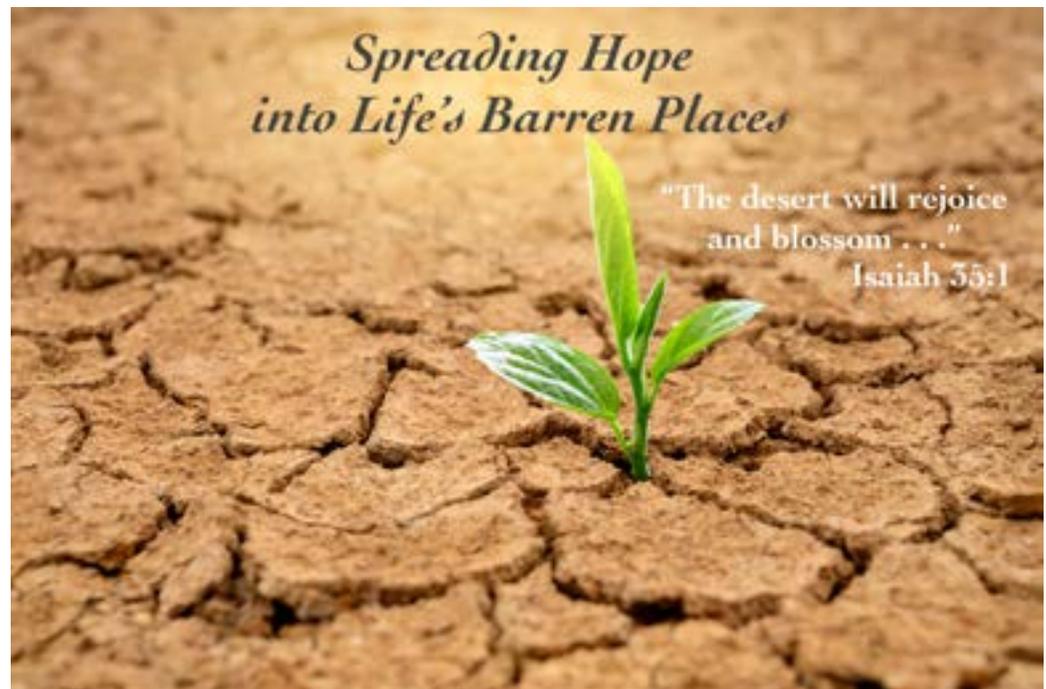
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Missions Celebration 2021 Saturday, March 6 - Sunday, March 7

Mark your calendars for the 2021 Missions Celebration to be held at First Broad Street UMC on March 6 and 7.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Randy Frye

Rise Against Hunger Food Packaging will occur as a safe distancing event in accordance with Holston Covid protocol on Saturday, March 6.

NEW this year you will be provided a **thirty-day prayer calendar** highlighting many of the mission ministries and missionaries FBS supports. The calendar will begin on February 7 and will run through Missions Celebration weekend.

Missions Celebration continued on page 12

In Memory of Our Church Family Members ...

Brenda Harper - November 28

Sympathy is expressed to her husband, Paul Harper.

Enoch D. Fansler - November 30

Sympathy is expressed to his wife, Patricia Fansler.

Lillian Freeman Guenther - December 3

Margaret Umberger - December 5

Sympathy is expressed to her husband, Rodney, son Rod, and daughter, Katrina Herlong, as well as her grandchildren, Bryce, Connor, and Ryan Herlong.

Jewell Brooks - December 12

Sympathy is expressed to Linda Danko, daughter, Mike Thomas, son, Courtney Carter, granddaughter, Drew, Maggie, Clay and Brandy Carter, great grandchildren, Jennifer McDavid, granddaughter, Blake, Jackson, and Logan McDavid, great grandchildren, Michael Thomas, grandson, and Brit and Cole Thomas, great grandsons.

Sympathy is expressed to . . .

