



Church Day at Camp Update

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend the FUMC Church Day at Camp on October 15. Camp Wesley Woods is rolling out the red carpet for us! Alongside the climbing wall and archery events, their camp staff will lead a full afternoon of fun. Join us for:

- Worship at 11:00 a.m.
- Candle Making in the Craft Cabin
- S'mores around the campfire
- A nature hike to a waterfall at 12:15 and 1:45 p.m.
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Frisbee
- Gaga ball

It's going to be a fantastic day of fun at camp for our church family. **Here's what we need you to do:**

- Call the church office to reserve a space for archery and the climbing wall. The events take place at 12:15 and 1:45 p.m.
- Register to let us know you're coming. We will provide a hot dog lunch and want to make sure we have enough food for everyone.
- Inform us if you need a ride on the church bus. The bus will depart from the church at 9:30 a.m. and depart from Camp Wesley Woods at approximately 3:15 p.m.
- If you prefer to drive, enter the following address into your GPS: 329 Wesley Woods Road, Townsend, TN 37882.

This event is BYOC- Bring Your Own Chair. A folding chair will ensure your comfort. For more information, contact Pastor Denna at dhornby@fumcor.org.

Register for Church at Camp Day on the home page of our church's website.

For Parents Who Have Lost Children

A support group for parents who have lost children will discuss *Markings on the Windowsill: A Book About Grief That's Really About Hope* by Ronald Greer. The group will meet on Monday, October 9, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. in Room 203.

All parents and grandparents who have lost children are invited to attend. Some copies of the book will be available at the meeting. A suggested donation for the book is \$7.00, but it is not required. In the prologue of his book, Ronald Greer writes: "A beautiful fall afternoon suddenly turned tragic and changed our lives forever... Our two-year-old son, Eric, died... I am writing for you who grieve... I am writing on how we can grieve and, in the process, become transformed. This is a book on grief, but it's really about hope." For more information or to register, please call the church office at 865-483-4357.

Wind Symphony Concert at FUMC

Join the FUMC Music Ministry on Sunday, October 22, at 3:30 p.m. as we host "Appalachia: A Southeastern Wind Symphony." Since 2019, this group has striven to offer the Appalachian region quality music through performances that highlight the works of Southeastern composers while also creating networking opportunities for young musicians from over 30 regional colleges and universities. Come support these young musicians by attending this free concert. Contact Josh Sumter at jsumter@fumcor.org with any questions.

Mission Offering: Blossom Center

The designated special offering for October will go to The Blossom Center. The center, located at 280 Royce Circle in Oak Ridge, is an extended-hours daycare serving low-income families with children from 24 months to 11 years of age. They currently serve around 60 children and offer academically-oriented programs. They keep regular hours during Oak Ridge Schools' breaks and also offer extended child care for older children during those times.

Their annual budget is approximately \$300,000, around 25% of which comes from donations. Director Shakitha Edmond plans to expand their services to keep children as young as 11 months soon. Our church recently built a new and larger fence around the playground, giving them some much-needed safe space to play outside.

You can contribute to this Special Mission Offering the same way you make your regular church contribution. Just be sure to mark it as the "October Mission Offering" or "Blossom Center."

Christmas Shoppe Wish List for October

In 2022, our congregation served 60 families and over 130 children in our Christmas Shoppe. To avoid overwhelm in the fall, we will collect one essential item on our wish list for Christmas baskets each month. For October, we are collecting new family board games, card games, and playing cards. Please bring donations to the church office during the week (Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) or to one of our three worship services on Sunday morning.

Blanket Sunday Set for October 8

United Women In Faith (UWF) will be collecting blankets this Sunday, October 8 before and after all worship services. Please bring new or gently used blankets, which will be donated to the Ecumenical Storehouse. Alternatively, you can donate \$10, and the UWF will purchase a blanket for donation.

In Sympathy:

We ask for prayers for Mike Morris and family in the death of his wife, **Joyce Morris**, on September 30. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

In the Hospital:

We are aware of no one in the hospital at this time.

Our Giving:

Weekly offering:	\$ 20,015
2023 YTD offering:	\$ 1,003,207
2022 YTD offering:	\$ 967,070
Mission offering:	\$ 1,200

Worship for October 8

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Matthew 21:33-46
Sermon: Ownership or Membership?

8:45 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship - Multipurpose Room
Preaching: Rev. Mark Flynn



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Celebrating Our 2023 Coat Shoppe!

Last week, our church provided 116 coats to area children and youth! What a wonderful way to make an impact in the name of Christ. Thanks to all who were sponsors and purchased a coat. We continue to accept new gloves and mittens that will be utilized at our Thanksgiving and Christmas Shoppes. We are especially in need of adult sizes.



Thanks to all who purchased our sponsored coats, brought in gloves, and provided extra coats for emergency needs. Thanks also to our Trinity Knitters for providing so many scarves and hats.

Willing Workers Work Day

Need assistance with challenging household chores? Save the date for Saturday, October 28 and reach out to our Willing Workers. Whether it's trimming hedges, changing light bulbs, raking leaves, or replacing batteries, our Willing Workers are here to help. Call Mark Diemer at 865-483-5410 to schedule a visit.

Your Opportunity to Serve God through Disaster Relief Donations

As you are aware, the past year has seen numerous natural disasters, including the Maui fire, tornadoes in Southern and Midwestern states, and hurricanes Nicole and Idalia. Unfortunately, the response of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to these disasters has been limited due to financial support and the COVID-19 restrictions on Sager Brown's disaster kit ministry. The United Methodist Church must take action by increasing the supply of kit parts and the production of disaster kits through the Sager Brown Depot.



This need is where our church comes in. We will be sending a mission team to work on disaster kits at Sager Brown in late October. You can join this team by donating to purchase supplies for the kits. The cost of the kit supplies ranges between \$12 and \$14 per kit. Please send or bring your donation for this important project to FUMC with "Sager Brown Kit" written on your envelope or a personal check marked for "SB Kits" on the memo line by October 22, 2023.

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