

Middlebrook Pike **Messenger** UNITED METHODIST Church

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM - April 27th



Short, tall, big or small, **“Every Child is Our Child.”**
 Please join us as Anita Henderlight discusses issues such as **What is the state of our children? How are we living up to our baptismal covenant? What are the issues of the children in our church, community and nation?**

Some of the program highlights will include:

- How to be an advocate for children
- A brief review of current legislative issues
- What’s our action plan for ministry

2005 Annual Conference Missions Offering



The Holston Conference has announced that the 2005 Annual Conference Missions Offering will go to the Methodist Churches in Latvia. Latvia is a former Soviet Republic where the Methodist Church is once again beginning to grow decades after having been driven out by the former communist regime. On May 15 Pentecost Sunday, as we celebrate how the Holy Spirit empowered the apostles to take the Gospel to people to whom the Gospel had formerly been inaccessible, we will take up the offering for the people of Latvia who for a time were prevented from hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Please give generously.

2005 Annual Conference Missions Project

For the 2005 Annual Conference Missions Hands-On Missions project, MPUMC has been asked to provide much needed teacher kits for schools in the war torn nation of Liberia. Each kit should be contained in a 2 gallon Zip-loc bag. Zip-loc bags with a list of the supplies needed for the kits can be found in the narthex and the back of the Family Life Center. Please return your kits to the Fellowship Hall by Sunday June 5th. MPUMC has pledged to provide 50 kits.



With your help, we can exceed our promise!

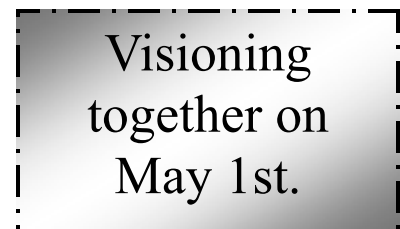


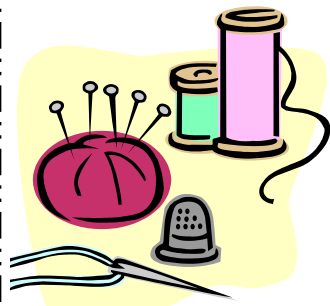
APRIL FAMILY DISCUSSIONS

In light of the recent national controversy over events in the life of Terry Shiavo, our April “Family Discussions” will focus on end-of-life issues. What does the United Methodist Church say about these issues? What do you think/believe? The sessions will be Sunday, April 24 from 2:30-4:00 and Monday, April 25 from 7:00-8:30. While it is best to attend for the whole session, participants are welcome to come for any portion.

Sessions are held in the sanctuary.

Everyone is invited to participate.





The Sewing Circle is working on another worthwhile project. They will be meeting on Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall from 6-7:30 pm to make choir robes for the Angel Choir. Please feel free to drop by and say hi or lend a hand. If you have any questions, call Donna Bassett at 531-7798.

The Visioning Team is meeting on April 25th at 7:00 pm in the Large Conference Room.

NOW Circle will meet on Thursday, April 28th for dinner and a movie. Meet at 5:30 at Panera Bread on Peters Rd. Everyone is welcome.



VBS Drama is cool,
VBS Drama is fun,
VBS Drama will change your life
When you teach children about God's Son!

June 6-10 in the evenings!
Call Deb Holly (693-1370) to volunteer. First rehearsal on May 1 at 2 pm in the New Beginnings SS classroom in the Vanosdale Building (old building)

Please help F-Troupe spread the Good News to the children!

FIVE FRIDAYS IN APRIL but FISH happens on the fourth Friday, April 22nd!

Please sign up to help on the Fish Helper sheet located on the bulletin board next to the elevator in the Lower Lobby. You really won't want to miss this opportunity to serve those who are in need in your very own community. This is your chance to serve God by packing, delivering food, restocking, loading groceries, recycling cardboard, clean up at 4pm or answering the phone and always making a difference in Knox County!

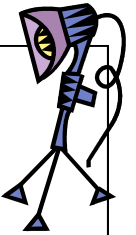
We are feeding more people than ever before and the Fish program is in need of your financial contributions to our Fish program. Please make you checks payable to the MPUMC Fish Pantry.

Thanks to Lisa DeFreece and David Ridner for volunteering to shop for Fish!

You are terrific!!!!