Jane Williams on the November 19 death of her grandson,

Jacob Williams;

Steve Kilgore on the November 23 death of his brother,

Gary Lynn Kilgore;

Ashley Hobbs, Mac and Emeline Hobbs on the November 25 death of grandfather and great grandfather,

Dr. William Leroy Palmer;

Jamie Montgomery and Andrew Montgomery on the December 7 death of father and grandfather, **Jim Hall;**

Lisa Templeton and Andrew Naylor on the December 6 death of mother and grandmother, **Ruby Templeton;**

George and Charles Carty on the December 8 death of their sister, **Mary Ann Carty;**

Steve Ankabrandt and Kimberly Rogers on the December 11 death of mother and grandmother,

Faye Ankabrandt



Congratulations to **Richard Dunlap and Dr. Leigh Ann Young**, who were married on November 18 at FBSUMC by Dr. Randy Frye.

In-person worship is subject to change at any time due to the rise and fall of Covid-19 in the community. Please call the church office at 423-246-4471 or watch your weekly *FBS happenings* emails on Fridays for the most up-to-date information regarding our worship services. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate the pandemic.



Congratulations to **Lou and Katherine Woods** on the November 26 birth of twins, **John Ellis and Sloan Avery Woods** (grandparents: John and Deborah Mykytka); **Brandon and**

Catherine Schultz on the December 11 birth of their daughter, **Mildred Grate Schulz** (grandparents: Jim and Leanne Potente)



College Valentines

We will be sending Valentines to our college students again this year. However, due to the pandemic, we will not be able to set up a booth at church. We ask that if you were a sponsor in 2020, please consider sponsoring the same students you did last year. In addition, we will need sponsors for the freshmen. If you would like to sponsor a college student, please send \$15 to Darres Carter at 100 E. Church Circle, Kingsport, TN no later than January 31. For any questions, please call 423-224-1506.

December graduates

Daniel Boone High School - Caitlyn Heglar



College

Eddie Karst - UTK, B.S.

Cole Killen- ETSU, B.S.

Alex Montgomery - ETSU, B.S.

Drew Romance- Wake Forest, M.S.

Single Vision

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, regular dinners and programs remain cancelled. Contact Jane Adams at jane.adams.kpt@gmail.com or 423-246-1727 for information as it unfolds.

LISTEN TO WORSHIP BY PHONE

Listen to FBS worship service via phone call only.

1-423-207-1268

Just dial the number and sit back and listen. You can even put on speaker and enjoy at any time of day or night.

New service available after noon on Mondays.

Live Wires Sunday School by dial up telephone. A lesson is presented each week via teleconference. 10:30 on Wednesdays. Please call Linda Morton for information or to join the group (423-416-8317).

Senior Adult Fellowship and Gatherings will occur as soon as it is safe to connect in larger groups.

History of Hymns reprinted from umcdiscipleship.org (March 30, 2017)
The Old Rugged Cross - by George Bernard

*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;
 and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.
 So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
 I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.*

What do the gospel hymns “The Old Rugged Cross” and “I Come to the Garden Alone” have in common? Both compositions were completed virtually at the same time (1913) by American Methodists. Each reflects on key symbols of Holy Week – the cross of Good Friday and the Garden of the Resurrection. Both songs speak from a first-person perspective, composed in a ballad style (6/8 meter) with refrains. Both songs place the singer in the biblical scene, one at the foot of the cross where Jesus hung, and the other in the garden walking with the risen Christ following the Resurrection. The composers composed both the words and the music. Perhaps most of all, both George Bennard and C. Austin Miles wrote songs that many parishioners deeply love, and others love to hate.

George Bennard (1873-1958) was born in Ohio, but raised in Iowa. Converted at a Salvation Army meeting, he later became a Methodist evangelist. The composition of the song began in Albion, Michigan, late in 1912 and was finished during a revival in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, where Bennard and his revival partner, Chicagoan Ed E. Mieras, premiered it as a duet on the last evening of the meeting, January 12, 1913. The famous gospel song composer Charles H. Gabriel (1856-1932) assisted Bennard with the harmony and, as is often said, the rest is history.

