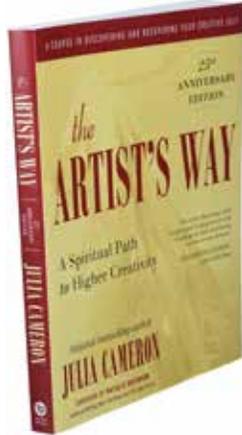




Jenny Caughman to Lead Study on The Artist's Way, Starting September 15

Julia Cameron's best-selling book, *The Artist's Way*, explores the creative process as a means of both accessing a deeper part of ourselves and connecting with the spiritual. Through sharing what she has learned as a person and a teacher, as well as insightful questions, Cameron examines our creativity and helps readers to better understand that which can foster and hinder creative expression. Her approach is accessible, meaningful, and effective. Since its original publication in 1992, over four million copies have been sold and authors such as Elizabeth Gilbert (*Eat, Pray, Love*) sing its praises.



While all artists are creative people, not all creative people are artists. The creative process is open to people of all backgrounds, interests and abilities, yet many of us are uncertain of how to access and foster our creativity.

Rev. Jenny Caughman will be leading a 13-week book study of *The Artist's Way*, starting September 15. Jenny has led several *Artist's Way* groups. The group will meet at Roane State Community College on Thursday evenings from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. For more information or to register, please contact Jenny at jcaughman@fumcor.org.

Don't Forget To Make Your XYZ Reservation

Call the church office at 483-4357 to reserve your spot prior to noon on Monday, September 12! Don't miss out on a good meal provided by Judy Dodd Catering and our "Drugs For Seniors" program offered by Dr. Jim Munsey from Munsey Pharmacy. All who are 50+ years old are welcome. Come experience eXtra Years of Zest!

Donations Needed:

Birthday Cards

We are in need of birthday cards for our card ministry. If you have any cards you can donate, please bring them to the church office at your convenience. Thanks so much.

Candy for Fall Festival

The Children and Family Ministry team needs candy donations for our Fall Fest. If you would like to donate, please drop candy off at the front office by October 20.

Ecumenical Mission Team Going to Panama

On Saturday, September 17, 19 members of an ecumenical mission team will depart for Panama. We will return for the first time since 2019 due to the Covid interruption. Half of our team is comprised of FUMC members; the others are from other churches and faiths. The team will conduct both medical and vision clinics during the week. We will provide a wide array of medicines and a large assortment of near- and far-vision glasses. The Methodist in-country missionaries have chosen the worksite based on its need. It is up in the highlands and will require horseback riding for the final 30 minutes to get there. Team members include Jim Michel (team leader), Bob and Maxine Schultz (vision clinic leaders), David and Betty Lou Alspaugh, Nawras Baban, Brian Christiansen, Donna Coffey, Judy Cohan, Tommy Daugherty, Wayne Houlberg, Kate Hull, Deena and Kaden Jenkins, Susan Ochs, Christina Shuey, Steve and Lois Withrow, and John Yarbrough. The team will be commissioned at the 11:00 a.m. traditional service on September 11.

Green Tree Plastics to Close

Green Tree is the company that receives our bottle caps and turns them into benches. As you most likely know, FUMC has been collecting bottle caps and, in conjunction with the Tellico Kiwanians, we have received three new wonderful sustainable benches. We had planned to continue collecting bottle caps for two additional benches, but the best laid plans sometimes go astray. If we can pull together a few more pounds of bottle caps, we will be able to get one more bench - BUT OUR COLLECTION PERIOD ENDS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15. So please find all the bottle caps that you have scattered around the house and bring them to the church or get them to Maxine Schultz by September 15.



Church in the Community Day

Join us on September 17 as we serve the community! Workers are needed for light yard work and cleaning gutters at Child Advocacy Center of Anderson County. Workers are also needed for yard work and sorting items at the Habitat for Humanity resale store. Please contact Fred Barry at 865-776-1166 or fredbarry@comcast.net.

This Week's Podcast: Alzheimer's

Mark's guest this week is Anne Leitnaker, Assistant Director of Keystone Adult Day Program. Anne talks with Mark about recent advances in Alzheimer's care. Listen for a new episode each Thursday morning.



In Celebration

Luke Benjamin Peters,
born August 31, 2022

Parents are Katie and Ben Peters,
big sister Everly Peters, and
grandparents John and Arnetta
Peters.

In the Hospital

Marlene Ericson (MMC)
Ed Ducko (Cincinnati)

Dismissed:

Janalin Watson

Our Gifts

Offering This Week: \$17,551
2022 YTD offering: \$878,432
2021 YTD offering: \$929,632
Monthly Mission Offering: \$640

We will be having **"Group
Membership Sunday"** on
September 18 in all services.
Contact Pastor Denna for more
information.

Worship for September 11

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: Beyond Pointing Fingers

Scripture: Luke 15:1-10

8:45 am & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Services

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service

Preaching: Rev. Bruce Spangler



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Reconciling Ministries Network Core Committee (RMNCC) Events Calendar

The RMNCC is organizing a vote for First Church members to decide whether the congregation wishes to join the Reconciling Ministries Network. The vote will take place later this year on Nov. 20, Nov. 27 and Dec. 4. To help prepare us for the vote, the RMNCC is organizing activities to promote graceful engagement, set a prayerful mood, inform the congregation, and gauge sentiment with the intent of providing ample opportunities and formats for folks to meet and discuss.

Coming on Sept. 11, 18, and 25 is a three-week book study on *God and the Gay Christian: The Biblical Case in Support of Same-Sex Relationships* by Matthew Vines. On Sept. 25 (new date), we'll host a Gender and Sexuality Workshop and Queer Panel Discussion after the second services (a soup lunch will be provided). On Sept. 30, the RMNCC and the Branches and Young Adults Sunday



School classes invite the congregation to march with us in the Knoxville Gay Pride parade. A special prayer service of reflection will be held Sunday, Oct. 2 during church services.

A straw vote on joining the Reconciling Ministries will be held Oct. 2, 9, and 16. The RMNCC program will conclude with special Sunday worship services on Nov. 13 and Nov. 20 by guest leaders Rev. Stella Roberts and Bishop Ken Carder, respectively.

For more information on the Reconciling Ministries Network and the RMNCC (including FAQ's), please see the committee's webpage at <https://fumcor.org/rmcc/> or contact Greg Smith at smit92611@gmail.com.

Food for Kids

Did you know Second Harvest started the Food for Kids program in 2003? FUMC has been distributing to the children in our schools who need extra food for the weekends for over 16 years. Dedicated volunteers put eight items of food in each bag. Come help the children in our community on Monday, September 12 at 12:00 noon in the multipurpose room. Food is delivered to the schools Tuesday, September 13 at 8:30 am. Wearing of masks is optional. Contact Cara Weigel at 865-481-8108 for questions.

Pastors Mark Flynn, lead • Jenny Caughman, spiritual care • Denna Hornby, associate

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