



## Two New Staff Are Hired

We are very pleased to announce that two staff positions have been filled. We welcome Kelsey Morris as our new Director of Student Ministries. Kelsey is energetic, enthusiastic, and excited to begin meeting our students! She will begin contacting our youth and their families in a few weeks.



We also welcome Josh Sumter as our new Office Manager. Although he is certainly not new to our congregation, Josh will be moving out from behind the Sanctuary organ to begin running our church office during the week. We already know he has excellent organizational skills and are excited he will be taking on this new role.



## Online Class: Faith and Photography

Rev. Steve Martin describes photography as “the art everyone can do.” Over the course of 35 years as an avid photographer, Steve has come to embrace photography as a spiritual discipline, a way of seeing things that normally go unseen. His work from Standing Rock, Charlottesville, Hebron, countless events in Washington, DC., and a variety of beautiful travel destinations has been published worldwide.

Join Steve for a four-week online course that will improve your skills and invite you into a way of seeing the world that is both transformational and profoundly spiritual.

This course will include fun assignments along with interactive Zoom sessions; it is open to veteran photographers and smartphone users alike. Email Steve at [communications@fumcor.org](mailto:communications@fumcor.org) for all the information. The course takes place on Tuesdays at 8:00 pm beginning October 5.

## Camp Wesley Woods Golf Tournament

The 17th annual Wesley Woods Golf Tournament will be played on October 4 at Egwani Farms. This event raises funds for camper sponsorships, allowing children who would not otherwise attend summer camp to do so. Register at [campwesleywoods.com](http://campwesleywoods.com).



## Holston Conference Has a New Bishop

The Reverend Dr. Debra Wallace-Padgett was elected a Bishop of the United Methodist Church at the 2012 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

At the time of her election, she was the lead pastor of St. Luke United Methodist Church in Lexington, Kentucky—an appointment she served for eight years. During her tenure, St. Luke grew in membership, strengthened its infrastructure, built a \$4.5 million Ministry Life Center, and launched a multi-cultural worship service.



Her previous service to the church includes six years as District Superintendent, three years as pastor of Paris First UMC, 11 years on staff at Lexington First UMC, and two years as Director of Christian Education at Epworth UMC. She served in a variety of roles in the Kentucky Annual Conference, Southeastern Jurisdiction, and General Conference. She is currently the chair of the standing Committee on Evangelism for the World Methodist Council. She previously served as a member of the Commission on a Way Forward, the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, the Connectional Table, and the Council of Bishops Executive Committee.

She is a graduate of Berea College (Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education), Scarritt College and Graduate School (Master of Arts in Christian Education), Lexington Theological Seminary (Master of Divinity), and Asbury Theological Seminary (Doctorate of Ministry).

Bishop Wallace-Padgett is married to the Rev. Lee Padgett, a retired deacon in the United Methodist Church. They are the parents of two adult children, Leandra Thompson (Alexander) and Andrew Padgett, as well as one granddaughter (Crindalyn Thompson).

*Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.*

-Philippians 4:8

## In Loving Memory

### Thomas Bratton

who joined the FUMC family May 7, 2006, and died September 19. We extend love and sympathy to his parents and brother, Tom, Ann, and Chandler.

## In the Hospitals

MMC ICU: Elizabeth Rea

## Our Gifts

Offering This Week: \$10,599  
2021 Year to Date: \$973,815  
2020 Year to Date: \$987,355  
Monthly Mission Offering: \$910

## Pastors

Mark Flynn, lead  
Jenny Caughman, spiritual care  
Seth O'Kegley-Gibson, worship

## Contact Information

865.483.4357 [www.fumcor.org](http://www.fumcor.org)  
Pastor on call: 865.272.9862

## Worship for September 26

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Sermon: If One Suffers, We All Suffer

Scripture: James 5:13-16

8:45 & 11:15 am Traditional Services

9:45 Contemporary Service

Preaching: Mark Flynn, lead pastor



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## We Are Looking For a Kitchen Supervisor

Do you have the gift of keeping a kitchen neat and tidy? If so, we need your help. Or perhaps what we need is a few good souls with that skill set!

Although the volunteer supervisors might occasionally need to help misplaced utensils find their way home or throw away items left in the refrigerator, they would not be responsible for performing regular cleaning. We need someone to ensure that groups which regularly use that space are following the guidelines to which they agreed. Interested in learning more? Please contact Rev. Flynn ([mflynn@fumcor.org](mailto:mflynn@fumcor.org)).



## Missions: Sager Brown Fundraiser

Although the Sager Brown Mission Team is not able to travel for its mission this year, we are asking our congregation to continue offering support for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) in Baldwin, LA. Financial gifts will provide hygiene and cleaning kits for those suffering following disasters. Cash or a check made out to FUMC (memo line: Sager Brown) can be mailed or dropped off at the church office. Collection of funds will run through October 8.

## Support our Church When Shopping

Support our church, at no extra cost to you, when you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). So far this year, your Amazon Smile shopping has provided almost \$200 in rewards to First Oak Ridge! This is an increase of \$50 from this same time last year! Go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and select First United Methodist Church of Oak Ridge as your charity of choice. Each quarter, Amazon.com will send .5% of your purchases made through [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) to our congregation!

## An Easy Way to Serve KARM

Each night, Knoxville Area Rescue Ministries (KARM) downtown offers a dry place inside for 200 men and 100 women to sleep in separate quarters. Every morning, guests are up and out early so KARM staff can get busy changing sheets and cleaning to prepare for the next 300 guests. When the cleaning is finished, volunteer groups take turns praying over each bed, asking God to bless the person who will occupy the bed that night, and then special notes are left on the bed to welcome the next guest. You can do the math and realize KARM uses lots of notes—actually, 109,500 notes per year! Our church family hopes to become part of the ministry that creates and supplies cards to offer a bit of hope. Would you, your Sunday school class, or other group be willing to make inspirational cards? If so, contact David Fouche at [davidcfouche@gmail.com](mailto:davidcfouche@gmail.com).