The completed song was first published in *Heart and Life Songs for the Church, Sunday School, Home, and Campmeeting* (1915), edited by Bennard and two other colleagues. From this point, it became a staple of Billy Sunday's evangelistic crusades, promoted by his chief musician Homer Rodeheaver (1880-1955), who eventually bought the rights to the song.

The composer employs the poetic device of hypotyposis – painting a scene – in his text. In stanza one, he describes the cross “on a hill far away,” though one may still picture the scene as if kneeling at the foot of the cross. Stanzas two and three refer to Christ on the cross. In stanza two, Christ is called the “dear Lamb of God” (John 1:29). The reference to Jesus is more direct in stanza three. Furthermore, he adds to the hypotyposis by noting that the cross is “stained with blood.”

Another poetic technique employed effectively by the composer is that of paradox. In stanza one, though the cross is an “emblem of suffering and shame,” the singer still “loves that old cross.” In stanza two, though the cross is “despised by the world,” it still “has a wondrous attraction to me.” In stanza three, though the cross is “stained with blood,” for the singer, it still has a “wondrous beauty.”

In many ways, this hymn stands in a long line of devotional poetry that venerates the cross in some way. The refrain begins, “So I'll cherish the old rugged cross.” One finds some similar sentiments in “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” by Isaac Watts (1674-1748) and “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” by Elizabeth Clephane (1830-1869). Let us look even further back in time for a similar theme.

The famous Latin hymn “Pange lingua gloriosi corporis mysterium” (“Sing, my tongue, the Savior's glory./Of his flesh, the mystery sing;”) by Venantius Honorius Clementianus Fortunatus (b. c. 530–d. c. 609) is a traditional Good Friday hymn. A stanza displaying veneration for the cross was included in the translation by John Mason Neale (1818-1866), the English translator of many Latin and Greek hymns: *Faithful cross, true sign of triumph, be for all the noblest tree! none in foliage, none in blossom/none in fruit your equal be/Symbol of the world's redemption/for your burden makes us free.*

Both hymns, though 1500 years apart, emphasize that the cross stands for something deeper: for Bennard, it was an “emblem of suffering and shame”; for Neale's translation, the cross was a “symbol of the world's redemption.”

While on the surface the theology may appear similar, actually there are significant differences. In Fortunatus's hymn, the context points toward the mystery of the sacrament. Furthermore, the tradition of this era would have placed extreme value on the mysterious power of actually having in one's possession a holy relic, a piece, even a sliver, of Christ's actual cross. Bennard, on the other hand, venerated the cross as a devotional object that one may eventually “exchange it some day for a crown.” Both are a means of redemption, but viewed through very different forms of piety.

“The Old Rugged Cross” has proven to be extremely popular as a country gospel solo recorded by numerous artists: Ernest Tubb, Andy Griffith, Jim Reeves, Johnny Cash and June Carter, Patsy Cline, Merle Haggard, Loretta Lynn, Tennessee Ernie Ford, Willie Nelson, and many more. Mahalia Jackson made a notable recording of the song on her album, *Mahalia Jackson Sings the Best-Loved Hymns of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* (1968). It was also a staple of George Beverly Shea's repertoire during the Billy Graham evangelistic campaigns....

Dr. Hawn is distinguished professor of church music at Perkins School of Theology. He is also director of the seminary's sacred music program.

Staying the Course

“And let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” Gal. 6:9. On a scale of 1-10, how strong are you at perseverance? I would have to say that it is not my strongest suit, but in 2020 and now going into 2021, we have all been called to be faithful and to persevere in doing good. While masking, social distancing, not gathering in crowds, hand washing, may not be fun, it is what we must do as we are motivated by love and concern for others. So let’s keep encouraging each other and continue on this path set before us.

