

Pastor's Page.....

I really enjoy the television show “The Middle”. The show is about a middle-class family living in middle America. I like that the three children in the family are the same ages and grades as my own and that the story lines hit so close to home. My wife, Sherry, does not like the show for the same reason – it is too much like real life.

There is one more element to “The Middle” that reaches out and grabs me. Each episode ends with what I equate to a “Closing Argument” in a court case. All that has taken place over the previous twenty-five minutes of the show are distilled into a final moral life lesson of sorts. The noblest aspirations of a human being are powerfully made clear with the closing scene bringing the episode to its conclusion.

Matthew 7:13-14 serves as the closing argument or scene for the Sermon On The Mount. “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.” The wisest teacher who ever lived here makes perhaps the truest observation that has ever been made. Jesus pulls the visionary life presented in The Sermon on the Mount by calling it “The Narrow Way”. The life described in The Sermon is “The Narrow Way”. John Wesley summarizes The Sermon this way:

For, “narrow is the way that leadeth unto life,” the way of universal holiness. Narrow indeed is the way of poverty of spirit; the way of holy mourning; the way of meekness; and that of hungering and thirsting after righteousness. Narrow is the way of mercifulness; of love unfeigned; the way of purity of heart; of doing good unto all men; and of gladly suffering evil, all manner of evil, for righteousness’ sake.

The Sermon on the Mount contains God’s original design for human beings. The Sermon shows us the way to the “good life” and that way is by living according to The Designer’s original plan. To rebel against His design is to find misery. And so we have a choice – to live our lives according to our Maker’s design or to rebel against it and find loss, death, and destruction both here and in the life to come.

Every episode of “The Middle” begins with the line – “Here in the middle...” When faced with the Sermon on the Mount, everyone clamor to find a “middle” way. The problem is that’s just another way of defining the broad path. As the Proverbial teacher of wisdom says, “There is a way that seems right to a man but in the end it leads to death.” So here in the middle...are you taking the “narrow way” or rebelling against The Lord and taking the “broad way”? It is up to you.

Blessings,
Todd



Through April 2016

Sunday School attendance avg.	60
Worship attendance avg.	143
Giving to General Budget	\$18,763.00
Needed Monthly	\$22,577.04
Giving to Mortgage Fund	\$3,410.00
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, June 7th – 6:00 pm – Ministry Team Meetings
- Tuesday, June 7th – 7:00 pm – Finance Committee Meeting
- Tuesday, June 14th – 7:00 pm – Administrative Council Meeting

Save the Date... Saturday, September 24th

The Annual *Burgoo Festival* benefitting the Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries will be held at Fern Creek United Methodist Church, 6727 Bardstown Road. There will be many activities including bouncy houses, children's games, numerous auction items, and lots and lots of good food, including their famous homemade burgoo. All proceeds benefit the Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries.



--Join the Toppers on Wednesday, June 15th at 10:30 am for a Luau in the gym. Be sure to bring your favorite dish to share for the potluck luncheon and wear your flowered shirts.

--Wednesday, July 20th – the Toppers will have an indoor picnic and games in the Summit Heights gym beginning at 10:30 am. Please bring your tastiest picnic dish to share. Everyone is welcome.

**A Special Thank You To....
Our back field mowers...**

- Bob Farmer
- Larry Herrlinger
- Mike Welker
- Dudley Young

And to Cody Chapelle for his repair and maintenance of the riding lawnmower.

Also, many thanks to Wayne Keller for the electrical and lighting work he's done around the church.

And...thank you Jim and JoAnn Burch for keeping us informed by changing the messages on our front sign.

Each of you is truly appreciated!!

