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The Messenger

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 7th-June 11th

Please register by filling out a form in the Fellowship Hall
or online at middlebrookpike.com

We will be painting t-shirts this year; **register early so that we
can order the correct t-shirt sizes.**

We need volunteers to make VBS a success! Please contact
Marielle Kusch at kuschfamily5@aol.com if you are interested in
helping. We also need volunteers to help with decorating on
Sunday June 6th.

You may also help by donating some much needed items: (drop
them in the box labeled "VBS donations" in the Fellowship Hall)

- Lids from anything (peanut butter jars, yogurt, milk,
water bottles, etc.)
- Old CDs
- Strings of Christmas lights that blink (please label with
your name)
- Tripods (please label with your name)

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PREACHING SCHEDULE

May 30, Trinity Sunday, Memorial Day Weekend

Traditional Service ~ Al Henry, Certified Lay Speaker,
Retired Navy Captain

Contemporary Service ~ Martha Scott, Ministerial Candidate,
Seminary Student

On Campus Events

SUNDAY, MAY 30

- 8:30 Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 8:45 Contemporary Worship (FLC)
- 9:00 MPUMC Breakfast (FLC/FH)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 Contemporary Worship (FLC)
- 6:30 Summer Youth Group

MONDAY, MAY 31

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

- 9:00 Staff Meeting (LCR)
- 10:30 Prayer Around the Altar
- 6:00 Disciple III Class (LCR)
- 6:00 Stephen's Ministry (Room 31)
- 6:30 Good & Beautiful God Class (Library)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

- 6:00 Youth go miniature golfing
- 6:15 Early Risers Choir
- 6:45 "Ignition" Youth Fellowship
- 7:00 Chancel Choir
- 7:00 ESL Class (Room 30)

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

- 5:00 CWS Praise Team
- 6:00 STEPS Co-Parenting Class (Old Bldg.)
- 7:00 Toastmasters (Room 30)
- 7:00 ESL Class (Room 31)

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

- 9:00 STEP Co-Parenting Class (Old Bldg.)

(See other enclosed calendars within this publication for additional activities.)



Church Office will be closed
Monday, May 31

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE MAY 23, 2010

Sunday School— 218 Worship—423

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MAY 23, 2010

BUDGET	\$11,307.11
PAVING THE WAY	\$1,601.00
MEMORIALS~	
Nathan Bridge (Margie Oliver's brother)	
SPECIAL OFFERINGS:	
FISH	\$100.00
Sudan	\$1,383.00
DESIGNATED OFFERINGS	\$1,866.84
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$16,257.95



June 1	Iris Long, Ethan Griffin, Jennifer McDonald, Taylor McCloud, Haley Hughes, Oscar Dunn
June 2	Aaron Hoskins
June 3	Barron Kennedy, Lee Austin, Debbie Cooper, Jerry Vaughn
June 4	June Nielsen, Loren Demaree, Tom Hauck, Tanner Hauck
June 5	Tyler Adams
June 6	Lynne Harr, Kevin Slimp
June 7	Jeff Wahler, Matthew Collins, Charlie Harr
June 8	Al Henry
June 9	Victoria Shackelford, Claire Wilkins, Allison Watt, Mason Stivers, Nancy Fitchpatrick, Meg Danekas

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



SUNDAY, MAY 30
Breakfast will be served
by
Iris and Beth Long

Please join us!



MPUMC YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS & NOTES

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES...

Sunday, May 30

8:30, 8:45, & 11:00 - Worship
9:45 – Youth Sunday School

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.– Summer Youth Group

Theme: Our Annual “TRIPLE SOFTBALL GAME”

*We will form three teams...two teams in the field,
while one team is up to bat!*

Meet in the gym & bring your glove!

Wednesday Night Youth on June 2!

Miniature golfing at Putt-Putt Golf & Games in Farragut

Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Participants needing a ride should be dropped off at the church at 6:00 p.m. and picked up at 9:00 p.m.

Youth may also be dropped off and picked up at Putt Putt Golf & Games.

The cost depends on you! Recreational activities include: driving range, batting cages, miniature golf courses, and an arcade.

Don't forget to bring extra money for snacks!

Friday, June 4

Summer Lunch Bunch – 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Come join us for food and fellowship at the Salsarita's at Turkey Creek .

After lunch, those youth who can stay will go see a movie at the Pinnacle 18 cinemas.

Youth are responsible for their expenses.

Sunday, June 6

8:30, 8:45, & 11:00 - Worship

9:45 – Youth Sunday School

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.– Summer Youth Group

June 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11

Vacation Bible School for our children!

See Ann Cover if you would like to serve as a youth assistant.

No Wednesday night youth on June 9!

Wednesday, June 9

No Wednesday Night Youth Connection due to VBS.

“L.U.N.C.H for LOSERS” OUR SUMMER LUNCH BUNCH STARTS UP JUNE 4 11:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

On several summer Fridays, we will be meeting for lunch followed by a fellowship activity. You may stay for lunch only, or continue on with the group to a movie, miniature golf, bowling, etc. In each case, youth will be asked to cover their own expenses. This group will meet on the following days: **June 4, 18, July 2, 16, & 30**

Attention: Rising Sixth Graders & Parents

Don't forget, CURRENT FIFTH GRADERS may begin attending all youth activities beginning **Sunday night, July 25**. Eric will teach the fifth grade Sunday school class on June 13, and will meet with all new youth and their parents during the 9:45 a.m. Sunday school hour on Sunday, July 25. **Location: Old Building Theater**

Eric Bronkala - Director of Youth Ministries

ebronkala@middlebrookpike.com; ebronkala@comcast.net



See You In Church

WORSHIP EARLY THIS SUMMER!

