

The e-link



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Fairview United Methodist Church • Maryville, Tennessee

March 4, 2018 — March 10, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

We are now well on our Lenten Journey, making our way toward Easter. Lent is the time we spend getting ready for Easter, so we don't jump head-long into it without any recognition or experience (at some level), of the sacrifice involved for us to be a loved, forgiven, and redeemed people. To help us with this, we've been engaged with different Spiritual Practices for the last three weeks, and each of these practices has been the basis for a message in our sermon series, "Helping People Follow Jesus. . .By Following Jesus."

So far, we've delved into the practices of: Confession, Prayer and Fasting. In our Ash Wednesday service, I mentioned that "Confession is agreeing with God that our sin is contrary to God's plan and purpose for our life." Repentance then "reflects a change of heart and mind, to turn, feel or express sincere regret or remorse for our wrongdoing." In the message on Praying we looked at different models of prayer, including The Lord's Prayer, and revisited the passage from Acts 2.42 reminding us that Jesus followers have been gathering to pray together in community since Pentecost. Then last Sunday we looked at fasting, and how fasting is: "the voluntary denial of an otherwise normal function (so it's not just food), for the sake of intense spiritual activity (Richard Foster)."

This week we're going to be talking about the practice of Generosity. If you're following the Experiential Calendar then you've seen, and I hope experienced, some of the practices of Generosity that are suggested over these seven weeks:

- *Give to someone in need what you would have eaten out with this week.
- *Give away 5 items of clothes that you don't wear regularly.
- *Serve your coworker, or employees in an unexpected way.
- *Buy someone you don't know coffee or a meal without telling them.
- *Do an act of secret generosity that only you know about.
- *Take a walk around your neighborhood and pick up any trash.
- *Do something for a neighbor.

Of the practices we've focused on so far (including this coming Sunday), Jesus mentions three of them in first few verses of Matthew 6: praying, giving and fasting. Jesus doesn't say, "If you pray." "If you give." "If you fast." Jesus assumes those who follow Him will be engaged in each of the three for He says, "When you pray." "When you give." "When you fast."

The Fairview congregation has a reputation for being generous, especially in the area of missions. I want to thank you for embracing a new practice this year, that is, bringing a monetary gift with you when you come forward for Holy Communion. These gifts are being used strictly for local missions. Thank you for your generosity! These gifts are providing a steady stream of generosity as we seek to be faithful to the least, the last, the lost, and the lonely around us.

And if you want to look up some scriptures on generosity, I want to steer you in the direction of 2 Corinthians 8.1-9, 2 Corinthians 9.9-15, and Matthew 6.1-4.

Let's meet together to worship the One who has been, and is far more generous to us than we can ask, think, or imagine!

With my love and prayers,
Pastor Mickey

This Sunday, Mar. 4 we will once again be receiving a special offering during communion. Did you know that Fairview has helped families of patients at Blount Memorial? Your offering has provided funds used to feed these families as they wait for their loved ones who are ill. We are truly following the Scripture in responding to "... *I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, ,,*"

***Sunday Worship Attendance:**

8:30 am	11 am-Main Campus	11 am-Remedy	6 pm-Evening	Total
290	377	128	17	812

***watching the service on line 2/25 (55)**

2018 Annual Operating Budget:	\$1,701,261.74
Operating Budget Received This Week:	\$ 28,646.49
Operating Budget Contributions Received YTD:	\$ 252,794.80
Mortgage Debt Outstanding (02/16/2018)w/TVA	\$ 205,000.00
Building Fund Contributions Received This Week:	\$ 2,665.00
Other Designated funds Received YTD:	\$1,198.00

PRAYER

"We may have very little to give our friends, but however little of this world's goods we possess, we may give them the priceless treasure of our prayers."



Our Deepest Sympathy to:

Lee Fritts on the death of his daughter, Diane Friend, to **Jim and Regina Watson and David and Janie Watson** on the death of their brother, Donald Watson and to **Mary Dew Moody and family** on the death of her mother, Betty Moody

Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

Recent memorial gifts:

In memory of **Gwen Dunmire** to the Building Fund from Mark and Jill Mertz, Richard Stayneth, and the small group Gwen attended.

In memory of **Charles Bohannon** from Carl and Elwanda Hickman, Bill and Karren Cochran, Pat Bohannon, Stephen Olson, Peggy Smith, the Best Tedford/Agnes McConnell Circle, Julia King, and Charles and Martha Thompson.



UMW CIRCLE NEWS: You are invited to join the Best Tedford Circle this next Tuesday, March 6 at 10 am. The meeting will be in the small dining room. Our new Executive Director, Steve Cordle will be presenting the program.