By doing good for others, we can live into our calling as disciples and we will see the fulfillment of God’s promises of help and hope: “Be strong and take heart, all of you who hope in the Lord.” Psalm 32:24.



Upcoming Wellness Class

2021 is here! Let’s start the New Year with renewed energy and enthusiasm for getting healthier and staying that way. Margaret Gall is offering an online fitness class in the New Year to help participants get re-energized, motivated and on the right track for 2021. This class is on zoom and is directed toward giving you all the help and information you need to succeed.

**Wednesdays, January 20-February 24,
6:00-7:15 p.m. on Zoom.**

Whether you want to lose 5 lbs, walk more, or train for a marathon, this class can help you get started. Register by emailing Joy Eastridge, jeastridge@fbsumc.org.



Books on Grief...

The Good at Grief support group is working to offer support and encouragement to those going through grief. Chris Taylor and Paula Poe, coordinators, have teamed up to inventory our existing inventory of library books and to order some new ones.

Our group meets regularly on Zoom on the first Thursday of each month at noon. Call Paula Poe or Joy Eastridge (224-1512, jeastridge@fbsumc.org) for Zoom information.

Inclusive Children’s Books...

Chrissy Idlette compiled a list of favorite children’s books featuring children of color. These may be inspiration for gifts to children in your family, local libraries or even to the church child care center! Children’s literature is a great way for us to motivate and inspire! Check out Chrissy’s 7 minute video at: Inclusive book favorites - YouTube

1. *When God Made You* | Matthew Paul Turner
2. *Saturday* | Oge Mora
3. *I Promise* | LeBron James
4. *Parker Looks Up* | Jessica Curry
5. *Bold Women in Black History* | Vashti Harrison
6. *Sometimes People March* | Tessa Allen
7. *All the Colors of Christmas* | Matthew Paul Turner
8. *Blue Sky, White Stars* | Sarvinder Naberhaus
9. *Mary Had a Little Glam* | Tammi Sauer
10. *Wings* | Christopher Myers

Upcoming Book Discussions!

Talking about what we are reading is a great way to stay connected. Over the past few months, we have enjoyed sharing our perspectives and new knowledge. This group will meet over Zoom from 7:00PM to 8:00PM on the following dates. The meeting ID is available from the church office, Joy Eastridge, Lisa Tencer, or Linda Coffey. This is open to the church family and to the community at large. We would love to have you join us!

Reading List:

- January 26: *Jesus and the Disinherited* (Howard Thurman), led by Gail Preslar, Cameron Nelson Hardamon, and Janie Hobbs
- February 23: *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?* (Beverly Daniel Tatum), led by Denise DePriest
- March 23: *Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America* (Michael Eric Dyson), led by Caryl Griffin



As the challenges of COVID-19 continue, some of us are wondering about the vaccination—when will it be here, and when will we be able to get it. Below is a tool that helps to estimate the order in which you will get it, based on age, location, type of work and risk category. Check it out and see where you are in the line! Copy the following link into your browser:

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/12/03/opinion/covid-19-vaccine-timeline.html>

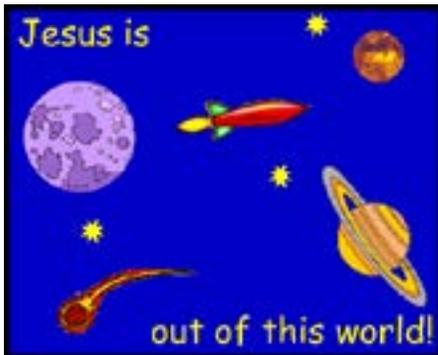
PRESCHOOL MINISTRY



Moms Connect

9:15 to 10:00 a.m.

2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month by Zoom
 Casey Johnson will serve as the leader of the group.
 Contact Brandy Robinson at brobinson@fbsumc.org
 or 423-483-2980 to sign up and receive Zoom
 information.



Our January theme: Out of This World

Bible Stories:

Jesus' teaching is amazing.

