



Middle settlements
United Methodist Church

Est. 1796 | www.Middlesettlements.com

Pastor Magan Stubblefield pastor.middlesettlements@gmail.com

Editor Joyce Overton tnauntjo@gmail.com



May 14



Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her. (John 20:11-18)

Mary Magdalene was from the town of Magdala, a large fishing town on the Sea of Galilee. Because she was from Magdala, Mary was called Mary (the) Magdalene. We don't have many stories from her early life, but tradition points to her being a rich and influential woman from an important family. At some point in her life, she became demon-possessed, not just by one, but by seven demons.

Demon-possessed Mary met Jesus, and when Jesus came close to people, they changed. Mary Magdalene was no different. After Jesus drove out the seven demons that had possessed her, Mary Magdalene became a disciple of Jesus. She and Susanna and Joanna and others traveled with Jesus and the Twelve as he went through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. All those people traveling with Jesus needed food and places to sleep, and the bible tells us that the women

(including Mary) supported them "out of their own means."

Mary Magdalene became respected among those that traveled with Jesus and she loved Jesus very much. When Jesus was dying on the cross, and many of the Twelve had fled, Mary Magdalene stayed close by with a few of the other women. She saw Jesus draw his last breath and she watched his body be laid in the tomb. And she was one of the women who went to the tomb that first Easter morning and found the empty tomb. It was to her that Jesus first appeared—and she was so joyful that Jesus had to tell her to not cling to him, but to go tell the others. So, Mary ran back to the disciples and told them about Jesus, the Risen Lord. Because of this, Mary Magdalene is also known as the "Apostle to the Apostles" because it was from her that the Twelve Apostles learned about the good news.

The Bible doesn't tell us about the life of Mary Magdalene after the Resurrection, but stories say that when the Apostles left Jerusalem to preach to all the ends of the earth, Mary Magdalene went with them. She went to Italy and even to Rome to tell people about Jesus.

One story says that because of her wealth and influence, Mary was able to visit Caesar Tiberias and tell him about the good news of Jesus. Explaining the resurrection, she picked up an egg from a table as a symbol for her point, but before she could proceed, Caesar interjected that a human being could no more rise from the dead than the egg in her hand turn red. The egg immediately turned a deep crimson, and our custom of dying Easter eggs was begun.

We give thanks for the many women and men who have come before us, telling us about the Risen Lord and preparing our hearts to meet the Risen Lord Jesus ourselves. Praise be to God: He is Risen!

Pastor Magan

Faithfulness

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

March	S.S.	Worship	Offering
5	78	128	\$6,822
12	62	99	\$7,165
19	78	128	\$6,205
26	65	125	\$2,451
April	S.S.	Worship	Offering
2	65	99	\$8,000
9	89	181	\$4,462
16	67	138	\$2,132
23	69	108	\$4,191
30	72	112	\$4,009
Morning View Sunday Evening Worship		Attendance	
Mar 26	14	April 16	18
April 2	28	April 23	13
April 9	33	April 30	15
Budget amount needed for 2023: \$88,488 Budget amount received in 2023: \$86,061			
Louisville Christian Assistance Center: \$465 Memorials: \$400 Evangelism: Backpacks: \$60 Dale Love Scholarship Fund: \$1000 Costa Rica Mission trip: \$2,517.62 Total Lent Mission Emphasis: \$422			
<i>"Remember the Church in your will."</i>			

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May Birthdays

May 1, Lois Malkemes, Gary Kuhlman
 May 4, Margie Davis
 May 5, Chris Caldwell
 May 7, Ellen Jenkins
 May 8, Irina Watkins
 May 9, Joyce Overton
 May 10, John Stubblefield
 May 15, Sally Jo Sullivan
 May 17, Donna Hembree
 May 20, Katie Hill
 May 21, Rex Bloomer
 May 23, Steven Keylon
 May 24, Staci Martin
 May 27, Daniel Floyd, Keith McAmis
 May 29, Grace Sawyer
 May 30, Megan Marcus
 June 1, Shelly Milligan
 June 3, Carson Wells
 June 6, Paxton Milligan, Dale Stephens

May Anniversaries

May 26, Jesse & Lori Wilkerson



Middlesettlements Cemetery

Decoration is always the second Sunday in May (Mother's Day). This year it is on May 14. We ask that flowers placed in the way of mowing be removed by the end of the following weekend, or they will be removed by the

Association and/or mowers. Flowers placed on stones, either by a saddle or in monument vases, will not be removed. Anyone who owns a plot in Middlesettlements Cemetery is automatically a member of the Association.

