

Pastor's Page.....

When I lived in Maryland I became a fan of the Washington Redskins. It was easy to fall in love with them because they were battling the Dallas Cowboys for the Division Title every year. I was a mild, fly by fan that paid special attention to key players, especially the offensive line called "The Hogs". There were rabid fans back then that picked up on this theme called "The Hogs". These guys loved everything Redskins. To them it didn't matter if you were a water boy or the high profiled quarterback – if you're a Skin they loved you.



Their name was appropriate since hogs eat indiscriminately. They eat anything and everything. About the only thing a hog will not eat is an orange. Hogs don't care. Put before them a bucket of yesterday's table scraps with some moldy bread soaked in soured milk and next to that on a piece of fine china, put a perfectly grilled \$47 filet mignon steak and twice baked potato and see which one they will eat. THEY DON'T CARE! They'll eat anything.

In Matthew 7:6 Jesus says, "Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces. Jesus gives us a warning here about sharing our faith. Your average person is not "a hog" when it comes to the things of Jesus; they don't care at all about God and could care less about whether you are talking about Billy Graham or St. Francis of Assisi. When sharing your faith don't open up your journal to them and share the latest and deepest teaching the Holy Spirit has given you on the Sermon on the Mount. Just love them where they are. The sharing of pearls may or may not come in time but for now, just share a bag of peanuts and talk about the Cards.

I think this is what John Wesley was getting at in his "Sermon on The Mount" sermon.

What conception can they have of being made partakers of the divine nature, who do not even desire to escape the corruption that is in the world through lust? Just as much knowledge as swine have of pearls, and as much relish as they have for them, so much relish have they for the deep things of God, so much knowledge of the mysteries of the gospel, who are immersed in the mire of this world, in worldly pleasures, desires, and cares. . .

Do not begin a discourse with these upon remission of sins and the gift of the Holy Ghost; but talk with them in their own manner, and upon their own principles. {p.214-215}

Although the hogs don't care what you feed them the farmer still has to feed them. In comparison, even though the majority of those around us don't care about Jesus, we are still commanded to feed them. Based on Matthew 7:6, sometimes feeding others begins with meeting them where they are; finding common ground that may or may not lead to the opportunity to give them Jesus.

Blessings, *Pastor Todd*



Through January 2016

Sunday School attendance avg.	49
Worship attendance avg.	108
Giving to General Budget	\$22,254.40
Needed Monthly	\$22,577.04
Giving to Mortgage Fund	\$4,051.00
Needed Monthly	\$4,582.31

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

We continue accepting donations for piano maintenance. These funds will be used to help pay for tuning of our pianos, which is done every six months. Also, our beautiful Steinway piano in the sanctuary will need some additional maintenance work done in the next 3 years at a cost of \$1500. When donating, please mark "Piano Maintenance" in the memo section of your check.



Upcoming Meetings...

- Tuesday, March 1st – Ministry Teams meetings at 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, March 1st – Finance Committee meeting at 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, March 8th – Administrative Council meeting at 7:00 pm



Daylight Saving Time returns on Sunday, March 13th
Remember to set your clocks forward 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 12th, so you're not late for church.

Many Thanks.....
to all who helped with Upward Basketball this year.
We had another successful year and are grateful to all who assisted with this ministry.
May God bless you for your support.
Ashley and Rob Erwin



Join the Toppers on Wednesday, March 16th at 10:30 am in the gym.
Please bring a green dish to share for the potluck luncheon and 3 canned goods.
They will be playing *Right, Left, Center.*
Everyone is welcome.

Prayer Requests

Denise Gibson, Alice Wise, Suzanne Whitehead, Carolyn Keller, Bob and Theresia Bezick, Anna Rae Welker, Ward Netherton, Henrietta and Rattan Samudre, Rema Jones, Doris Payne, Les and Jo Moise, Claudetta and Hal Adams and Family, Jerry Weihe (Joann Weihe’s Son), Walter Yeager (Ancil & Mary Yeager), Michael Bezick, (Son of Theresia and Bob Bezick), Florence Payton (Lorraine Jones’ Sister), Gavin Foard (Leona Scherer’s Great Grandson), David Benner (Todd Benner’s Father), Sonia Kelly (Shirley Benham’s Sister), Nancy Benham (Jim Benham’s Sister-in-law), Roger Zirnheld and Eddie Weartz (Gerri Ayers’ Son-in-law and Brother), Ricky Sims, Jean Simpson and Henrietta Embry (Son, Friend and Sister-in-law of Sue Embry), Cody Foster (Peggy and Doug Farris’ Grandson), Josh Wolf (Friend of Carol Balthrop), Carrie Kidd (Lucille Milburn’s Sister).



Our annual *Have A Heart for Seniors* Love Offering will be Sunday, Feb. 21st. This is your opportunity to assist seniors who have outlived their life savings. Please make you check payable to SHUMC and mark, “Have a Heart” in the memo section.

Congratulations

2015 Wesley Manor Cross and Flame Recipient: Rev. Fred Whitmore

In 2004, Wesley Manor created its Cross and Flame Award to recognize and express thanks to exceptionally loyal, long-time volunteers who have supported Wesley Manor’s Senior Ministry with their prayers, presence, gifts, time and talents. Our former pastor and church member, Rev. Fred Whitmore was one of the 2015 award recipients. Wesley Manor stated that “Rev. Whitmore’s passion and hard work inspires us because he embodies the spirit of benevolence, volunteerism, integrity and social action espoused by John Wesley, the father of Methodism.” This is certainly an honor and we are proud that Rev. Whitmore’s numerous hours of volunteering have been recognized.