Memory Verse:

"Everyone who heard him was amazed."
 Luke 2:47 (NIV)

Key Question:

Who is amazing?

Bottom Line:

Jesus is amazing.

Basic Truth:

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Children's Ministry

During the month of January, **FBS Elementary kids** will be learning about the connection between **responsibility** and God's character, as shown through God's big story.

They will explore the idea that responsibility is showing that you can be trusted with what is expected of you, using passages from both the Old and New Testaments.

The main ideas for January are:

1. Love God Love Others
2. Share What You Have
3. Work Hard
4. Make the Most of What You Have Been Given.

January Bible Memory Verse:

"Suppose you can be
 trusted with something very little.
 Then you can be
 trusted with something very large."
 Luke 16:10



To give a memorial in honor or memory of friend or a loved one, please mail your check to the Finance Office at 100 East Church Circle, Kingsport, TN, 37660 and mark "memorial" on the memo line of your check.



In Memory Of

ENDOWMENT

Ruth Montgomery by Mary Jane Mattern and Don Owens

FRIENDSHIP DINER

Jim Harless by Emerson and Jennifer Sharpe, Jr.

FOOD

Ann Addington, Joe Betini, Nancy East, Betty McDavid by Mary Sue Still

Don and Lib Findley by Jonathon and Laura Howard

Dick Houser, Clyde Frazier, Vincent Guidi, Anthony Orr, Linda Corum, Evelyn Scott, Ruth Montgomery, Phyllis Bailey, Brenda Payne, Richard Henderson by Darres Carter

GENERAL

Tom Torbett by Phyllis Large, Lyn Vermillion

Margaret Penland by members of Budget Office Furniture

Lynn Harris, Bill and Tina Stuckey, James Stephens, Don Louviere by Rick and Beth Witt

Ruth Montgomery by Jack and Sue Ann Greene, Louise Carver, Peggy Jones, Ida Dean, Charles and Loretta Nitschke, Steven Fuson, Vivian Caffey, Linda Fanslow, Pat Terrill, Gene and Julia Archer, John and Jean Dugger, Thomas and Dawn Wright, Barry and Gena Staubus, Jane Scott, Emerson and Jennifer Sharpe, Jr.

Mary Louise Highsmith by Jennifer Sharpe

MUSIC

Margaret Penland and Lynn Harris by Mary Sue Still

In Honor Of

MUSIC

Gay Aycock-25 years of service by Mary Sue Still

Celebrate Our Birthdays by Calling Someone on the List -- contact info available in the *churchLife* app or in your printed church directory.

January 1

Margaret Colley
Mitzi Busick
Jenny Feathers
Matt Hill

January 2

Robert Northrop
Nancy Weikel
Betty Howle
Bob Barnes
Jansen Throp
Liam Stocker

January 3

Ethel Odom
Burr Harrison
Brenda Edmisten
Brian Yarosh
Perry Taylor
Julian Chastain
Keira Napier
Clara Blackwell

January 4

John Middaugh
Rod Broach
Johnna Thayer
John Hereford
Allison Stewart
Jay Minani
Brit Thomas

January 5

Mark Vaughan
Courtney Strickland
Jack Sproles

January 6

Allison Coven
Robert Brown
Miggie Atkinson
Beth Culhane
Lori England
Kellie Weaver
Mendy Simmers
Chad Heglar

January 7

Inge Dobeck
Kenna Fogleman
Tyler Eaton
Rebecca Spivey
Victoria Johnson
Jake Frohlich
Chloe Mullins
Emery Carver

January 8

Helen Cox
Craig Carroll
Rick Shaver
Duane Price
Becky Brown
Richard Vickers
Michelle Estes
Justin Crawford
Kimberly Rogers
Evelyn Rogers
Presley Williams
Catherine Kilgore