Sunday, March 04, 2018

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 AM Discovery Class
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Confirmation Retreat Parent Mtg.
- 11:00 AM Worship - Remedy campus
- 11:00 AM Worship-central campus
- 3:00 PM Faithful Men
- 3:00 PM Nominations
- 3:00 PM Sticks
- 4:00 PM Youth Choir
- 5:00 PM Children's Choir
- 6:00 PM Worship

Monday, March 05, 2018

- 9:00 AM Learning Tree open registration
- 10:00 AM Tabitha Knitters
- 6:15 PM Women's Bible Study
- 6:30 PM SPR

Tuesday, March 06, 2018

- 6:00 AM Moms Prayer Group
- 8:00 AM Basketball Celebration
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree open registration
- 9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study
- 10:00 AM Best Tedford Circle
- 2:00 PM Dona Steppe Circle- R. Petree's
- 6:00 PM Women's Study - Book of Ruth

Wednesday, March 07, 2018

- 9:00 AM Learning Tree open registration
- 11:00 AM Wednesday Nights in the Mornings
- 6:00 PM Awana
- 6:00 PM Dream New Dreams
- 6:00 PM Fusion Tour of Remedy
- 6:00 PM Fusion at Remedy
- 6:00 PM Orchestra
- 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study
- 6:15 PM Jr. High Youth
- 6:15 PM Wednesday Bible Study
- 6:30 PM Compelled (18-26)
- 6:30 PM Worship Choir
- 7:00 PM Youth Dance
- 8:00 PM Sr. High Youth

Thursday, March 08, 2018

- 8:00 AM Costa Rica for Seniors
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree open registration
- 10:00 AM Beginner Flexibility and Balance
- 10:00 AM Quilting
- 4:30 PM Flexibility and Balance
- 6:30 PM Pickleball

Friday, March 09, 2018

- 8:00 AM Costa Rica for Seniors
- 9:00 AM Beth Moore Event
- 7:00 PM A.A. Meeting

Saturday, March 10, 2018

- 6:00 AM VBS Workshop
- 8:00 AM Costa Rica for Seniors
- 9:00 AM Beth Moore Event



Family Promise Volunteer Training Dates

Sunday, March 11, 1:00 PM

At Family Promise Day Center, 1009 Middlesettlements Rd.
Maryville

Our next week to host homeless families here at Fairview is
March 11-18

CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES!



JOIN THE PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER AT OUR
SUPERHERO LIFE WALK & 5K

May 5th 2018 • Event begins 8 AM
Race/Walk begins 8:30 AM

Sandy Springs Park

WEAR YOUR SUPERHERO OUTFIT!

REGISTER ONLINE: RUN4PRC.COM

USE PROMO CODE:
THELIGHT



NO ONE DIES ALONE... A service Opportunity at

Blount Memorial Hospital

The intent is to provide a "healing presence" to help the patient feel they are not abandoned or alone. This does not mean the patient is never without a companion present at the bedside. It is the connection and care that we bring into the patient's life that matters so it can truly be said, "They were not alone."

NODA is a volunteer program which seeks to provide a companion at the bedside as much as possible.

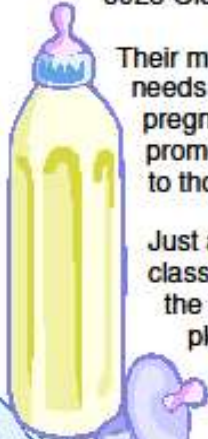


Meetings to learn about being a NODA volunteer are every first Wed of the month at 1:00 PM in the BMH Birthing Center Classroom on the 1st floor. To learn more about NODA, or to sign up for a meeting, please email David Headrick, Chaplain at dbheadri@bmnet.com



It is time once again for our annual fund raising contest for the Pregnancy Resource Center. This year, the Topical Class will join the Seekers Sunday School Class to challenge all other adult classes to this contest. The two classes will provide breakfast for the Sunday School class that raises the most money between February 11 and March 4 for the:

Pregnancy Resource Center
3028 Old Niles Ferry Rd.



Their mission is to minister to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those facing difficult decisions regarding unplanned pregnancies by offering life-affirming alternatives to abortion, to promote God's plan for sexual purity, and to offer God's restoration to those who are hurting from past abortions.

Just as we did in previous years we will determine the winning class based on a per capita amount. In order to do this we will use the attendance books to discern the number of class members, so please make sure your book is up to date. **You also need to make sure your class name is on the bottle tag.** On the church line put FUMC – Class Name.

Last year we raised **\$7993.27**. The Topical class who averaged \$122.39 per class member was treated to breakfast. Good Luck!

