

## Pastor's Page.....Be Still and Know

It was the summer of my Junior year in college. I wanted to spend the summer in the D.C. area but my mom and dad had moved away. So my brother Mark and his wife, Maria, invited me to stay the summer with them. Everything was going great. I was working as a temp in a science lab during the day and the nights were filled with the activities that made me want to stay around. Oriole games in Baltimore, bike rides around the monuments and Mt. Vernon and Mark would allow me to borrow his red 280 ZX on dates. Maria and I would often play tennis in the evenings before dinner {she didn't want to keep score, but I always did to myself and at the end I would "share" how she did}. Maria is a great cook so dinners were always original and mighty tasty. Again, everything was great.

Great except for one thing. I am a morning person and my brother and his wife are not. We would be at the breakfast table together in the mornings before everyone headed out for the day; a perfect opportunity to "talk". One morning after I had been with them a couple weeks, I came down to the table and they said "we need to talk; rather we need to stop talking". They were enjoying my stay as well except the now set a new house rule: "No Talking In The Morning".

I wonder how often the Lord would like for me to stop talking and listen; really listen for His "gentle whisper" {I Kings 19:12}. God communicates with us in various ways. Because He is God, He is not confined to a single manner of communicating with His people. Elsewhere in Scripture, He is said to communicate through a whirlwind ([Job 38:1](#)), to announce His presence by an earthquake ([Exodus 19:18](#)), and to speak in a voice that sounds like thunder ([1 Samuel 2:10](#); [Job 37:2](#); [Psalm 104:7](#); [John 12:29](#)). In [Psalm 77:18](#) His voice is compared to both thunder and a whirlwind. And in [Revelation 4:5](#), we're told that lightning and thunder proceed from the throne in heaven. I think all of these would get my attention except for His quiet voice. For that I need to accept the Father's invitation to "Be still and know that I am God". {[Psalm 46:10](#)}

In our relationship with Jesus, sometimes we need to have a "house rule" that causes us to "be still and know". There needs to be times in prayer where we simply exist in His presence; resisting the urge to say something. There needs to be times in our day where we sit before His Word and we do not simply read to be done, but we allow Him to speak to us through it until we are undone. The following is the chorus for a song by Mercy Me called "Word of God Speak"

Word of God speak  
Would You pour down like rain  
Washing my eyes to see  
Your majesty  
To be still and know  
That You're in this place  
Please let me stay and rest  
In Your holiness  
Word of God speak

Is your soul longing for a new "house rule"; accepting His invitation to "Be Still and Know that I am God"?

*Blessings, Todd*



**August 2016**

Sunday School attendance avg.	62
Worship attendance avg.	120
Giving to General Budget	\$18,368.29
<b>Needed Monthly</b>	<b>\$22,577.04</b>
Giving to Mortgage Fund	\$4380.00
<b>Needed Monthly</b>	<b>\$4,582.31</b>

**Please remember to make separate checks for the General, Special and Building Funds.**

**All Wednesday activities resume on September 7<sup>th</sup>**

- Dinner is served in the gym beginning at 5:00 pm
- Kidz Klub, United Methodist Youth Fellowship, and Adult Bible Studies begin at 6:00 pm
- Chancel Choir Practice is at 7:00 pm

**Your service is needed in the following areas:**

- Greeter on Sunday mornings
- Lay Scripture Reader
- Assist with serving communion
- Plan and deliver Children’s Moments during the Sunday worship

If you didn’t have an opportunity to signup at the Welcome Desk, please call Anna McKay at 541-8025 to be added to the lists.

We really need more volunteers to serve at Greeters.



**Here are several ways to contribute to the Methodist Mission in Thailand:**

This year, we are seeking Christmas offerings for University and College Scholarships for Blessing Home kids who show exceptional abilities. This is a life-changing opportunity, not only for the student but will change the trajectory of a whole family. We are hoping many churches, Sunday School classes, women’s and men’s groups, and organizations will help with a special Christmas offering so we can have more scholarships. Through your generosity, 8 students are now receiving full scholarships for college and university but we have no more funds available for new scholarships for the children who are graduating from high school. So far in 2016, your contributions have helped to build three church buildings in Thailand in sub districts that never had a Christian church before in history. This is a huge need for churches to become permanent and sustainable over many generations. Donations can be given through Summit Heights by making your check payable to SHUMC and marking “Thailand Missionaries” in the memo section.

Also, if you are a shopper with Amazon, please consider using Amazon Smile at [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) **For each sale through this website, Amazon donates 5% to a qualified organization of your choice.** The Thailand Methodist Mission is registered with Amazon Smile. The cost is the same as if you used the regular Amazon site. The only difference is a portion of your purchase will go to the Thailand Mission for the Lord’s work.