January 9

Josie Reid
Betty Lou Morris
Martha White
Anita Bausman
Joseph Powers

January 10

Charlotte Ellis
David Atkinson
Ann-Marie Torrence

January 11

Frankie Lambert
Brenda Harper
Jeff Bingham
Emily Holley
Kaiden Kay

January 12

Jo Northrop
Shirley Houser
Cathy Springer
D. Paul Folk
Mike Harris
Hannah Duncan
Stella Brown
Adalaya Eaton

January 13

Pat Hildebrand
Derinda Larkin
Donna Mullins
Connie Floyd
Ally Deason
Anna Cole
Leahnees Miller

January 14

Jo Ann Lowe
Lisa Tencer
Mia Collier
Anna Mullins

January 15

Marsha Carter
Susie Pedersen
Karen Chastain
Steve Robinson
Camille Gilliam
Herb Ladley
Tayla Holt
Celia Sisson

January 16

Bob Thompson
Janice Reeves
Kay Morrison
Judy Campbell
Joyce Bice
Kathy Powers
Kim Price
Jessica Klimes
Mandy Walker
Misti McCreary
Adrian Quan-Vie
Ben Lively
Gabriel Smith
Will Everett
Audrey Estes

January 17

Herb Ladley
Valda Lady
Bill Ingram
Gail Preslar
Virginia Silva
Brady Umberger

January 18

Gail Quillen
Dail Blalock
Rebecca Goad
Sara LaGuardia
Townsend Wyker
Emeline Hobbs

January 19

Karen Crowley
Dorothy Wallin
Nancy Ankabrandt
Graham Luethke

January 20

Belinda Martin
Mary Frances
McCrary
Mary Schede
Mary Vann
Missy Belote
Colin Sandidge
Logan Burton
Marci Heidt

Caleb Bacon
Knox Lewis
Camila Giempietro

January 21

Ron Cogliano
Joyce Lee
Charlene Hogg
Jody Harnsberger
Minta Fannon
Mandy Romance
Amy Crawford
Kimberley Brundrit
Georgia Dukart

January 22

Hagan Bright
Charley Brooks
Mike Grubbs
Stephen Todd
Jeff Little
Connie Strickland
Dan Hull
Meredith Humbert
Conor Harville

January 23

Cora Lauderback
Judy Bowery
Martin Browder
David Scruggs
Kayla Kurzeika
Sullivan Bipes

January 24

John Kane
Emerson Sharpe
Brenda Heidt
Jeanna Jenkins
Audrey Penley

January 25

Betty Parise
Margaret Slemple
Bradley Anderson
Gracie Carver
Wil Dunnivant

January 26

K. Gardner
Hammond
Anne Williams
Margi Page Anderson
Sandy Turner
Drew Johnson
Katie Todd
Steven Pedersen
Victoria Dean
Graham Owens

Isabella Bolden
Violet Fontaine

January 27

Bob Taylor
Nancy Snead
Art Ellis
James Crawford
Ellen Klug
Dave Jones
Aaron Frye
Lucy Gilly

January 28

Mike Boggan
Kent Taylor
Rod Gemayel
Mike Hathaway
Mike Bevins
Chandler Shoemaker
John Kublawi
Cohen Metcalf

January 29

Jim Mosrie
Bill Bard
Kenneth Roberts
Chuck Strickland
Ellen Hall
Nancy Mahaffey
Judy Jimenez
Jonathon Speed
Campbell Garver
Eli Day
Graeme Merritt

January 30

Paul Smith
Mary Ellen Wright
Steve Droke
Lowanda Shelton
Sam McCord
Hannah Morrell

January 31

Kathie Estes
Lesla Christian
Anita Vickers
Leslie Swafford

Happy Birthdays!



