

First United Methodist Church of Union County
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SEPTEMBER



Don't forget your box tops and Ingles' card. If you haven't registered your Ingles' card this year, please pick up a form and do so. Registration is required EACH year. Both are financially beneficial to our CEC preschool.

Wednesday Nite Supper Menus

Sept. 7th		Church-wide picnic at Vogel
Sept. 14th	Circle of Love	Lasagna, Pasta primavera, salad, bread, and ice cream sundaes
Sept. 21st	Joyce Wyckoff	Loaded potato bar, chili, mixed salad, rolls, fresh fruit and Janice's yummy banana pudding
Sept. 28th	Friendship SS	Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans carrots, rolls and peach cobbler

Contact Us

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Times that Services are aired on Cable Channel 4: Sundays at 9:00 am and 8:30 pm.

Worship Services

To Know Christ - To Make Christ Know

9:00 am Contemporary 10:00 am Sunday School for all ages 11:00 am Traditional Service



An Amazing Opportunity

Do you know that sometimes I feel bad asking for church volunteers? In the back of my mind, I'm thinking: "I know how busy people are! How can I expect them to add one more thing to their busy schedules? I understand that I am supposed to 'equip the saints for service'; but how can I do this when they are already maxed out?" (*That is what I SOMETIMES think, but not very often.*)

The last thing I ever want to do is put pressure on someone or make them feel guilty because they can't serve. However, as we gear up for our new Fall schedule, I wonder if we could look at service differently? What if instead of thinking that I am putting a burden on you, I actually am giving you the opportunity to enjoy your lives more????

Please consider the following:

According to a recent survey of people who volunteer...

68% say it makes them feel physically healthier,

73% say it lowers their stress level,

92% say it enriches their sense of purpose in life!

from Success Magazine, 9/10

This gives us **three great reasons YOU should volunteer**; even with its frustrations and challenges, serving is fulfilling! This is what all of us need to remember. This is what will give me courage when it comes time for recruiting church volunteers... and it's what gives me endurance when things get stressful.

Nearly 100% of people who serve will feel "*enriched in their sense of purpose in life.*" Wow... that's a great deal! When you add to that the spiritual rewards that come from serving, I am offering **YOU** an amazing opportunity.



*FIND A NEED, FILL A NEED
THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU TO VOLUNTEER (just ask me)*

Your Servant,

Membership News

August Average Worship Attendance

9:00	Contemporary	96
10:00	Sunday School	113
11:00	Traditional	276

**The FEAR of the
LORD is the
beginning of
WISDOM.**
Proverbs 9:10

Servants

Ushers: Kirby Bowron
Scott Carter
Milton Bradley
Paul Colditz
Cecil Brown
Bob Baxter

Greeters:

11:00 Joyce & Don Wyckoff

New News



Wednesday Nite Live suppers and programming is coming SOOOOON! Our kickoff picnic is **Wednesday, September 7th** at 5:00pm out at Vogel State Park. Chicken will be provided. Please bring side dishes and desserts to share. It will be a great chance to relax and fellowship. Bring \$5.00 for your parking fee, better yet carpool with someone! Regular Wednesday Nite supper and programming will begin the next week, September 14th at 5:00 pm. Mark your calendars now!



"Sweet" Conversations with Pastor Ben and Gwen
Originally known as *Evenings at the Parsonage*, "Sweet Conversations" is a chance for you to have coffee, dessert and conversation with Pastor Ben and Gwen at their home. Pastor Ben desires to hear your heart and concerns for the church. A sign up sheet will be at the desk. Space is limited to 16 people per visit. The first invitation is for September 11th at 4:00pm.



Jim and Faye Eubanks invite everyone to their 50th wedding anniversary celebration on Saturday, September 24th from 2:00 pm till 4:00 pm in the MAC. No gifts please. Your presence is your present.



The Adult Bible Study will begin back on Wednesday, September 14th at 6:00 pm in a NEW location. It will now be held in the Friendship SS Classroom (downstairs of the MAC). The study will be based on John Ortberg's If You Want to Walk on Water You've Got to Get Out of the Boat.



The Morning Glory Circle is holding a coat drive. Gently used coats, especially CHILDREN'S sizes are needed. Coats will be distributed to those less fortunate in our county. Coats may be dropped off in the MAC closet across from the Welcome Desk. Our "Footlocker Ministry" also continues. This ministry serves our military. Footlockers will be at both entrances.



