

Pastor Todd's Forget-Me-Nots and Such

Next Step Committee to Meet on Sunday

The Next Step Committee will be meeting Sunday at 11:30 a.m. in the Green Room. The committee will be reviewing the affiliation/disaffiliation information we have received from the Smoky Mountain District office. The committee will be working on a process for discernment as we all seek God's Holy Spirit to guide us through this 90 day period of prayer and decision making. Please be in prayer for this committee and for our entire church family as we rely on God for direction. Our church will hold a church conference on Sunday Evening, November 20th to vote to either leave the United Methodist Church or to stay in the United Methodist Church. Church members who are present at the meeting will be able to vote. The meeting will start with a Thanksgiving covered dish dinner at 6:00 p.m. and the vote will follow the meal. For questions or concerns, please contact the Next Step Committee chairperson, David Duggan or contact Pastor Todd.

Worship Opportunities

Beginning this Sunday, September 11th, I will be starting a worship series on the book of Ecclesiastes. As our church family goes through a period of discernment and guidance of the Holy Spirit for the future focus of the ministry, we can learn much from the powerful teaching found in the Old Testament. I believe this book was written by King Solomon, who historically is sighted as the most knowledgeable and most wealthy person to have ever lived. In this book, we find a reality of what is the most important things in this life. We also see what is meaningless or non-essential for our life to come. If Solomon was the smartest and most successful person to have ever lived, surely we can learn from his teachings.

There will NOT be Sunday @ Six instead, we are inviting EVERYONE to join in the quarterly worship service for the Awake21 community. The Awake21 community will be meeting at RIO Townsend at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday Evening for a community worship service. The service will feature The Mass Choir and the Awake21 Children's Choir. Pastor Todd Chancey will be preaching. On Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Todd Chancey will be preaching at the 2022 National Campground Revival in Greenback, TN. This will be the 149th year this camp meeting has been held.

Directions to the National Campground Meeting:
From Maryville or Lenoir City travel 321 to highway 95 south, go 3.5 miles south to National Campground Road, turn right, go 0.3 miles turn left on King Road, the Campground is on the right.

From Vonore or Old Niles Ferry area travel 411 to East Tellico Parkway, travel 6 miles to National Campground Road, turn right travel 0.8 mile to King Road turn right, the Campground is on the right.

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy God's creation.

Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting

The SPRC will hold a meeting on Thursday, September 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the Green Room. For information contact Mark Brown, Chairperson of the committee.

Smoky Mountain District Conference

The Smoky Mountain District Conference will be meeting on Sunday, September 18th at 3:00 p.m. at Kodak United Methodist Church in Sevierville TN. Everyone is welcome to attend. District lay members to the Holston Annual Conference will be elected at this meeting. Contact Pastor Todd for more info.

Lay Leadership (Nominations) Committee Request

The Lay Leadership (Nominations) Committee will begin to meet soon to secure church leadership for 2023. It has been suggested that we ask all leaders to "stay in place" for the coming year. As our church family navigates the discernment of God's calling for our future ministry, keeping our leadership in place will help us in the process.

If you are in leadership, we are prayerfully asking you consider staying in your current leadership role. If for some reason you do not want to stay in leadership, please contact Pastor Todd ASAP and we will make the adjustments needed.

There are several leadership positions that will need to be filled for the new year. If you are not currently serving in leadership and feel called to do so, please let Pastor Todd (Chairperson of the Lay Leadership "Nominations" Committee) know so you can be put into nominations for a leadership position.

Here is a list of areas of service:

Church Council (including Lay Leaders and Annual Conference Members)
Congregational Care
Staff Parish Relations Committee
Education Committee
Executive Committee
Missions/Evangelism Committee
Lay Leadership (Nominations) Committee

Thank you and God bless you for your leadership.
Blessings, Pastor Todd.

IMPACT This Week

Wednesday September. 7 - Wednesday Night IMPACT (5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.)

Saturday September. 10 - The Movie Lifemark at Foothills Mall (For more information <https://lifemarkthemovie.webstarts.com/>)

Sunday September. 11 - Sunday School (10:30 a.m.) / Sunday Night IMPACT (5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.)

1st Talk

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Bill Bailey Scholarship

Alcoa First United Methodist Church,
Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship, it is going to help me so much.
Love, Allie Boyd




Update on David Lawson's Sunday Afternoon Bible Study @4:30-5:45 pm:

After almost two months of summer break, David is still prayerfully discerning the format and topic for our Sunday Afternoon Bible Study Group. We are grateful for the enriched discussions we had the last few sessions, including the local church, the 5 Solas, authority structure of a Christian, the security of our salvation, and prayer.

We're wondering if there might still be additional interests in the discussion format over specific questions and/or topics which our members want to engage in. There are still quite a few interesting questions which many of you were interested in four months ago though we did not get into before the summer break. Those are as follows:

1. What is the fundamental state of humanity in relation to God?
2. Do we play any part in our salvation?
3. What happened on the cross and for whom?
4. Can we refuse or resist God's call?
5. What is the difference in general revelation and specific/special revelation?
6. How can we know God?
7. What happens when we die?
8. Who/What are angels?
9. What is Deism?
10. What is Gnosticism?
11. Why did the reformation occur?
12. What is meant by "universal church"?
13. What do we mean when we say scripture is "inerrant"?
14. What are the essential elements of "being saved"?
15. Short version of Christian history

In the process of discerning and reflective thinking over the life of our church congregation, David was compelled to put together his thoughts about the Lord's Supper, Eucharist, or Communion which we all shared this Sunday 9-4-22. Of course, he integrated questions for you to respond as well. Please contact daruneelawson@yahoo.com (text/call 865-297-2709) for more information and to send in your thoughts, comments, and questions.

The Wellness Ministry will meet Tuesday, Sept 27, from 1:45-3:15 in the Green Room. The group will be making flourless, gluten free muffins.  Come join us! Signup sheet outside church office.

J.O.Y. Ministry

Tuesday, September 13th – Potluck Brunch @ the Cove Tuesday, September 27th – “Peter”- Biblical Times Christian dinner theater in Pigeon Forge. Bus leaves the church parking lot @ 5:00. Tickets are \$28.00 each. This event is always a wonderfully meaningful time of good food, wonderful show, and lots of fun and fellowship!

Saturday, October 15 – 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 15th - Fall Flea Market – All proceeds go to the new bus fund! The Green Room has been reserved from Monday, October 10th through Saturday, October 15. We will need an army of volunteers to help with sorting, tagging, and setting up. Please check your calendars for availability and consider volunteering.

Thursday, Nov. 10th - Friendsgiving Potluck – at the Chancey's home – 11:30 a.m.. Paper products, drinks, entrée will be provided. Members fill in with vegetables, salads, desserts. Sign up is on the Welcome Desk.

Thursday, December 8th at 2:00 in the Green Room – the Tellico Top Notes Swing band. This is a free event with swing and Christmas music, and refreshments! This will be such a fun event. We will have a sign up at the Welcome Desk just to have a semi-accurate count for food and seating.

Pick up a newly up-dated, full schedule of all events planned for our seniors located on the table under the J.O.Y. marquee and on the table under the TV in the front hallway. Check out the J.O.Y. Marquee for details on each event!!!!

Welcome New Members

First Methodist welcomes Blake & Starlet Mansfield by way of transfer. We also welcome Jason & Abby Goins who joined by profession of Faith. Please join us in welcoming our new members.