We offer early services at 8:30 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. each Sunday. Please worship with us before heading out to the lake or mountains.

We need each other,
and we need worship.



Are you looking for a short term, rewarding mission?

If so, join MPUMC Altar Guild. You would only be responsible for one month out of the whole year. Your duties would include straightening the hymnals, changing the altar cloths, replacing altar candles, replenishing offering envelopes and occasional dusting. Not all of these would be required every week. Giving your church 1-2 hours a week for one month does not require much of your time and fulfills a very important need. I currently have 4 months with no one assigned. Please call me to volunteer and/or ask questions.

Bobbie Wray
693-6041



Congratulation to Nancy Zivi ("Miss Nancy") with CEP - she was voted runner-up Pre-School Teacher of the Year by Little Gym of Knoxville/Farragut.

She received a plaque and \$150.
CEP received \$100.

We are extremely proud of Miss Nancy and all of the CEP teachers for the excellent job they all do.



Volunteer Needs

church members and outside groups.

If you would like to volunteer to clean chairs, please call the church office.

It takes many hands to keep our church facility clean and presentable to all who come thru our doors.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

The padded chairs in the Fellowship Hall are in need of a good cleaning. They are used daily for all kinds of meals and many meetings are held in the FH with both

1st Tuesday Lunch Bunch will meet June 1 at Red Lobster - 1pm.
Call Joyce Haas to make your reservation.



Sisters In Christ Circle meeting will be held at Janis Lanternier's house, 2301 Tori Rd., Thursday, June 10th, 6:15 pm.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS, INTERESTS, AND SKILLS SURVEYS

We have had many surveys turned in already.
If you have not completed one yet, please do so.
You may access the survey on our website (the news section)
or pick one up at church.
Please turn your survey in to the church office.

Thank you.

Children's Corner

Dates to Remember ~

- June 7 – June 11 – Vacation Bible School
- June 13– Eric teaches 5th graders.
- June 27– Summer Rotation begins
- July 16– Parents Night Out
- July 25 – Eric Bronkala meets with rising 6th graders and their parents at 9:45 (Theater).
- August 22– Bible presented to rising 3rd graders. Information will follow.
- September 5 – Graduation Sunday for us!!!

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Ann Cover - Director of Children's Ministries
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VBS ~ 2010

June 7 - June 11

6:00 – 8:30pm

(light dinner provided)

During Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School, cadets will voyage into outer space praising God. Through daily missions, your kids will see space like never before, gain a new perspective on our planet Earth, and learn easy "green" earth tips they can practice at home. This cosmic combination of faith and fun will have your cadets developing a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Please contact Marielle Kusch (692-3899)
or kuschfamily5@aol.com if you would like
to volunteer.

³⁸As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" ⁴¹"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴²but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." Luke 10: 38-42

Last evening we had our last session in our small group studying *The Good and Beautiful God*. I think the last chapter in the book contains much that is worth sharing, and much of what follows comes directly from the book.

John Milton, the great poet, gave us the phrase, "When I wonder how my light is spent." *The elderly Milton wrote those words as he was going blind. He looked back on his life and pondered how he spent his time, his light, while he had it.* Here is how the average person today spends their light (time) during a lifetime:

- Six months sitting at traffic lights
 - Eight months opening junk mail
 - One year searching through desk clutter
 - Two years trying to call people who are not in
 - Three years in meetings
 - Five years waiting in lines
- In a single day an average American will
- Commute forty-five minutes
 - Be interrupted seventy-three times
 - Receive six hundred advertising messages
 - Watch four hours of television

The last chapter is titled *How to Make a Pickle*. The main point

is that the most important aspects of our lives cannot be rushed just like you can't rush making a pickle—the cucumber has to soak in the brine for a good while. Most of us attempt to do too much. In our culture, our value comes from our achievements and productivity. While we thought technology would give us more time—what we have done is to raise our expectations regarding the amount of what we can get done due to technological advances. The most important things in life can't be rushed.

The author, James Bryan Smith, believes *in our spiritual life we cannot due anything important in a hurry*. As I reflected on this, I thought, "It's true. You can't hurry relationships, friendships, love, learning, even cooking a really good meal. He quotes Robert Barron, "The deepest part of the soul likes to go slow, since it seeks to savor rather than accomplish; it wants to rest in and contemplate the good rather than hurry off to another place." Our author writes: *Most of us do not need to eliminate bad things from our lives in order to slow down and find balance, "Which should I keep? Bible reading or recreational drug use?" We must choose between multiple good activities. We simply do not have enough time to do all that we would like to do. When we add too many things to our lives, something has to be eliminated. Unfortunately, busy people often rid themselves of the most important ones: relationships, spiritual practices and self-care (for example, eating right and exercising).*

Well, I am a creature of my culture—I struggle with this. I so appreciate the way Jesus responded to Martha in the passage above. He knew her busyness was rooted in an attempt to please him, but Jesus did not want her performance, he wanted her heart. What Martha did not realize was that she did not need to earn Jesus' love and acceptance through productivity and feverish service. He loved her already. He just wanted to spend time with her. Some things can't be rushed.

Pastor Eric

Recent requests for prayer from our church family...

CONCERNS: Marcy Miller, Nancy Wahler's mother, Tom Hogan (Carma Vantrease's brother-in-law), Bob Brewer (Elizabeth Stewart's father), Harold and Evelyn Hopper (Steve Boyd's in-laws)

DEATHS: Janice Campbell, Joe Orr (Jessie Gouge's brother), Joe Money (Becky Hatton's father), Georgianna Tracy (Stephanie Simmons' grandmother)

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