Attention all Bakers! HOPE HOUSE needs you! Hope House will be at the Farmer's Market on Tuesday, Sept. 27th. We aim to be showcasing the talents of the **wonderful bakers of First UMC**. Cookies, breads, loaf cakes, brownies are all needed. If you're willing to help bake a treat, contact Evelyn in the church office. Proceeds from the sale go to helping county residents in critical need with utilities, propane, prescriptions, etc.



We need a gym full of crafts to sell for our annual bazaar. If you are willing to contribute some of your crafts, please contact Jean Rogers at 706.745.2593. The annual craft bazaar will be October 7th-8th.



September 2 Corbin Carter
Zadie McCall
Cole Seabolt

September 5 Bryan Aaron
Vickie McCann

September 6 Patty Cummings
Ian MacFarlane

September 7 Don Busby

September 8 Tanner Carrier

September 12 Milo Bauman

September 14 Pam Mullen

September 15 Jackie Decker

September 16 Morgan Kelley
William Newton

September 18 Lee Dunham

September 19 James Jordan
Dinah Paris

September 20 Jeff Bauman
Shirley Evans
Karl Konkel

September 21 Christian Forney

September 22 Gene Chumley
Eva Kemp

September 23 Nick Graphman
Miriam Sherman

September 25 Nancy Smith

September 26 Marty Shaffer

September 27 Tommie Burrell
Jackie Franklin
Lindsey McCann
Ragan McCarter

September 28 Luann Dyer

September 29 Dee Arthur

September 30 Ed Langston
Frank Mullen
Carol Warren



Calendar continued....

Adult Bible Study, 6:00 pm
Handbells, 6:00 pm
Children & Youth, 6:00 pm
Choir, 7:00 pm

Thursday, 29th OASIS
Flu Shots, 9:30 am
Get Fit, 5:15 pm
Circle of Love, 6:30 pm

September Calendar

Thursday, 1st Circle of Love, 6:30 pm
Sunday, 4th Worship Services
Monday, 5th Labor Day— OFFICES ARE CLOSED
Tuesday, 6th Scrapbooking 9:30 am
Yoga, 9:00 am
Tai Chi, 1:30 pm
Get Fit, 5:15
Lay Leadership, 6:00 pm
Morning Glory Circle, 10:00 am
Church-wide picnic, 5:00 at Vogel
Choir, 7:00 pm
Get Fit, 5:15pm
OASIS

Wednesday, 7th Children's Cereal Bar, 10:00 am
Worship Services
"Sweet" Conversations with Ben and Gwen

Thursday, 8th Zumba is Back!, 6:15 pm
Scrapbooking 9:30 am
Yoga, 9:00 am
AARP class, 9:30 am
Tai Chi, 1:30 pm
Get Fit, 5:15 pm
Lay Leadership, 6:00 pm
FUNDamentals, 3:30 pm
WNL Supper, 5:00 pm
Adult Bible Study, 6:00 pm
Handbells, 6:00 pm
Children & Youth, 6:00 pm
Choir, 7:00 pm
OASIS

Sunday, 11th Circle of Love, 6:30 pm
UMM, 8:00 am
Worship Services
MIFT, 6:00 pm
Zumba, 6:15 pm
Scrapbooking 9:30 am
Yoga, 9:00 am and 5:30 pm
UMW Missions, 10:00 am
Get Fit, 5:15 pm
Lay Leadership, 6:00 pm
Radical Hospitality, 6:30 pm
FUNDamentals, 3:30 pm
WNL Supper, 5:00 pm
Adult Bible Study, 6:00 pm
Handbells, 6:00 pm
Children & Youth, 6:00 pm
Choir, 7:00 pm
OASIS
Get Fit, 5: 15 pm
Eubanks Anniversary Party, 2:00
Worship Services—YHC Day
Ladies' Bible Study, 10:00 am
Zumba, 6:15 pm
Scrapbooking 9:30 am
Yoga, 9:00 am and 5:30 pm
Tai Chi, 1:30 pm
Get Fit, 5:15 pm
FUNDamentals, 3:30 pm
Flu shots, 4:00 pm
WNL Supper, 5:00 pm
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Monday, 12th

Tuesday, 13th

Wednesday, 14th

Thursday, 15th

Saturday, 17th

Sunday, 18th

Monday, 19th

Tuesday, 20th

Wednesday, 21st

Thursday, 22nd

Saturday, 24th

Sunday, 25th

Monday, 26th

Tuesday, 27th

Wednesday, 28th

Wed. PM Schedule

Wednesday Nite Live begins on September 14th:

