



*This year, the Church wraps up Lent and introduces the season of Easter during April. The transition between is known as Holy Week, which remembers the events of the week leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. This year, we'll be remembering these during our Palm Sunday service of worship, Wednesday Holy Week service, and Easter Sunday services. On **Palm Sunday** (3/29), we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the beginning of the week that led to his death and resurrection. Children are invited to lead in worship by waiving palm branches during the first hymn.*

*During Holy Week itself (observed by us this year with a **Holy Wednesday Service** (4/1), the Church remembers the teachings and events of the last week of Jesus' life, particularly the stories of his teaching in the temple, being anointed by Mary of Bethany, instituting the Lord's Supper and a "new commandment", being betrayed by Judas, and his trial, crucifixion, and death.*

*Friday (4/3) has the opportunity for service and sharing the good news revealed to us on the cross: our **Good Friday Holiday Bible School** (7:30am – 3:30pm). Kiddos will be fed, cared for, and told about Jesus! To register or volunteer, contact Kate Keylon.*

*On **Easter Sunday** (4/5), we host both a Sunrise Service (7 am Field of Dreams) and our Sunday Service of Worship (10:30 am Sanctuary). Our annual **Easter Sunrise Service** is celebrated at the Field of Dreams (2508 Middlesettments Rd/37801) – this year, we'll be joined by Immanuel Methodist Church! If the weather is good, services will be held at the top of the hill. If the weather is bad, the service will be held at the pavilion.*

*May this season bring you awe at the mercy and love of God,  
Pastor Magan*

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### **Weekly Wednesday Night Study – Proverbs: Everlasting Wisdom for Everyday Life.**

After dinner (5:30 pm) and before choir (6:45 pm), all are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a study led by Cindy Alloway on Vance Pitman's 31-day Bible study of *Proverbs: Everlasting Wisdom for Everyday Life*.

What are some situations in your life where you knew you needed guidance? Where did you go to find the answers you were looking for? If you long for Godly wisdom, then this study may be for you. Beginning on April 8<sup>th</sup>, we will dive into Vance Pitman's 31-day Bible study of *Proverbs: Everlasting Wisdom for Everyday Life*. This study will take place over 5 Wednesdays from April 8<sup>th</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-6:45. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the Narthex for those wishing to participate. Please join us as we work and discover how to see life from God's perspective.

The daily study guide (videos included) can be purchased on Amazon Books for \$16.99, or I [Cindy] will be happy to order it for you if needed.

## Faithfulness

*"I will support the church with my presence, prayers, gifts, and service!" (Membership vow)*

### Attendance

Attendance	S.S.	Worship	
<b>March</b>		<i>Morning</i>	<i>MorningView</i>
1	63	111	24
8	47	92	
15	57	97	
22	63	115	
29	77	105	

Mar	Designated Budget	Undesignated Budget	Total Budget
1	\$10,352	\$525	\$10,877
8	\$2,610	\$24	\$2,624
15	\$5,230	\$100	\$5,330
22	\$3,157	0	\$3,157
29	\$3,162	0	\$3,162

Budget amount needed for 2026: \$60,905

Budget amount received in 2026: \$66,048

#### Designated Budget

(100% of your gift will support Middlesettlements Methodist Church.)

#### Undesignated Budget

(10% of your offering will be tithed to the United Methodist Church.)