Please make the following **correction** in your church directory:

Kennith Keller  
6124 Big Ben Drive, Apt. #547, 40291

**Prayer Requests**

Charlie Morgan, Cal Zehnder, Jo and Les Moise, Jean Dotson, Floyd and Helen Lewis, Neill Tyler, Betty Bunning, Barbara and Jim McFarland, Theresia and Bob Bezick, Henrietta Samudre, Leona Scherer, David and Arlene Benner (Pastor Todd’s Parents), Larry Waskom (Sherry Benner’s Father), Jerry Weihe, Joel and Patti Weihe, & Lauren Weihe (Joann Weihe’s Sons, Daughter-in-law, and Granddaughter), Al Scherer, Jr. and Gavin Foard (Leona Scherer’s Son and Great Grandson), Michael Bezick (Son of Theresia and Bob Bezick), Ingrid Wisner (Jo Ann Wisner’s Daughter-in-law), Laura Yeager and Tom Hillerich (Mary and Ancil Yeager’s Daughter-in-law and Son-in-law), Sarah Haberman (Betty Holmes’ Granddaughter-in-law), Sonia Kelly (Shirley Benham’s Sister), Carrie Kidd (Lucille Milburn’s Sister), Jill Knott (Friend of Karen Edwards).



I am sorry to report that the irises from the Lighthouse will NOT be available this year. The person who takes care of this has some family problems and is unable to fulfill any orders at this time. I know this is disappointing to those of you who were looking forward to getting them, and I apologize. If they become available in the future, I will let you know.

**JoAnn Burch**  
Lighthouse Ambassador

**Please join us...**

for the *Celebration of Assignment* for Bishop Leonard Fairley, as he is installed as the bishop of the Louisville area. The celebration will be held Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in the sanctuary of Christ Church United Methodist, 4614 Brownsboro Road. Childcare will be provided, but reservations need to be made by calling Janet Hagerty by Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 893-2201 extension 254. A reception will be held immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall.



**Upward Camp will be held Saturday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> and Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon at Southern High School Gymnasium, 8620 Preston Highway. Early registration fee is \$50 per child until Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. The fee will be \$55 after that. Should your child like to participate in our winter league, we will offer a \$5.00 discount per child for your dedication to our program.**

Contact [amanda.mcfarland-s@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:amanda.mcfarland-s@jefferson.kyschools.us) or [aerwin1106@gmail.com](mailto:aerwin1106@gmail.com) for additional information.



**Thank you,**  
I'd like to thank everyone for their cards, phone calls, and prayers during my Mother's illness and passing. The wind chimes sent by the church in her memory are beautiful.

**Thank you all,**  
Nancy Netherton and Family

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**Thank you, Summit Heights,**  
for providing dinner for the University of Louisville Gathering this past Spring and last Fall. You all have really been a blessing to us.

**Thanks again, Hannah Kaelin**

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**A huge thank you....**

**To all who contributed to the school supply drive that we had at the Lighthouse.**  
**Here are some of the results of your generosity.**

**We distributed:**

**800 backpacks with supplies**

**600 water bottles**

**750-800 box lunches**

**The following tests were also offered with these results:**

**160 vision screens**

**75 dental checks**

**85-90 physicals**

**All the categories reached a new high. Over 1000 people registered. (Parents must accompany their children). Every year this event at the Lighthouse has grown. Being able to supply that many kids with what they needed for starting back to school is a great blessing and accomplishment. This event is made possible by the hard work of many volunteers, and the generosity of people like you. Again, thank you so much, without you, this could not have been as successful as it was.**

**JoAnn Burch and Steve Bays**  
**Lighthouse Promise Center**

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**Many thanks....**

**to Hal and Claudetta Adams, Todd Benner, Emily Cauble, Larry Herrlinger,**  
**and Jim Orton for their hard work around the church grounds on June 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**Not only did they replace the border close to the sanctuary, but also painted the car stops in the rear. Thank you for helping to spiffy up the church.**

All ladies are invited to join the United Methodist Women on Wednesday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> and Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Fireside Room.

**Church Meetings:**

**-The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

**-The Administrative Council will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room.**

**GIVE LOCAL LOUISVILLE EVENT**

**The Lighthouse Academy at Newburg and the Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries are both participating in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Give Local Louisville. This is a one-day event of giving sponsored by the Community Foundation of Louisville and will be held on September 15, 2016 (12:01 am-11:59 pm)**

**This giving opportunity is only one day, 24-hours and is created to inspire people to give generously to the nonprofits that make our community a better, more vital place to live.**

**The online "Give Day" will help support our 2 local ministries as well as over 600 other nonprofits in the Louisville area.**

**Simply go to [www.givelocalloouisville.org](http://www.givelocalloouisville.org) on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> and give what you can.**

**Surprise, Surprise!!**

On October 12<sup>th</sup>, we would like to honor Linda Bader for her 20 plus years of music ministries with our church. She has tremendously blessed us with her music! On October 12<sup>th</sup>, there will be baskets at the sanctuary doors for you to place cards or notes of appreciation for Linda. If you cannot attend, Sunday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, please mail or drop off your card in the church office.

