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May
2018



Fairview United Methodist Church • Maryville, Tennessee

May 27, - June 2, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

I have an observation - perhaps a series of observations, and a word of "gratitude" to express to you. After her twenty-one years of ministry here at Fairview, Roxanna Jones made what may have been one of the most difficult decisions in her life, and she faithfully lived in to that decision - to retire. She finished "strong!" In an effort to "pass the mantle" in a faithful manner she sought to tend to every possible detail she could think of — something she had been working on for months, but she did so with increased fervency in her last couple of weeks with us. As hard as she may have tried, when you are "the director of 'Stuff,'" as Roxanna was fond of saying, we will continue to find things Roxanna did that we must now cover in new ways.

Because we loved her so much, we wanted to show that love to her as she retired in every reasonable way possible, and so we did that over an eight day period. Her Sunday School class honored her on May 13, the staff laid hands on her and prayed for her in her last staff meeting on May 14, the choir honored her on May 16, the staff and front desk volunteers honored her on May 17, and we as a church family sought to bless her during worship and during the reception in her honor on May 20. Someone has said "it was like pulling a bandaid off real slow."

I would say we as a church family came together to do what we both wanted and needed to do, it was all our way of honoring Roxanna, but it was also a way of our coming together with one another: telling stories and letting go so she could begin a new chapter in her life and ministry, and so we could begin a new chapter in the life of Fairview UMC. The word of "gratitude" I have is to say "Thank You" for all you did to help Roxanna "finish strong." It is important for us to celebrate one another, and to experience the "joy" that goes with celebration, which I saw at every turn last week. I know I was blessed by watching you, and by participating in the celebration myself.

With my love and prayers,
Pastor Mickey

P.S. Join us in worship as we spend the next two weeks looking at Chapter 8 of Romans, with a slightly different twist. All of us have things that we are "working on" in our lives; it may be our attitude, or perhaps feelings of anger, or even resentment. For the next two weeks we're calling this series: "I'm Working On It!" We are going to specifically focus on "Attitude." You may be surprised how Romans 8 addresses this. Consider inviting someone to worship with you over the next couple of weeks.

FUMC "By the Numbers" Week of May 20, 2018

Sunday Worship Attendance:

8:30 am	11 am- Main Campus	11 am- Remedy	6 pm- Evening	Total
294	314	126	24	758

*watching the service on line 5/6 - 34

2018 Annual Operating Budget:	\$1,701,261.74
Contributions Received This Week:	\$24,286.11
Missions Special Offerings:	\$105.00
Operating Budget Contributions Received YTD:	\$610,310.66
2018 Building Loan with TVA CU	\$196,027.34
Building Fund Contributions Received This Week:	\$1,205.00
Other Designated funds Received This Week:	\$2,899.00



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."

The altar flowers for Memorial Sunday, May 27, are in memory of all people who died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

The Dona Steppe Circle's next meeting is Tuesday, June 5, at 2 pm in the church small dining room. Carolyn Brown is the hostess. A program will be presented. As always, all ladies are invited to join us for a wonderful time for fellowship and a pretty interesting program. Any questions, feel free to contact Millie Stoutt at 621-6594 or mstoutt@utk.edu.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, May 27, 2018

8:30 AM	Worship
9:45 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Worship
3:00 PM	Faithful Men
3:00 PM	Sticks
4:00 PM	Youth Choir
6:00 PM	Worship

Monday, May 28, 2018

Memorial Day, office closed

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

6:00 AM	Moms Prayer Group - A207
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Wednesday, May 30, 2018

9:00 AM	Food Pantry + Clothes Closet
6:00 PM	Orchestra
6:30 PM	Worship Choir
6:30 PM	Compelled (18-26)
7:00 PM	Youth Dance

Thursday, May 31, 2018

6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study - MP108
10:00 AM	Quilting
10:00 AM	Beginner Flexibility and Balance
4:30 PM	Flexibility and Balance

Friday, June 1, 2018

7:00 PM	A.A. Meeting - A203
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Saturday, June 2, 2018

Births This Week

We would like to congratulate Steve and Laurie Pullins on the birth of their granddaughter Hannah Kate Pullins on 5/21/18.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you left dishes on Heritage Sunday, please pick them up from the table in the gym as soon as possible.

Also, if you lost an antique, gold ring in the sanctuary, please come to the front office to pick it up. Thank you!

A Letter from Roxanna Jones...

I love exclamation points! Within a paragraph or at the end of a sentence their presence evokes passion! Purpose! Excitement! Power!

I've known people who live life like it was an exclamation point and I've known others who just meander through. With a sprinkling of commas that serve as a pause, they boringly wait for a period to end life's dialogue, terminating their purposeless existence!

Some churches are like that and I can't help but ask, "How! Why! What happened!" We follow a RISEN Christ! We are believers in the One who conquered the grave! Placed the stars in the sky! Parted the sea! Walked on water! And carried our sins all the way to the cross! He gave us life – abundant life for the here and now and life for our eternity! He quenches our thirst! Divides our sorrows!! Lifts us up when we fall down! Dries our tears! And gives us hope on the darkest night of our souls! Now, if that's not worth an exclamation point, I don't know what is!

It is my prayer that as Fairview moves forward you will go boldly! With purpose! With passion! Living into the exclamation point that God wants for His church!!! Or as Mickey would say, "be unstoppable!!! I can't wait to hear what God has and will do through you!!!

For 21 years it has been my profound blessing to have served with you on the staff at Fairview. Your retirement reception and your gestures of love and encouragement have **touched me in ways you can't imagine! As I opened the cards and read every word, I held your faces before me and remembered all the steps we have taken together along the way – the good! The bad! The profound! The silly! The spiritual! And I found myself overwhelmed with gratitude! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! I hold you in my heart and will lift you in my prayers. And now I close leaving you with the words of the apostle Paul, "I thank my God for EVERY remembrance of you" - Phillipines 1:3 Live boldly with passion and purpose!!! Exclamation point! Exclamation point! Exclamation point!**

Zimbabwe Mission Buckets

Buckets are due by June

3rd. Go to

<http://www.fairview-umc.org/zimbabwe-mission-buckets/> for guidelines and a packing list.



Children's Ministry



SAFE SANCTUARY: Teen Edition

Training & Refresher Courses

This is a United Methodist Church policy that anyone who is volunteering to work with Protected Persons (children under the age of 18 years) -EVEN TEENAGERS, must be certified, and renewed annually.

If you're due for your annual refresher or have never attended a Safe Sanctuary Training, then JOIN US TONIGHT MAY 23RD at 6 PM.
To be held in room A203 (2nd floor). Approximately 35 minutes.

SAFE SANCTUARY (Standard Edition)

Training & Refresher Courses

June 3 Immediately after last service

- ♦ Refresher: Room A-203 (second floor of A Wing)
- ♦ 1st Time Training: Room A-123 (Past elevator of A Wing)



VBS
JUNE 10 -14

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

6:00-8:30 pm

**For Potty-trained 3 year-olds
up to rising 6th Graders**

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