Prayer Requests

Cal Zehnder, Bob Farmer, Betty Bunning, Carolyn Keller, Nancy Netherton and Family, Theresia and Bob Bezick, Mary and Ancil Yeager and Family, Tina Ayers, Ward Netherton, Henrietta Samudre, Les and Jo Moise, Barbara and Jim McFarland, Jerry Weihe, Patti and Joel Weihe, Doug Kingsley (Joann Weihe’s Sons, Daughter-in-law and Friend), Sonia and Harry Kelly and Nolan Spaulding (Shirley Benham’s Sister, Brother-in-law and Brother), Lilly Mudd (Friend of Jim and Ann Glass), Jan Landreth (Friend of Jean Farren), Ricky Sims (Son of Sue Embry), Austin Foster (Doug and Peggy Farris’ Grandson), Larry Waskom (Sherry Benner’s Father), Hannah Glidewell (Zack and Hannah Morris’ Great Grandmother), Alex (Janie Oaks’ Stepdaughter’s Son), Rev. Edward Hawkins (Joyce Taylor’s Brother’s Pastor), The Family of Bob Money (Friend of Jim and Shirley Benham), Leonard Stevens (Doris Rutledge’s Brother-in-law), Rosie and Charlie Straub (Friends of Les and Jo Moise), Steve Harmon (Larry Smith’s Brother-in-law).



Several people have expressed a wish to either buy additional “Clarence” irises, or to get some for the first time. We will be taking orders for them in late summer. It is too late to transplant them at this time. We also are going to be able to offer Shasta daisies as well. The irises are blooming right now and folks are just amazed at their size and beauty. They bloom in the spring and also in the fall. All proceeds go to the Lighthouse Academy.

Thanks for your support,
 JoAnn Burch



**The Kentucky United Methodist Homes for Children and Youth
 Annual Day Charity Auction**

Saturday, September 10th, Versailles, Kentucky

Your help is needed in obtaining auction items for our *Annual Day* Silent and Live Auctions. Items needed include: quality antique furniture; art – including paintings, sculptures and prints; weekend getaways; collectibles such as autographed game balls, and figurines; handmade quilts; gift certificates to local merchants; theme baskets; hand crafted holiday items. Please have your items to the Versailles Campus, Administration Building, 2050 Lexington Road, Versailles, KY 40383 by Friday, August 12th. Please recommend a value for your donated items. Please call 1-877-887-4481 for additional information.



Dear Summit Heights UMC Friends,

Thank you so much for the beautiful wind chimes you sent to the funeral home in memory of our Mother, Doris Payne. It was so thoughtful of your and we greatly appreciate you thinking of us at this sad time.

Mom loved her church for many years when she was able to be active. Unfortunately, she suffered for many years, so am glad she's finally at peace.

Blessings from her children,
Debbie Schmid, Donna Faris, David Fischer

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Upon the death of my Mother, Ruby Breeding, I want to thank the church for the flowers on the altar and the cards you all sent and the other gestures of kindness. I appreciated all of them. Claudetta Adams

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Thank you all for the prayers, food, calls, cards and Christian love shown during my recent confinement.

God's blessings on each of you, Anna Rae Welker

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Summit Heights,

I cannot begin to thank you all enough for your financial support, as well as your prayers in support of my journey down to Panama City Beach for Spring Break to publicly proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ with the spring breakers and the locals. Thank you so much on my behalf, and on behalf of The Gathering at U of L. Thank you for believing in us and sharing in the work that God is doing in our ministry! Summit Heights, you are a treasure to us all. Thank you again for standing with us!

God Bless! A Member of The Gathering at U of L

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We wish to thank each of you for your prayers and concern for my twin sister who underwent back surgery which was successful. We are grateful! Please continue to keep her, Sonia Kelly in your prayers as ahead of her lies 8 months of healing from the back surgery while it is necessary to do 6 months of chemo followed by radiation during that time. Also, please pray for our brother-in-law, Harry Kelly as her caregiver during these very difficult days. It is comforting for Jim and me to know they both have a strong faith and are truly a living example of that faith. That means everything! Thank you again and may our Lord meet your need today

whatever it may be. Peace and Blessings,

Jim and Shirley Benham

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Dear Summit Heights Church Friends,

Thank you so much for your gifts totalling \$283 for our "Have a Heart for Seniors" love offering. As you know, 100% of your gift will be used to provide financial aid to our residents who call Wesley Manor "home".

Thank you again for your generosity and partnership making it possible for us to continue our mission to serve the needs of all of our older adults every day of the year!

Our heartfelt thanks,

Jerry Hoganson, Wesley Manor Community President

Anita Kuvin, Vice President of Development

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We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and beautiful chimes. The Toppers for the meat tray; the bereavement committee for a wonderful lunch; The Rev. Whitmore for the service.