Louisville Christian Assistance Center: \$475  
 Memorials: \$1,530; Evangelism/backpack: \$160  
 Lenten Offering: \$225.30; Parking Lot: \$1000  
 Mission Team: \$50

**"Remember the Church in your will."**



### Birthdays in April

April 3, Maggie Patterson  
 April 7, Ethan Davis, Alyssa Davis, Mitch McCain  
 April 8, Ann Smith  
 April 9, Dee Carpenter  
 April 13, Steve Carico, LeAnne Moore, LuJean Buckner  
 April 17, Ben Carico  
 April 18, Gavin Teffeteller  
 April 20, Barbara Roberts, Morgan Spurgeon  
 April 21, Whitney Marler, Mark Shaw  
 April 22, Gilbert Kuhlman  
 April 23, Suzanne Gregg  
 April 24, Laura Floyd  
 April 25, John Davis  
 April 26, Andi Love Lawhorn  
 April 27, Jim Lifford  
 April 28, Jason Stubblefield  
 April 30, Carolyn Moore  
 May 1, Lois Malkemes, Gary Kuhlman  
 May 4, Margie Davis  
 May 5, Chris Caldwell  
 May 7, Ellen Jenkins

### April Anniversaries

April 3, Dee & Steve Carpenter  
 April 11, David & Nell Jenkins  
 April 14, Bryson & Lindsay Perkins  
 April 24, Jeff & Tammy Rule  
 April 27, Steven & Kate Keylon

## Welcome New Members!

We welcomed two new members into the church in February – what a joy it is to have them with us! Here are a few things to know about Randy & Debbie Allen as we welcome them into our church family:

### 1. Tell us about yourself!

I'm from Ohio (middle child of 4). I graduated from Ohio State, married Randy, and have lived in Ohio, Louisiana, and Tennessee. I taught art for 40 years. Retired, I still teach adults art. I love running, art, decorating, entertaining, gardening, making things, farming, and working out. – *Debbie*

We moved to East TN in 1991 and to Blount County in 1992. I have my own investment/retirement planning firm. I enjoy riding horses and working on my farm. – *Randy*

### 2. What kind of pet do you have, and how did you choose its name?

We have a small farm, with 2 horses (Ghost & Tomboy), 4 sheep (Pearl, Paisley, Holly, & Ivy), 2 ducks (Donald & Daisy), 1 border collie (Ellie), 1 tuxedo cat (Harley), and multiple chickens. – *Randy & Debbie*

### 3. What was the last book you read? What is the next book you plan to read?

I started reading the bible everyday starting in January 2025 – I'm only in Proverbs! – *Debbie*

### 4. How did you and your spouse meet?

We met while attending college at Ohio State University. – *Randy*

### 5. Where's your favorite place in the world? Why?

Home – family & friends gather, memories, traditions, love – *Debbie*.

### 6. Tell us about your kids!

We have one daughter, Ashley, who is married to Kyle, and we just had our first grandchild, Kaylee. – *Randy & Debbie*

## Weekly Wednesday Night Dinner

Welcome to Dinner, Church! Middlesettlements Methodist hosts weekly dinners every Wednesday night beginning at 5:30 pm. Below are the April menus – we'll also continue to have a kids' table (bread, peanut butter, jelly, and fruit) and a dessert table. Everyone is welcome!

- **Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> (Holy Week, before our Holy Wednesday Service)** – Italian Night! *(a fundraiser for our Student Ministries)*
- **Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** – Beef Pot Roast, Chicken Pot Pie, Green Beans, Mac & Cheese, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, & Baked Bread
- **Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>** – Calhoun's Pork BBQ & Buns, Chicken BBQ, Spinach Maria, Slaw, Baked Apples, Baked Beans, Tater Tot Casserole, and Mac & Cheese
- **Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Taco Beef, Fajita Chicken, Beans, Rice, Corn, Salsa, Cheese Dips, & Chips
- **Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>** – Beef Lasagna, Chicken Penne, Baked Veggie & Cheese Ravioli, Spaghetti Marinara, Salad, & Garlic Bread

*If you're willing to provide a dessert, sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact the church office ([office@middlesettlements.com](mailto:office@middlesettlements.com)).*



Our church family extends sincere appreciation to **Gilbert Kuhlman**, along with the scouts, troop leaders, and cadets, for their dedicated efforts at the Field of Dreams. Through their hard work, a beautiful fire pit and four benches have been thoughtfully constructed, creating a welcoming space for fellowship and gathering. We also offer our heartfelt thanks to Gary Kuhlman for his generous support, guidance, and the many hours he devoted to helping bring this project to completion.