**This is to be a SURPRISE!**

**If you have any questions, call Anna McKay at 541-8025.**



The Outreach Committee will be collecting winter clothing for the needy and homeless on October 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. VERY GENTLY used clothing for men, women and children will be accepted. A collection box will be at the Welcome Center area.

Please continue to save your greeting cards and old calendars. They are used to make encouragement cards for local hospitals. Please leave them on the Welcome Center desk.

The food pantry at the Fern Creek/Highview Ministries is always in need of canned goods and personal care items. Your donations are very much appreciated.

**The Toppers** will be meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am in the gym. Please bring a dish to share for the potluck luncheon. There will not be a meeting in September, as the Toppers will be on their Annual Fall Trip.

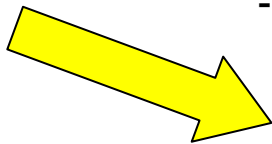


*Saturday, October 15, 2016*

*9:00 am – 4:00 pm*

**Activities for the whole family including:**

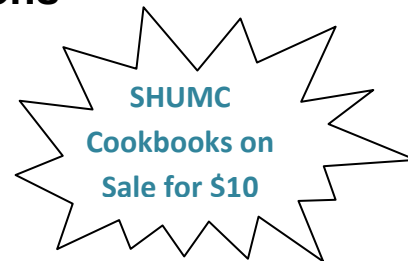
- Numerous Vendors** (including *Pampered Chef*, *Avon*, *Tupperware*, *Tastefully Simple* – just to name a few!)
- Handmade Crafts and Holiday Decorations**
- Children’s Bouncy and Firetruck**
- Food, food, and more food!!**



**-Silent Auction**

bid on items such as:

- Box seats for 4 at *Keeneland Racetrack*
- 2 Tickets to the *Louisville Zoo*
- 2 Tickets to the *Stephen Foster Story*
- 1 Night’s stay in any Kentucky State Park Lodge
- 2 Nights stay in Pigeon Forge
- Gift Cards to local restaurants, such as the *Cheesecake Factory*  
And LOTS more!!



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Call (502) 239-3511 for additional information!



## Louisville, Kentucky

### Changing Church for a Changing World

**September 15, 2016**  
St. Matthews UMC  
319 Browns Ln  
Louisville, KY 40207

#### What's the cost?

\$10 per person (for members of the Kentucky Annual Conference UMC)

\$35 per person for all others

#### Want to register?

Log onto [www.freshexpressionsus.org](http://www.freshexpressionsus.org) and register for the Vision Day under "what we do."

#### Want more info?

Chris Backert, National Director, Fresh Expressions US 804.432.5418 [chris.backert@freshexpressionsus.org](mailto:chris.backert@freshexpressionsus.org)

Paul Brunstetter, Director of New Church Development KYUMC 502.425.3884 [paul.brunstetter@gmail.com](mailto:paul.brunstetter@gmail.com)

#### What is Fresh Expressions?

Fresh Expressions is a movement that is cultivating new forms of church alongside existing congregations in order to reach a changing world. Begun in England 10 years ago, it has resulted in the birth of over 3,000 new communities in the UK alone. Fresh Expressions has spread to Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and is also taking shape in the US.

At its heart, Fresh Expressions is about empowering and equipping God's people to develop creative expressions of church that can reach the increasing diversity of our society.

#### What is Vision Day?

Vision Day is a great way to discover more about Fresh Expressions. In an interactive format, you will have the chance to:

- Hear how Fresh Expressions is renewing the church
- Talk about the development of Fresh Expressions US
- Learn more about the Mission-Shaped Church
- Discover tools to start Fresh Expressions in your area

#### What's the schedule?

9.00am Gathering Time – Coffee & Refreshments

9.30am Welcome & Worship

10.00am Session # 1 – Movement: How Fresh Expressions Is Changing the Landscape

11.05am Break

11.15am Session # 2 – Need: Why Fresh Expressions Matter for the Church

12.15pm Lunch Break

1.00pm Session # 3 – Form: Creating Fresh Expressions in Context

2.00pm Break

2.15pm Session # 4 – Action: How It's Happening and How You Can Get Involved

3.15pm Closing