To the congregation of Summit Heights UMC,
In early September, I was hospitalized at Baptist East for surgery. While there I received two prayer cards which I have kept during my lengthy recovery. This note is to let you know that I value this effort and it speaks well of your ministry. My recovery is going well and I credit that in large part to being washed in prayer. Thank you for ministry in all areas, but especially as it impacted my faith.

Alvin Cox

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Dear Summit Heights Family,

Thank you so much for the words of comfort during the past 43 months for my Mother, Martha Waters. Thanks for all the prayers, visits to the nursing home, Mother's visitation and trips to the funeral home in Charlestown, Indiana on December 13th and 14th. We sincerely appreciated all the prayers following our granddaughter's accident and weeks of recovery. Thank you for prayers, cards and calls during Wynn's hand surgery and long recovery. It is such a comfort being part of a loving and giving congregation.

Love, Alice and Wynn Moseley

The Walk to Emmaus

The Walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a 3-day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.

Please see Steve Bays or Todd Benner for additional information or an application.

The dates for 2016 Walks are:

Walk #155 - Men's Walk - March 3rd-6th

Walk #156 - Women's Walk - March 17th-20th

Walk #157 - Men's Walk - Oct. 6th-9th

Walk #158 - Women's Walk - Oct. 20th-23rd

Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries

Pennies from Heaven

Annual Auction and Dinner Gala

Saturday, May 14th at St. Gabriel Catholic Church, 5505 Bardstown Road

For sponsorship or ticket information

contact Ron Loughry at 762-9608 or execdir@fchum.org



Join us on Sunday, March 6th immediately following the morning worship service for

Lunch for Loucon

A variety of homemade soups and chili will be served. There will also be homemade desserts, tea, coffee and lemonade. All donations will be used to send the Children and Youth to Camp Loucon this summer. Our young people need your support!

Food Drive



Wednesday, March 16th from 6:00-7:30 pm

The Kidz Klub will be collecting donations for the Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries.

Be sure to drop off your canned goods and personal care items to help the needy in our community.

2016 Easter Flower Order Form

As in years past, Summit Heights in conjunction with the Kentucky Hemophilia Foundation, is selling Easter Flowers. Hemophilia affects 1 in every 7500 boys and men, and a similar disease, vWD, affects men and women equally. One in every 100 women suffers from this disease. Several of our church members, Andrew Wayne, and Andrew and Tyler Marcum have this disease. The sale of Easter flowers is one of the ways the Foundation is able to help with the daily expenses and challenges of hemophilia and work to find a cure.

Each plant is in a 6-inch pot with a decorative foil cover. Each plant is only \$9.95. The Easter flowers will decorate our sanctuary on Sunday, March 27th. **ORDERS ARE DUE BY SUNDAY, March 13th.**

NAME _____

PHONE # _____

PLEASE MARK YOUR SELECTIONS:

____ LILIES ____ RED TULIPS ____ ORANGE TULIPS ____ WHITE MUMS

____ YELLOW MUMS ____ LAVENDAR MUMS

AMOUNT PAID _____ Please make checks payable to
Summit Heights UMC

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN HONOR OF _____



-Join us each Sunday through Lent for our worship service which begins at 10:45 am. There are Sunday School classes for children, youth and adults beginning at 9:30 am.

-Sunday, March 20th - Palm Sunday – Join us for our annual catered dinner which will be served immediately following the worship service in the gym. Watch the bulletins for the menu.

-Wednesday, March 23rd - The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held. Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm followed by the Egg Hunt at 6:00 pm.

-Thursday, March 24th – Maundy Thursday Service – Communion service will be held at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.

-Friday, March 25th – Good Friday Service – Our traditional Tenebrae service will be held at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.

-Sunday, March 27th – Join us as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ during the morning worship service at 10:45 am.



The Children's Committee has requested donations of wrapped Easter candy to fill the eggs for the egg hunt. Please have all donations in by Wednesday, March 16th

save the Dates...



Vacation Bible School will be held July 11th – 15th

Registration will be held on Monday, July 11th at 5:30 pm

Tuesday – Thursday hours will be 6:00-8:45pm

Friday’s Celebration will be 6:00-8:00

Volunteers are needed to assist with VBS

If you are interested, please see Ashley Erwin

*Join us on Wednesday, February 24th at 6:00 pm
as we celebrate the life of
Lillian Baumgardner
The service will be held in the sanctuary.*



Thank you to....

- Steve Bays
- Gary Farren
- Tom Houghton
- Paul Nadeau
- Mike Welker
- Todd Benner
- Chad Glass
- Bob Johnson
- Jim Orton
- Dudley Young
- Jim Burch
- Larry Herrlinger
- Wayne Keller
- Jim Taylor
- Robert Erwin
- Orville Moss
- Scott Wayne

For their assistance monitoring the gym during basketball season. A very special thank you to Bob Farmer for coordinating the gym rentals and being readily available to lock and unlock the facilities as well as monitor for rentals.