Congregation Funds 74 UMCOR Cleaning Buckets

The United Methodist Committee On Relief, UMCOR, is the relief agency of the United Methodist Church that responds to the needs of humanity after a disaster in the US and around the world. Many times, UMCOR is the first to arrive and the last to leave after natural and/or man-made disasters. One of the response opportunities for United Methodist after flooding disasters is the provision of Cleaning Buckets, or a 5 gallon bucket filled with cleaning supplies consistent with those needed after water has entered a home and set the stage for mold and mildew to develop. As you can imagine, UMCOR has provided Cleaning Buckets to tens of thousands of homes after each of the storms that affected the gulf coast and locations inland throughout the summer and fall. The need was so great that a plea was put out to United Methodist to assist in restocking the supply of buckets to be able to respond to flooding disasters in the future.

The FBS congregation responded to this plea by providing financial resources of \$5550.00 to assemble 74 Cleaning Buckets that were delivered this month. Due to Covid 19, we chose to collect funds and buy the ingredients in bulk, rather than have each donor shop for the items, possibly subjecting them to Covid 19. Susie Pedersen organized the effort, ordering sufficient supplies, and then arranging a few volunteers to gather in a safe distancing manner and assemble the buckets.

We thank the congregation for such an overwhelming response, and pray that God’s love and grace will abound through this response to families and individuals in a time of suffering and distress.

Sue Ann Greene Accepts Role As Missions Chair

Lane Dukart has been serving as the chair of the Missions Committee, a body that works with the missions staff in facilitating mission support and activity through the congregation of the church, while keeping it aligned with the mission and vision of FBS and The United Methodist Church. He will be stepping down at the end of December, after serving for two years and making great contributions to the mission ministry of our congregation. We appreciate his passion and commitment to missions and will miss his leadership.

We are pleased to announce that Sue Ann Greene has accepted the opportunity to step into the role as Mission Chairperson beginning in January of 2021. Sue Ann has long supported the mission ministry of the church, and has been involved in several mission trips to Estonia, and to Hungary. She also has been active in Friends Of Estonia for many years. Sue Ann has been an advocate for the local mission ministries of First Broad Street, and has always been available for consultation as we reached out into our community in so many transformational ways. She has a deep concern for people, and a passion for what God can do through the church. Additionally, Sue Ann has served Holston Conference through her service on GCFA, a committee that oversees the finances of the conference.



Please join us in welcoming Sue Ann Greene to the leadership team of Missions as we enter into new opportunities of transforming our community, and the world, through the mission ministries of the church.

Holiday Food Bag Drive Provides Advent Opportunity Ends Jan. 3

The annual Holiday Food Bag Drive will run through Sunday, January 3. This ministry opportunity is an excellent way for families, individuals, and small groups to have a personal experience of placing food on the table of someone who is physically hungry and in need of love, grace, and hope.

We have made some changes to the process for the drive this holiday season due to Covid-19. We want to insure that all can participate, even those who may be in the vulnerable demographic and are not yet attending worship. So, we are offering three ways for participation as follows:

1 - We will have bags available at the church as you enter and leave worship on Sunday mornings, as well as cart in the entryway to place the bags when they are full. This will be present in both the main entrance as well as the Wesley Wing entrance. The list of ingredients will be stapled to the bags.

2 - For those who are not attending worship, you can pick up a bag from the church on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00-4:00 pm or take the list of ingredients with this article and purchase the items and ask for a paper bag as you check out. Drop off is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at a cart in the main entrance to the church. Following is the list of ingredients of the bags:



1 Protein such as Spaghetti Sauce with Meat and Noodles or Tuna and Mac & Cheese

1 Can Fruit

1 Can Chunky Soup

3 Different Cans Vegetables

1 Jar Peanut Butter

1 Jar Jelly

1 Box Cereal

1 Tube Crackers

1 Pouch Powdered Milk

1 Holiday Treat, such as Cookies, Peanuts, Granola, or Popcorn



3 - For those who would rather not be out in crowds and shop for groceries, but still desire to participate, a \$25.00 donation can be made to the church Food Ministry to cover the cost of the ingredients of a bag. This can be done by mailing a check to the church office, or online by going to the church website, fbsumc.org, and click the **GIVE** icon, select **Other Gifts** from the drop down, and type **Holiday Food Bag** in the memo line.