SPOTLIGHT ON ADVOCATES

Look for Helen Walker and you're sure to find a smile and the MPUMC Senior Adult Advocate! Helen is very active at MPUMC through the Willing Workers' UMW Circle, the Endowment Committee and Counting Committee. Helen was the MPUMC Treasurer for 22 years and is now retired, but she's busier than ever with children and grandchildren! Helen has six grandchildren and one great-grandchild! Look for Helen at the 8:15 service and in the Open Door Sunday school class! Helen represents the senior adults, but wants to hear from everyone! Please share your comments and questions with Helen or any of our other advocates!



Please come eat breakfast with us on Sunday, May 1st.

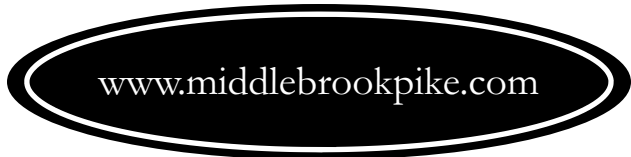


The Mary Rayfield Circle is back with our big, big breakfast. This wonderful breakfast will include sausage gravy, sausage, bacon, eggs and biscuits.

Wednesday Night Connection menu for April 27th
Chicken and Rice, Vegetables, salad, rolls and dessert.

The HOPE Circle will meet on Thursday, April 28th at 6:30 in the church Family Life Center.

We will decorate for the **Mother/Daughter/Child Banquet** to be held on April 29th. This is a great time of sisterly fellowship and we always like to eat so please bring your favorite snack salad to share with the rest. Even if you have never been to one of our meetings, please feel free to come and join us. It will be lots of fun. If you have any questions, please call Susan Berry at 693-7381.



APRIL 24 - APRIL 30

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

- 8:15 Traditional Worship
- 8:30 Disciple II (Large Conference Room)
- 9:00 MPUMC Breakfast (FLC/FH)
- 9:30 Contemporary Worship and Sunday School
- 10:30 Fellowship Time (FLC/Gym)
- 11:00 Traditional Worship and Bible Studies
- 12:00 Confirmation Luncheon (FLC/Gym)
- 12:00 Friendship Choir Rehearsal (Believers Classroom)
- 12:00 Friendship Choir (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:00 F-Troupe Rehearsal (New Beginnings Class)
- 2:00 Friendship Choir (FLC/Gym)
- 2:30 Family Discussions (Sanctuary)
- 3:00 Pointe of Praise Practice (Fellowship Hall)
- 4:30 Exploring Middlebrook (Large Conference Room)
- 4:45 Youth Group Activities
- 5:00 Youth Snack Supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 Revelation Choir (Choir Room)
- 6:30 Youth Choir (Choir Room)
- 6:30 Brass Voices (Genesis Classroom)
- 6:30 Disciple I (Large Conference Room)

MONDAY, APRIL 25

- 5:15 Aerobics Class (Old Building)
- 7:00 Boy Scouts (Old Building)
- 7:00 Impact Soccer (Believers Classroom)
- 7:00 Family Discussions (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 Visioning Team Meeting (Large Conference Room)

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

- 9:00 Staff Meeting (SCR)
- 9:30 CEP (Education Wing)
- 10:00 Prayer Around the Altar (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 Steps Co-Parenting (Seekers Classroom)
- 6:00 Cub Scouts (Old Bldg)
- 7:00 Boy Scouts (Believers Classroom)
- 7:00 Open Gym

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

- 9:30 Men & Women's Coffee Club-West Town Mall
- 5:15 Aerobics (Old Bldg 1/2 of Gym)
- 5:15 Wednesday Night Connection
- 6:00 Youth Handbells
- 6:00 Children's Choirs
- 6:00 Sewing Circle (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:15 Early Risers Choir (Choir Room)
- 6:15 Sing-a-long/Study (Sanctuary)
- 6:15 Men's Bible Study (Small Conference Room)
- 6:30 Disciple I (Lg. Conference Room)
- 6:30 Disciple II (New Beginnings Classroom)
- 6:30 Disciple IV (Seekers Classroom)
- 6:45 Youth Group Activities
- 7:00 Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
- 7:00 Children's Handbell Choir

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

- 9:30 CEP (Education Building)
- 10:00 Beth Moore Study (Believers Classroom)
- 10:00 Porcelain Group (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 Toastmasters (Believers Classroom)
- 7:00 CWS Praise Practice (FLC/Gym)

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

- 5:00 Mother/Daughter Banquet

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

- 8:00 STEPS (New Beginnings Classroom)

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WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