5:00 Church supper with EVERYONE eating together

6:00 Children and Youth Programming
Adult Bible Study
Handbells

7:00 Choir Practice



September 4	Team #3
September 11	Team #4
September 18	Team #1
September 25	Team #2
Team #1	Steven Seiler Sam Seiler
Team #2	Alex Collins Milo Bauman
Team #3	Caroline Legg Adalyn Rogers Isaac Metcalf
Team #4	Emma Collins Grace Wischmeyer Mary Wischmeyer

Children's Ministry

New FUMC Kid's Ministry Email address... fumckids@gmail.com Questions about what's happening? Email us!



FUNDamentals is back!

Our Wednesday night FUNDamentals program for grades 1-6 aims to teach our children the "Fundamentals" of the Christian faith and to have some fun while we do it! Our schedule is..

- 3:30 Meet in the Fellowship Hall for snack and homework
- 4:00 Grades 4-6 to gym for REC, Grades 1-3 "Faith Walk" Bible study time
- 4:30 Groups swap
- 5:00 Parent pick-up in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick up your children no later than 5:15!

LET'S GO BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!
CALLING ALL KIDS AGES PRE-K TO 5TH GRADE!!!



Kid's Sunday School Rally & Cereal Bar Sunday, September 11th 9:45am

Children should report to the Fellowship Hall at 9:45am for a Cereal Bar! We will be introducing our teachers and new literature for the coming church year. This will be an important day in the life of our Children's Ministry.

Kid's Ministry Volunteer & Parent Meeting... Sunday Morning September 11th at 10am (during the Sunday School hour) in the Fellowship Hall!

Anyone interested in volunteering in one of our Children's ministry programs this year ... Wednesday night FUNDamentals, Church nursery, Sunday School, Children's Church, 2012 Confirmation class, Children's choirs, seasonal events, Acolytes, etc. It's that time of year when we begin planning for our new church year and changes are in the works. But without volunteer leadership, these programs will not happen. Begin to pray about where you fit into our Children's Ministry then come Sunday, September 11th. Bring your children to Sunday School for our Cereal Bar!

Sunday Children's Church... begins on Sunday, September 11th during the 11:00am worship service. Children should begin church sitting with their parents and will be dismissed following the Children's message. There will be no Children's church on Communion Sundays (1st Sundays of the month). Parents and children are encouraged to experience Communion as a family. Anyone interested in volunteering to assist in the Children's church program can call Stan in the church office.



The youth will continue to meet on Wednesdays immediately following church supper. Meet down in the café for music, fun and fellowship.

EXERCISE CLASS



Mac Fitness ...

"Zumba" Fitness...IS BACK!

Sept. 12th Mondays at 6:15pm
Class meets downstairs in the MAC in room M-0. What is a Zumba fitness class like? It's a very exciting dance party atmosphere full of Latin and international music. You'll forget you're working out with the simple moves to dance music like Cha Cha, Salsa, reggaeton, rumba and more. Best of all, you don't need any previous dance experience! The workout is basically watch and follow. The moves are repeated often enough for you to catch on and they're not complicated. Class will work with DVD instruction. There is no cost.

"Get Fit" Exercise Class:

Tuesdays & Thursdays led by Dan D'Agostino. Class includes weight training, cardio exercise, and muscle toning and meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:15pm until 6:00pm in room M-0 downstairs at the MAC and there is no cost.

Christ Centered Yoga:

Compliment any exercise program at any fitness level with yoga. Led by Pat Tomczyk. Cost is \$5.00 per class. Bring your own yoga mat. Meets Tuesdays at 9:00am in Room M-0 and 5:30pm in room M-32.

"Tai Chi": Tuesdays at 1:30pm downstairs at the MAC in room M-0 and is open to everyone. Class is led by Dr. Dennis Tidwell. Cost is \$10.00 per class. Bring a mat!

Opportunities @



MAC Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00am - 5:30pm

Wednesday: 8:00am - 5:00pm

Friday: 8:00am – 1:00pm

One Time Class! Introduction to... Yoga! Saturday, September 10th 10:00am - 11:30am Room M-0 at the MAC If you've never tried or always wanted to try yoga, come to this one time class and discover what you are missing! Bring a mat. All proceeds from the class will go to the MAC! Class will be led by Pat Tomczyk, R.N., RYT Suggested Donation: \$10:00

"Walk Across America" Walking Club... Walking the Appalachian Trail! 2,175 Miles!