We thank you for your continued support of the Food Ministry and ask that you join us in keeping the recipients of the food and others who are struggling in your thoughts and prayers. Please call Susie in the missions office with any questions at 423-224-1531.



Help Needed to Get/Split Wood

The Firewood Ministry is in need of assistance in retrieving donated wood and splitting the wood once at the woodlot. The crew generally works on weekday mornings, finishing by noon, and you can volunteer for whatever fits your availability and schedule. Training is provided as needed, and fellowship abounds. This is a great ministry opportunity that will enable the wood to be ready for delivery to the families that we provide it for through the winter months. The woodlot is

now located at Wimberly Woods in Bloomingdale, the FBSUMC Retreat Center, and is a great location to work in the outdoors. If you would like to know more about how you can participate in this ministry, please call the Mission Office at 423-224-1531.



Need some inspiration for cooking the next family meal? Try this one from Susan M. Pond, found in the United Methodist Women's Cookbook.

Like what you see? . . .

Pick up your copy of the cookbook for only \$12!

Wild Rice Party Casserole

2 cups boiling water
2/3 cup rice (half wild, half long grain)
1 can chicken rice soup
1 (4 oz.) can mushrooms, undrained
1/2 cup water
1 bay leaf
1/4 teaspoon celery salt
1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/4 teaspoon onion salt
1/4 teaspoon paprika
1 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons chopped onion
3 tablespoons salad oil
3/4 lb. lean ground beef

Pour boiling water over rice. Let stand covered for 15 minutes. Drain.

Place rice in a 2-quart casserole dish.

Add soup, mushrooms with liquid, water, and seasonings.

Mix gently, let stand a few minutes.

Saute onions in oil until glossy. Remove and add to casserole.

Add meat to frying pan and fry until brown and crumbly. Add to rice and refrigerate.

When ready, bake at 325 degrees for 2 hours covered. Serves four.



FBSUMC Financial Report: YTD Ending November, 2020

Revenue	Actual	Budget
Pledges	\$1,412,077	\$1,433,802
Other Offerings	\$ 1,151,658	\$1,415,984
Total Revenue (includes Child Center, Kitchen, etc)	\$2,563, 735	\$2,849,786
Expenses	\$2,573,820	\$2,849,678
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ -10,085	\$ 108
Capital Debt	\$ 0	*(573,267) more than required
Cash on Hand (Working Capital)	\$1,091,743	\$ 518,476*

Ways to Give:

- ❖ Mail: 100 East Church Circle
Kingsport, TN 37660
- ❖ Text **FBSGIVE to 73256**
- ❖ Church app: "churchlife"
- ❖ Online: fbsumc.org - Give Tab

NewsLetter
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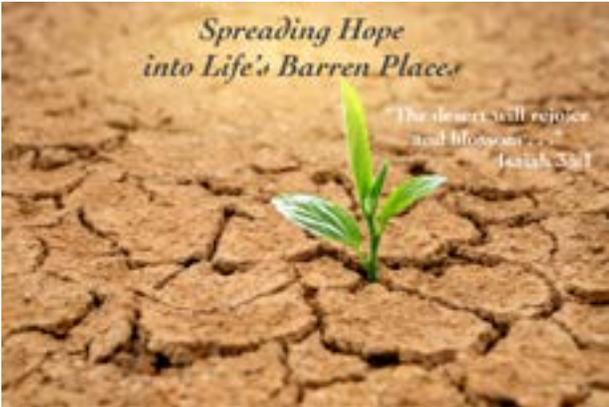
All newsletter articles must be submitted for consideration by the first Monday of the previous month for the following monthly newsletter. The deadline for the February newsletter will be 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 4, by contacting Meredith Brown at mbrown@fbsumc.org or 423-224-1522. All articles are subject to editing.

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Special Video Presentations

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Watch your weekly *FBS happenings* and Facebook for more information in the weeks prior to the missions conference.