APRIL 17, 2004

8:15 am - 69	9:30 am - 153	11:00 am - 166	Total - 388
Sunday School	9:30 am - 171	11:00 am - 45	Total - 216

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

APRIL 17, 2005

BUDGET	\$13,404.22
ANSWERING THE CALL	\$3,367.70
DESIGNATED OFFERINGS	\$2,078.46
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	
Harlan County	\$500.00
Native American Ministry	\$60.00
FISH	\$346.00
Tel Family	\$20.00
Camp Scholarships	\$200.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$19,976.38



- May 8** Ron Uglow
- May 9** Debbi Leprone, JoAnn Behling
- May 10** Megan Truett
- May 11** Jane Brown, Allysun Hatton, Eden Butler
- May 12** Susie Cofer, Josh DeMarcus, Joe Johnson
- May 13** Sheila Cooper, Lou Ann Sliger, Raymond Staab, Jordan Barnes, Wyatt McAlister
- May 14** Frank Kasper, Vicki Nobinger, Chris Belk, Katrina Hanning

(If we missed your birthday, we are sorry. Please notify the church office so your birthday can be added to our records.)

Follow Me! In the Footsteps of Jesus



Wesley Woods Camp is a wonderful summer experience for a child. If you would like to help send a child to camp, please call the church and ask for Donna.

A child will discover, experience, and share the Love of Jesus Christ. Thanks for supporting this ministry and making a difference in the life of a child.

♪ WORSHIP & MUSIC NOTES ♪

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Youth Choir at 8:15

The Youth Choir, in a shift of their normal schedule, will sing this week at the 8:15 service. We welcome them, and their interim director Harriet Greer, to this service.

Cherub Choir at 11:00

The Cherub Choir will sing at the 11:00 service this week. We look forward to their sharing a song in our worship service.

Confirmation

This week in each of our worship services we will celebrate the confirmation of several new members in the Church. This is a high, holy moment in which these young men and women renew for themselves the vows made for them at their baptism. This is a day you will want to share, as the congregation who has helped them grow into "true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life."

Glad You Asked!

Why is **Easter** celebrated for seven weeks? It is not a time of preparation like Advent or Lent. The Easter Season, which begins on Easter Day, is so important and so full of the joy of Jesus' resurrection that it cannot be contained in one Sunday. It takes seven (a week) of Sundays to celebrate the Good News of Easter! The Easter season is also called the **Great Fifty Days**: the 49 days of the seven weeks, plus the culmination of all of that rejoicing, the **Day of Pentecost**, which remembers the coming in power of the Holy Spirit on the infant church. The Easter Season is an appropriate time for baptisms and confirmations, so our service this Sunday is part of the continuing celebration. Happy Easter!

Lynn Hutton - Director of Music & Worship
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Blessings,
Lynn

Children's Corner

Information

- ★ Parent's Night Out is the third Friday of the month. Please call for a reservation.
- ★ The next Rotation is : Paul (April 24 - May 29). Please sign up to teach. We need 1 teacher for Holyword Theater and 2 for 11:00 rotation. Please call Ann.

The Memory Challenge has taken off with great success.

Holston Conference UMC 2005 Children's Day

When... Saturday, May 14th from 10:00 - 2:00 pm at Wesley Woods, Townsend, TN, (865) 448-2246.

All elementary age kids and their families are invited to participate in Children's Day. Camp staff and volunteers will lead devotions, arts and crafts and games.

Please go to www.holstonkids.com for registration forms.



Ann Cover - Director of Children's Ministries

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Mission Focus:

- ◆ Change for Children
- ◆ FISH: Dish washing detergent (small bottle)



Vacation Bible School - Round up your friends - Lasso some fun at the Circle G Ranch - **June 6-June 10** - 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you. Matthew 7:7

Please call Jennifer Hartwig @ 670-6694 if you would like to help.

***Vacation Bible School registration** will be in the Family Life Center on May 15, 22 and 29th after the Worship Service.





MPUMC YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS & NOTES

Upcoming Youth Activities...

Sunday, April 24 - Confirmation Sunday

Youth choir sings at the 8:15 Worship service.

Youth prepare breakfast - 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

- Confirmation Class Luncheon -

In the gym, immediately following the 11:00 service.

Each family should bring two side dishes to pass – either salad, or vegetable.

Youth group - 4:45 to 6:00 p.m.

Snack Supper - 6:00 p.m. - \$3.00

Youth Choir & Bible Study – 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Bible study participants will finish designing our Youth Sunday services.