You can join... Mileage sheets and the map are available on the information table upstairs in the MAC. You can walk anywhere, in your neighborhood, on a treadmill, or in the park. Just keep track of your mileage and once a month leave it on the Parish Nurses office desk. For information call A.G. Sherman at 706-745-1087. **Sponsored by the Health Cabinet !**

"Missions at the MAC" In the MAC lobby there are several opportunities for you to give to local missions.

- **"Foot Locker Ministry"** Sponsored by our Mourning Glory Circle! If you would like to thank the men and women serving our country, check their "wish list" and bring items to the footlocker at the MAC!
- **"Hope House"** meeting local needs! Baked goods needed for 27th!
- **"Food Bank"** meeting local food needs!



Young at Heart

AARP Safe Driving Course Who: Adults 50 & Up , When: **Tuesday, September 13th 9:30am - 2:00pm** Where: "MAC" (Room M-1 on lower level), Cost: \$10.00 includes class materials. Sign up today in the church office!

O.A.S.I.S. Fall Session Begins! ... Thursday, September 8th

Gatlinburg "Autumn Craftsman Fair" Day Trip ... Tuesday, October 18th Cost is \$15.00 per person, plus \$ for lunch on your own in Gatlinburg, and includes transportation and admission to the Fair. We will leave the church at 7:00am and return at approx. 6:00pm .Sign up by bringing the full amount to the church office. Space is limited so reserve a spot early!

Coming YAH Events...

"FUMC Fall Bazaar" October 6th-8th

Young Harris College Choir "USO Show" ... October 29-30

Prayer Corner



Do You Pray for your Spouse?

We pray for all kinds of difficulties and needs in our immediate and surrounding worlds. Let's face it, these days there is more than enough going on around us to fill our prayer time. But how often does that include praying on a daily basis for our spouses, future spouses or someone we are dating?

Whether you are married or not, what goes on in their life may affect you and those around them. There are many troubles in this world to trip up our loved ones on their life's journey. Many difficult things that happen in a marriage or love relationship are actually part of the enemy's plan set up for it's demise and we can do great damage to the enemy's plans when we pray. We can say, "I will not allow anything to destroy my marriage."
"I will not sit idle while an invisible wall goes up between us"
"I will not allow confusion, miscommunication, wrong attitudes and bad choices to erode what we are trying to build together."

There are many areas of your spouse's life where prayer is needed but may not be obvious to you. Most of us remember to pray for their health and safety but what about the areas they may not reveal to us. Here are just a few that your spouse or loved one may face daily and struggle with internally. Your prayers can help make a difference in how they handle these struggles.

Pray for their finances, work, temptations, mind, fears, purpose, choices, trials, integrity, reputation, priorities, fatherhood, relationships, attitude, emotions, self image, faith, repentance, deliverance and obedience.

There may be areas specific to your spouse. Submit to God in prayer whatever controls your loved one like substance abuse, workaholism, laziness, depression, abusiveness, anxiety, failure and pray for them to be released from it.

Don't be overwhelmed by the many ways there are to pray for your spouse. It's not necessary to do it all in one day, one week or even in a month. Pray as the Holy Spirit leads you. Use Scripture to help with guidance.

Look to God as the source of all you want to see happen in your relationship and don't worry about how it will happen or become impatient. It's your responsibility to pray. It's God's job to answer. Leave it in His hands.

(Parts of this taken from books written by Stormie Omartian)

Homebound:

Bonnie McCullum
Omah Rogers
Shirlee Evans
May Langman
Lavon Butt

Jim Hinton
Elizabeth Henley
Hattie Gleasure
Lois Barr



Military Addresses

Fireman Brandon Rightnour, 320A Dewey Avenue, BEQ 634 RMG 208, Great Lake, Illinois 60088. His email is: brandonrightnour@yahoo.com. He is Rosa Mandon's great-grandson.

EN1 (SW) Blane Dorton, He is Buddy & Teresa Moore and Bob Dorton's son.

ND Brody Dorton, He is Buddy & Teresa Moore and Bob Dorton's son .

AW3 Evan Albright, 3620 Park Blvd., Apt. 1, San Diego, CA 92103. He is the son of Tonia Albright.