This project represents Gilbert's Eagle Scout achievement, and we are truly proud of his initiative, leadership, and commitment. May this space be a blessing to many for years to come.

## Middlesettlements Memorial Fund



*Make check to MMC and in the memo, who the memorials are for. Then put them in the mailbox for Memorials outside the Church office, in the offering plate, or in the mail to the Church.*

### Given in Memory of JB O'Connor

by Frank & Jane Story  
by Sunday School Class of Chris  
and Susan O'Connor  
by Cecil Byers  
by June Love Shaw  
by Donna Sweitzer

### Given in Memory of Ina Bolton

by Judy Cohan  
by Frank & Jane Story  
by Lowell Sneed  
by Brenda Clemens  
by Jon & Martha Healey  
by Bruce & Sherry Hankins  
by June Love Shaw  
By Donna Sweitzer

## UPCOMING Events

- April 1, 5:30 p.m. Dinner (Fellowship Hall)  
6:15 p.m. Holy Week Service (Fellowship Hall)  
No Wednesday Night activities  
The choir will practice
- April 3 Holiday VBS
- April 5, 7:00 a.m. **Easter Sunrise Service:** Sunday,  
(Field of Dreams)
- April 5, 9:30 p.m. **Easter Egg Hunt:** Sunday  
(Fellowship Hall)
- April 5, 10:30 **Easter Sunday Service**
- April 9, 6:30 p.m. The Middlesettlements Cemetery  
Association (Blanche Class)
- April 18, Ladies' Tea Party
- May 3, Graduate Sunday
- May 12, 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting (Blanche Class)
- May 13, 5:30 p.m. **Spring Fling**, Wednesday (FOD)
- June 3, VBS Workshop (time to be announced)
- June 17, VBS Workshop (time to be announced)
- July 8, VBS Workshop (time to be announced)
- July 11, VBS Workshop (time to be announced)
- July 12 - 15, Vacation Bible School
- July 19, 10:30 a.m. Backpack Blessing
- July 26, 9:30 a.m. Student Ministry Promotion Sunday  
(Fellowship Hall)

**The Women's Circle** will meet on Tuesday, April 21, at 6:30 pm at the home of Jenna Rogers (6245 Apache Trail, Knoxville, TN). Our mission emphasis will be Family Promise.



Pregnancy  
Resource  
Center

Easter Sunday, **April 5**, is the completion of our Lenten offering. If you want to make a one-

time donation, designate it for the **Lenten Mission emphasis**. Since 1986, the Pregnancy Resource Center of Blount County, TN, has helped women cope with unplanned pregnancies and consider their options in a compassionate and supportive environment.



**Middlesettlements Cemetery Association** will meet on **Thursday, April 9**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Blanche Classroom to plan for Decoration Day (Mother's Day) on May 10.



**We will be recognizing our graduating Seniors** on May 3 during the morning worship service. If you know someone graduating (high school or higher education), please call the church office at 982-4799 or email at [office@middlesettlements.com](mailto:office@middlesettlements.com), or see Joyce,

WEDNESDAY APRIL 1st

A fundraiser to benefit  
Middlesettlements  
Student Ministries



## Italian Supper

### MENU

**Lasagna** (traditional & veggie)  
**Spaghetti** (meat sauce & marinara)  
**Salad**  
**Garlic Bread**  
**Desserts**



**Holy Wednesday Dinner Church:**  
**Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Dinner 5:30 pm; Service**  
**6:15 pm (Fellowship Hall)**

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**Sunrise Service:**  
**Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 am (Field of Dreams)**

Our annual Sunrise Service will be at 7:00 am Easter Morning at the Field of Dreams (2508

Middlesettlements Rd). If the weather is good, services will be held at the top of the hill – feel free to drive all the way up, where there is plenty of parking. If the weather is bad, the service will be held at the pavilion.