Open gym & game rooms for youth - 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 27

Wednesday Night Youth Connection

The youth schedule is as follows -
5:15 to 6:00 - dinner

6:00 to 6:45 – Youth handbells (Wesley Ringers)

6:45 – Youth group special event:

“Reality Show Review”

Come play a lot of crazy games as we poke fun at reality TV shows both past and present.

7:45 to 8:30 – Open gym & game rooms for youth

Sunday, May 1 - Graduation Sunday

Sunday School – 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Youth S.S. classes will attend the church-wide “visioning” sessions.

- Graduating Seniors’ Luncheon -

In the Fellowship Hall, immediately following the 11:00 service.

Each family should bring two side dishes to pass – either salad, or vegetable.

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District Meeting Kudos

Thank you to the many youth and adults who participated in our recent Knoxville district meeting. Our church was well represented with 28 youth and 5 adults in attendance.

- All confirmands & mentors -

This Sunday, we will be “meeting and greeting” the congregation at the end of each service. Please gather at 9:00 a.m. near the elevator, on the second floor of the Family Life Center.

COLLEGE CONNECTION

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

11:00 a.m. in the Young Adult Room on the 2nd floor of the Family Life Center.
Topic: Prayer life in your 20's

12:15 p.m. in the Youth Discussion Room on the 2nd floor of the Family Life Center.
Topic: A humorous, yet informative look at the book of Romans. A light lunch is also provided.

HELP WANTED:

Adults needed to serve as Sunday school teachers for future rotations, or to be “on call” as substitute Sunday school teachers for the summer months. See Eric for more details!

Got questions? Call or e-mail...

Eric Bronkala

Director of Youth & College Ministries

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“WHERE ARE YOU ON THE JOURNEY?”



This Sunday is a high moment in the life of our church family. It is the day when our confirmands stand before the church to confirm their faith in Jesus Christ and to unite with the church as members.

Each of these young people are at different places on their journey with Christ. For some, Confirmation is a time when they are simply confirming a faith relationship which they professed some time ago. For others, this will be the beginning of that journey. Either way, this is a very important step in their young lives.

I encourage each of you to make an extra effort to be in worship with us to show your support for them and reaffirm your own faith. On behalf of the congregation, I also want to thank each of the leaders, mentors and teachers for all they have done to guide these young people through this time of Confirmation.

In the session I shared with the confirmands, I emphasized that this journey with Jesus was one on which we continue throughout our lives. That brings me to a question for each of us: Where are you on the

journey? Are you any further along than you were as a teenager? Have you gone further with our Lord in recent years? Has he led you to new places or to relate to new people? Have you grown in your beliefs? Have you been challenged in your thinking?

One of my favorite ways to express the essence of the gospel message is that God accepts us as we are but does not accept us staying there. We can be assured that God desires to lead us beyond where and who we are. One of the devotional verses in “The Upper Room” the day I write this was from the Psalmist: “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.” There is no doubt that as we are open to God, that prayer will be answered.

Seeking for you faith, hope and love,

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CONCERNS: Gertrude Emmett (Steve Emmett’s grandmother), Virginia Dunwoody, Janet Searay, Peaches Young (Jason Wood’s family), Stacey Sims, Paula Katcham, Mark Baker (Melanie Niblick’s father), Courtney Minton (Christie Rice’s cousin), Sabra Buchheit, Peyton McKellips, Cassidy Gray, Jean Holbert, Dayna McAllister, Rex and Tracy Baldwin (Deb Holly’s brother and wife), Larry Schaffer, Michael McKenry, Mary Sample, Carson Lekes (Jon and Penny Lekes baby), Ralph Alexander, Margaret Line (Mike Line’s mother), Helen Malone (Nathan Malone’s mother), Nick Nichols, Sunny Graves

DEATHS: Jennifer Ingram (Ginny Thurston’s niece), Jack McKay (Danny Bowers grandfather), Arthur Shelton (Jackie Cooper’s father and Becky Hatton’s grandfather), Jim Spences’ sister in West Virginia, Leon Ford (Angie Kelly’s father)



**PASTOR ON
CALL**

Wil Cantrell
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Sunday 4/24

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Cell - 919-0647

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LOOK TOWARD SUNDAY

**April 24 - Traditional &
Contemporary Services**

Traditional

Scripture: John 14:1-14
Sermon: “A Place For You”

Contemporary

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:1-10
Sermon: “Growing In Christ”

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