1 Lt. Loertscher, Seth, J., 11 11th Street, Apartment 9, Columbus, Georgia 31901. He is Ruth Stefko's nephew.

SrA Krystle Marie Lewis 1531 West Lemom Street, Apt. 4405, Tampa, FL 33606. She is the daughter of Barry and Shelley Lewis.

Pvt, Prentice, Nathaniel, 11214 8th Avenue CT E #82, Tacoma, Washington 98455. He is the grandson of Juanita Prentice.

Krogmeier, Cory Army. Grandson of Lois Connolly.

Capt. Paul Hargrove, CMR445 Box 1270, APO AE 09046. He is Myrtle & Henry Von Staden's grandson-in-law.

Tech Sgt. Kevin Ryan , 102 Santa Rosa Drive, VAFB, CA 93437. He is Henry Von Staden's grandson in law.

Cpt. Laura Jeffrey, 1 Sgt. Craig Jeffrey, Lt. Andre LaTaste All children of Vern and Angie Craft

Sgt 1st class, Josh Pierce, grandson-in-law of George Houdeshel.

Sgt. Patrick Riley 2/1 WPNS Co., Unit 40210, FPO AP 96427-0210. Patrick is Norm and Carole Thompson's grandson.

USAF Major Curtis DeLoach, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Curtis is the son of JoAnna and Sam DeLoach

Sgt. Womack, Christopher G. 2d MLG (Fwd) HQSVC Co Fd. Svc, Unit 73950, FPO AE 09510-3950. He is the grandson of Glen and Linda Womack.

Sgt. Ueltzen, Matthew, 55th MAC (1st Platoon), FOB Shakari Karez APO AE 09313. He is the son of Evelyn and David Ueltzen.

Michael Couture, US Marine Corps, Afghanistan.



OASIS begins its 14th season on September 8th. The OASIS Committee and its dedicated volunteers are looking forward to a great year of providing this ministry to the surrounding communities.

United Methodist Men

The Methodist Men invite ALL to their September meeting on the 17th. Guest speaker will be Daniel Huff who just returned with his family from a year's stay in Israel. He will be speaking on the different aspects of living there. Breakfast begins at 8:00 am in the fellowship hall.



Missions

On Saturday, September 17th Sharp UMC Methodist Women are having a mission study about global missions entitled, "Joy to the World" from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm with a free lunch. There will be various speakers, and their studies are always very interesting. Reservations are needed by September 12th. If you are interested, please contact Manon Thompson at 706.745.3558.



Parish Nursing

Blood pressures will be taken Sunday, September 4th in the MAC.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Flu Shots are in the House!

Flu shots will be given here by Rite-Aid on Wednesday, September 28th from 4:00 pm till 5:30 pm and Thursday from 9:00 am till 11:00 am. The cost is \$27.99. Free with Medicare (bring cards) or pay with cash or check. If you want to use your private insurance you need to go to Rite-aid first. Advance sign-up is NOT necessary. The shots will be given in the conference room.

Myths about the flu shot!

Myth: Influenza is a minor disease

Truth: Flu & complications kill 20,000 per year

Myth: The flu shot will always prevent flu.

Truth: The virus varies from year to year and the vaccine covers only the expected virus.

Myth: The shot causes the flu.

Truth: You cannot get the flu by having a flu shot because it is a killed virus. You may become sick before the flu shot has had time to give immunity.

United Methodist Women Circles

Circle of Love will meet on September 1st, 15th and 29th at 6:30 pm in the children's theater. Please watch your email for information about our upcoming Bible Study.



Morning Glory Circle will meet Wednesday, September 7th at 10:00 am in the Friendship SS room.

UMW Missions Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 20th at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. We will be doing a mission study from 10:00 am till 3:00 pm.

MIFT will meet Monday, September 19th at 6:00 at Antoinetta's.

Ladies' Bible Study

ATTENTION ALL LADIES!

"LORD TEACH ME TO PRAY" by the dynamic Bible teacher, Kay Arthur. Monday Morning Bible Study begins SEPTEMBER 26 at 10:00 am in the MAC. Thursday evening sessions start September 15th in the MAC. Other sessions will be October 6, 20 and November 3, 17. You may sign up at the MAC welcome desk or contact: doris_eshelman@yahoo.com. Study guides are \$15.00. Scholarships are available by contacting Doris Eshelman at 706.745.7739.