**It's Time to Register for Summer Camp!** All the information you need to sign up for summer camp at Camp Wesley Woods

or other Holston camps can be found at [www.holstoncamping.com](http://www.holstoncamping.com). Our Church offers partial -camp scholarships. Please see Karen Lewis for more information (or to get the scholarship code). Last summer, a few children from our Church went to camp, and they had an excellent time!!! If you would like to donate to our scholarship fund, please drop it in the offering box. TY-Karen

### Camp Wesley Woods Week

Pastor Magan is the Minister-In-Residence for Camp Wesley Woods, June 14 - 19, 2026. Her sons will be attending camp that week, and all Middlesettlements students are invited to come along! Scholarships are available through Wesley Woods and through our church (for church scholarships, contact Karen Lewis).

A decorative poster for a Ladies Tea Party. It features a pink and white checkered background with floral illustrations. The text is centered and reads:

**Ladies  
\*Tea Party\***

Join us for lunch,  
dessert & entertainment!

April 18, 2026 | 12:00 noon  
Middlesettlements MC  
Fellowship Hall

Tickets for Sale \$10

See Starla or Karen  
to buy tickets.  
Tickets available  
March 8-April 12

Sponsored by the Nurture Team

**MIDDLESETTLEMENTS METHODIST CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
March 3, 2026**

**Attending:** Keith McAmis, Magan Stubblefield, Kathy Puckett, Karen Lewis, Joyce Overton, LeAnne Moore, Sam Love, Laura Floyd, Richard Davis, John Davis, Kate Keylon, Starla Davis, Brenda Crisp, Bridget Jenkins

Meeting was opened with prayer by Keith McAmis.

Minutes from the January 6, 2026 meeting were approved. Motion: Laura Floyd; second: Karen Lewis. Motion carried.

Treasurer – David Lewis

--Amount received as of 2/28/2026 = \$39,518  
--Amount needed for budget = \$37,480  
--Amount over budget = \$2,038  
--The endowment funds yearly payout will come in this month.

Finance Committee – Laura Floyd

--The funds used for paving will be paid back as people make donations to those funds. The funds from the endowments will not be paid back but will accrue.

Pastor's Report – Magan Stubblefield

--Pastor Magan has been doing pre-marriage counseling.  
--Wednesday night studies on fasting are going well. Another study is being developed by Cindy Alloway to begin after Easter.

Nurture Ministry – Kate Keylon and Starla Davis

--We are trying to re-arrange the children's areas and organize their supplies to make them more usable.  
--The children want to sleep with the sharks at the aquarium again, so we are looking into that.  
--We are hosting a one-day VBS on Good Friday.  
--The youth room has been painted and the furniture is replaced. We are averaging 7 youth attending.  
--The Kids Club has 9-13 kids attending on Wednesdays.  
--The summer VBS program has been determined and will be held at the church this year.

Outreach Ministry – Karen Lewis

--We are ramping up with Easter bags of food for the families of the children we sponsor at Middlesettlements School.

Worship Ministry – David Wells

--Keith commented that we are happy with our new pianist.

Media Ministry – Josh Marler

--No report.

Trustees – Sam Love

--Paving project complete. Cost for additional work added to original scope of paving contractor is \$6,200. Holding \$6,200 as retention for contractor to complete punch list.  
--Opened exterior door to kid's room downstairs that was painted shut. Discovered door is not for that opening, no hinges, suggest replacing door, will get input from Council before proceeding. Council approved replacing door and installing a combination lock.  
--Hauled to dump old couches from youth room downstairs.  
--Transported ping pong table to FOD storage.  
--Hauled off debris gathered from youth room by Kate and Starla.  
--Replaced batteries in downstairs door keypad.  
--Contracted with Mike Ridenour to install flashing at rear of FOD pavilion to deter invasive animals.  
--Kleinhams Plumbing re-plumbed the Fellowship Hall sink drain and supply lines.