PRC BABY BOTTLES: Our fund raising event for the Pregnancy Resource Center will be completed this Sunday, March 4. Please bring all baby bottles and donations to church Sunday. Baby bottles should be left in your Sunday School class room or at the Welcome desk in the Narthex. Thank you for all your donations. They will benefit "the least of these".

Keenagers will meet on Wednesday, March 14, at 11:30 a.m. in the gym. Brooke Whitehead and Joani Shaver from SMiles, will present information on how non-driving senior may get reliable transportation to the grocery store, medical appointments, etc. Lunch will be a variety of sandwiches, cookies, and chips from Subs and Such. The meal will be provided by the Keenagers Committee. Sign up at the Welcome Desk. Contact Mary Ann Yoakum at 984-2844 for further information.

Become a SMiles Volunteer!

Providing just ONE ride a month can change a senior's life!



Senior MILES
Neighbors driving Neighbors
865-724-1331

Blount County Office on Aging

www.blountcaa.org



On a scale of 1-10, how is Your marriage? If it's not a 10 what are you doing about it? **Isn't it time to spend a little time to "Tune it Up?"** Good and Great marriages don't just happen!

If your answer is **YES**

THEN

Join us for **Marriage Tune-Up!**



Carole & Ole

Presenters are Carole and Ole Olson. Having been married for 52 years they have lots of experience and will tell you that their marriage is the best it's ever been and would rate it a 10!! Carole and Ole have a passion to mentor other couples and God has used them to help dozens of other couples.

52 years and going strong!

Marriage Tune-Up is coming Friday and Saturday, March 23 and 24 and includes sessions

*Our **STORY** made us DIFFERENT

*God made us **DIFFERENT**

*Our **DIFFERENCES** cause trouble

Tune-Up is FREE and Child care is provided (with registration) If you have questions contact Carole or Ole @379-2829

Brochures will be available at the Welcome Desk on Sunday.

HEAR WHAT PARTICIPANTS HAVE TO SAY

Sherri and Bill Teske

"Marriage Tune-up offers eye-opening ways to look at both yourself and your marriage. Carole and Ole are a kind, God-fearing couple with a heart to see marriages succeed! Any couple can benefit from this seminar and will walk away with better communication tools to enhance their relationship. It was enjoyable and informative. My husband and I both enjoyed it!" Married 16 yrs.



Donna and Jim Clark

"Marriage Tune-up was an enjoyable, worthwhile experience for us. Ole and Carole made the program come alive by sharing their personal stories." Married 4 yrs.



Jim & Donna on their wedding day and now 4 yrs. later with their "baby" Baxter

Kelli and Dale Phillips

"Dale and I enjoyed the Marriage Seminar immensely. Ole and Carole Olson showed us great ways to learn to communicate with your spouse in a fun and biblical way." Married 14 yrs.



Barb and Mike DeLisio

We attended this Marriage Tune-Up Class even though we really didn't think we needed it.

However, it proved to be a blessing when we learned how to resolve

communication problems by passing the heart stone. Married 32 yrs.



Barb & Mike make it "official" and sign their marriage license!



MARCH

3rd: Sports Ministry's Last Basketball Game Day

4th: Fusion Confirmation Retreat Parent Information Meeting (10:00 am in the Sanctuary)

4th: Children's Choir (5 pm)

6th: Sports Ministry Basketball Celebration Event (6:00 pm in the Sanctuary)

7th: AWANA Clubs: **"Double Friend" Night: Bring a friend who is new to Club** and receive double your nightly points, plus each get \$5 in Bucks. AWANA STORE OPENS TONIGHT.

7th: Fusion at Coffee House & Tour of Remedy Campus (6-8 pm)



Fusion @ Remedy

Join us at the Remedy Campus Coffee House (**across the street from Fairview's Main Campus**) for Pizza, Fellowship and a Tour of the Remedy Campus.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7TH

6:00-8:00 PM



Contact Mollianne Hubbs for details at
865.607.4379



Where kids will experience games, snacks
and learn God's Word by heart.



Join the FUN!!

For Ages 2 up to 5th Grade



TONIGHT'S THEME:

"Life Saver" Night– Join us as we get to meet a real life
LifeSaver from the Blount County Sherriff's Department K-9 Unit.

Yes...He's a Dog.

FEBRUARY

21st: Awana Clubs (6-7:30 pm)

25th: Fusion Family Luncheon: Immediately following Service in the Gym (Main Campus)

25th: Children's Choir (5 pm)

28th: AWANA Clubs: **"Life Saver" Night**– SPECIAL GUESTS: *The Blount County Sherriff K-9 Unit*

VBS SUPPLIES NEEDED

Please start to save the
following items:

300 Plastic 16oz Water Bottle containers
with lids (clear, clean & empty)

Drop them off in the Office