We appreciated having such a loving church family.

Ancil and Mary Yeager and Family



The United Methodist Women are hosting Bunco on Thursday, June 23rd beginning at 6:00 pm in the gym.

All ladies are invited and are welcome to bring a friend. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center beginning June 5th.

DID YOU KNOW??

Each month, Summit Heights provides *Pockets*, a 48 page devotional magazine for children ages 6-12, which is published by *The Upper Room*. This magazine is designed for children to help them grow in their relationship with God. *Pockets* includes full-color photos, stories, poems, games, mission-focused activities, daily scripture readings, and contributions from children who read the magazine. Pick up a copy today at the Welcome Center or in the Narthex. Also available, free of charge, are *Upper Room Daily Devotionals* in both regular and large print editions.



Lighthouse Academy at Newburg

Annual Lighthouse Walk

The Annual Lighthouse Walk will be Saturday, June 25th from 9:00 – 11:30 am at Petersburg Park at the corner of Indian Trail and Newburg Road. All proceeds benefit the children at The Lighthouse Academy at Newburg. Anyone collecting \$50 or more will receive a Lighthouse T-shirt the day of the walk. Pledge sheets are available at the Welcome Center or from Steve Bays.



Embark on a VBS Adventure That Will Light Their Way!

Gear up for an over-the-top underground adventure! Ground kids in the rock-solid foundation of God's love, a love that takes us through life's dark times.

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

You can register your child online by following the link on our homepage

www.summitheightsumc.org

Volunteers are needed to assist with VBS

If you are interested, please see Ashley Erwin



July 18th – July 22nd

Monday-Friday from 6:00 – 7:30 pm

The Camp includes skills training, character development, drills and gameplay. Athletes receive a basketball, t-shirt, water bottle and performance poster.

The Camp is for students in Kindergarten through 8th grade, and will be held at Southern High School Gymnasium,

8620 Preston Highway. Register online at <http://registration.upward.org/UPW61101>

Registration fee (if received before July 8th) is \$50 per person.

After July 8th – the fee is \$55

Email any of the following for additional information:

Amanda.mcfarland-s@jefferson.kyschools.us,

aerwin1106@gmail.com or

Rerwin1106@gmail.com

Feed the Children Summer Food Drive

Children in need can get 10 of the 21 meals they need each week at school at little or no cost to their families. But....during the summer months, many families struggle to feed these children.

The Scout food drive in the fall was very successful and the food pantry at the Fern Creek/Highview United Ministry was well stocked. Due to the increasing number of families in need, the current supply of food will not last through the summer and that is why the June food drive is so important.

You can help assure that no child goes hungry this summer by donating canned goods. There will be a box for your donations in the Welcome Center area until June 5th.

Your help is needed and will be very much appreciated. Thank you!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

The Toppers and the Outreach Committee would like to invite EVERYONE to join them for their annual fishin' trip to Mike Linning's Restaurant, 9308 Cane Run Road on Wednesday, June 22nd at 11:30 am. If you would like to carpool to the restaurant, please meet in the church's back parking lot at 11:00 am. Bring a friend and come enjoy great food and fellowship.

Join us

Sunday, July 31st at 10:45 am

We will be hosting a special guest, Randy Click from *4016 Ministries* in Litchfield, Arizona. Randy will share his personal relationship with Jesus Christ as he is called to extend the Lord's love and compassion to all people that they may hear and believe the life changing gospel. Randy is a dynamic speaker who shows the joy of obedience to God's calling. Be sure to invite your family and friends to this special service.

Please provide the church office with the names of high school or college students who will be graduating this year. We will be honoring them on Sunday, June 12th.

2016 Mission Offering

The Mission Offering for 2016 Annual Conference will be given in celebration of the ministry of Bishop Lindsey and Jennifer Davis. The offering will support the ministries of Wesley Seminary in Venezuela and Honduras Outreach, Inc. Both of these ministries have been important to the Davises. Donations will be received Sunday, June 5th. Please make your checks payable to SHUMC and mark "2016 Conference" in the memo section. Pastor Todd will take donations with him to Annual Conference.