SPR – LeAnne Moore

-Staff appreciation is this month.

Old Business

--The grounds maintenance for the cemetery has been hired. The church grass will be quoted by the same company who mows Grandview Cemetery.  
--Laura reported that Emilie Floyd wants to create a church directory this summer. She will need some volunteers to help her and will be looking at programs to do this project.

New Business

--The Council appointed the Memorial Scholarship Fund committee for 2026: Kathy Puckett, chair; Magan Stubblefield, Dora Hooks, Starla Davis, and Brenda Crisp.  
--Joyce Overton made a motion we use Memorial Fund monies to designate \$1,500 for Pastor Magan to purchase a new laptop. Karen Lewis seconded. Motion carried.  
--The cost for the youth room upgrade was \$2,000 for paint and furniture. Laura will use some funds to cover: Trustees \$250 for paint, Youth \$650 for furniture. Laura will find the rest in other funds.  
--A new Sunday school class is being started by Starla and Kate for adults – all ages.

NEXT MEETING: -- NOTE DATE CHANGE --Tuesday, May 12, 7:00 pm, Blanche SS classroom

Submitted by Kathy Puckett



**MIDDLESETTLEMENTS**  
METHODIST CHURCH

2729 Middlesettlements Rd  
Maryville, TN 37801

**Return Address Requested**

**Staff**

Melinda Andes, Organist  
Starla Davis, Student Ministry Co-Coordinator  
Kate Keylon, Student Ministry Co-Coordinator  
Karissa Marcum, Pianist  
Joyce Overton, Secretary  
Rev. Magan Stubblefield, Pastor  
David Wells, Worship Ministry Coordinator

MIDDLESETTLEMENTS SUNDAY NURSERY SCHEDULE		
<b>1ST</b>	9:20 JJ Wells & Patti Moore 10:20 JJ Wells, Jenna Rogers & Susan Roberts	
<b>2ND</b>	9:20 <u>TWO</u> volunteers needed ASAP! 10:20 Brenda Crisp, Staci & Jason Martin	
<b>3RD</b>	9:20 Kathy Puckett & Ann Connatser 10:20 Ryan & Morgan Spurgeon & Kim Spencer	
<b>4TH</b>	9:20 Kay Long & Judy Cohan 10:20 David Lewis, Chris Keylon & <u>3<sup>rd</sup></u> volunteer needed!	
<b>5TH</b>	9:20 Youth, Starla or Kate (Service Sunday) 10:20 Patsy Webb, Carolyn Moore & <u>3<sup>rd</sup></u> volunteer needed!	

2026 Holston Annual Conference: Smoky Mountain District

# HANDS-ON HEALTH KITS

*Supporting our mission partners in Liberia and Zimbabwe*

This year, the Smoky Mountain District will be collecting **Health Kits for Liberia** as part of our Hands-on Mission efforts. Instead of the traditional 5-gallon food buckets, we are invited to help meet important hygiene and basic health needs. There is a **\$5 shipping fee per kit** to help cover delivery costs.

### HEALTH KIT INSTRUCTIONS

Please pack the following items in a **2-gallon Zip-Lok bag:**

- 1 hand towel
- 1 washcloth
- 2 toothbrushes
- 2 tubes of toothpaste (6.4 oz. or less each)
- 2 bars of soap (at least 3.5 oz. each)
- 1 bottle of lotion (18 oz. or less)
- 1 roll-on deodorant (4 oz. or less)

**Pack separately in a sandwich-size Zip-Lok bag**

*(Do NOT place inside the larger 2-gallon bag):*

- 1 tube antibacterial ointment (1 oz.)
- 1 bottle Tylenol/acetaminophen 500 mg (24 count)

Thank you for your generosity and for helping share God's love with our neighbors in Liberia.