For Donations: Make check out to:
Middlesettlements Cemetery.

c/o Peggy Morgan
 2610 Grey Ridge Rd.
 Maryville, TN 37801



During May, we will be receiving donations for the Dale Love Scholarship Fund. There are applications on the informational desk in the Narthex for the Dale Love Memorial Scholarship and the Robert and Callie Goddard Memorial Scholarship. To be considered, the Memorial Scholarship Committee must receive completed applications by May 31. Please put your completed application in the "Pastor's " mailbox inside the Sunday School building doors. You can mail your offering to the Church. MUMC, 2729 Middlesettlements Rd., Maryville, TN 37801. Be sure to mark your check for the Dale Love Scholarship fund. You can also mail your application.

The United Methodist Women will meet Tuesday, May 16, at 6:30 pm at the home of Deonna Woodlief, 6063 Morganton Rd Greenback, TN. Mission Emphasis will be art supplies for Wesley Woods. As always, we welcome new members and visitors.

Middle settlements Memorial Fund



Write on your check to whom the memorials are for and put them in the mailbox for Memorials outside the Church office, put in the offering plate, or mail them to the Church.

Given to the Music Fund in memory of Steve Hammontree

John & Pamela Powell

Calvin & Barbara Durham

Our Military:

When our church family military are deployed or in basic training, they love to get mail. Below is Heath's address, please send a note of encouragement.

SR Rogers, Heath G.

Ship 6 Div. 136

Recruit Training Command

3610 Illinois St

Great Lakes, IL. 60088

MUMC YOUNG ADULT

SUNDAY LUNCH

LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

3/26*	8/27
4/30	9/24
5/28	10/29
6/25	11/26
7/30	12/31

CONGRATULATIONS

GRADUATE!

We will be recognizing our Seniors on May 7, 2023, during the morning worship service.

William Blount High School

Dawson Wells
Alex Caldwell

Tennessee Tech University

Will Carico (BS in Computer Science)

Tennessee Wesleyan University

Caroline Moore – Undergrad
(Starts Occupational Therapy in August)

Vacation Bible School



From Joyce (your church secretary)

"Because of the continuing increase in mailing our monthly church newsletter, we will be phasing out bulk mailing. Some ways you can get your newsletter are via email, posting on our church Facebook page and church website, and copies printed and placed in the Narthex. Shut-ins will receive a newsletter in the mail and anyone else that would like to receive one by first-class mail. Even though first-class stamps are 63 cents, we will still save money on mailings, plus save paper and time preparing the newsletter for mailing. July will be the first month of this change. If you are unable to access the newsletter from one of the mentioned options, please let me know before July 1."



Pentecost Sunday

Fifty days after Easter, the Church celebrates the descending of the Holy Spirit on the first disciples at Pentecost. This year our celebration is especially joyous as we welcome our Confirmands into the membership of MUMC.

To help join in the celebration, wear fire colors! Red is the most traditional color, with orange and yellow closely following, but the Stubblefield boys have campaigned pretty convincingly for blue as a sign of the hottest flame.

Since Pentecost is also considered the "birth" of the Church, eating birthday cake is a must. We have a bake sale that Sunday supporting the Costa Rica mission trip – celebrate and support missions at the same time :)

Wednesday Adult Bible Study

Beginning at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall (while enjoying 2nds, dessert, and coffee), our adults are making their way through the whole bible, one book at a time. Join us for a short video and discussion! Our last Spring 2023 bible study is May 10th – we'll pick back up in August.

- **Wednesday, May 3rd** – Book of Job
- **Wednesday, May 10th** – Book of Psalms

Wednesday Dinner

Welcome to dinner, Church! MUMC hosts dinner every Wednesday night beginning at 5:30pm and everyone is welcome! Our last meal for Spring 2023 is on our May 17th Spring Fling at the Field of Dreams.

- **Wednesday, May 3rd** – Taco Beef, Fajita Chicken, Refried Beans, Rice, Corn, Salsa, Cheese Dip, & Chips
- **Wednesday, May 10th** – Calhoun's BBQ & sides
- **Wednesday, May 17th** – Spring Fling @ the Field of Dreams (featuring the Drift Boat Cowboys!)

If you're willing to provide a dessert, sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact Pastor Magan (pastor.middlesettlements@gmail.com or 865.300.1831)



Another Costa Rica Mission Trip, July 2023

Anna and Karen Lewis will be going to Costa Rica this summer around July 5-13. The cost per person will be around \$1500, which will cover our transportation, VBS supplies, room, and board. Our main focus

will be serving in Bible School camps, at Campamento Nehemias, where we will be staying. We will also be having a **Pentecost Biscuit Bar & Bake Sale** on Sunday, May 28 starting at **9:00 a.m.**, to help raise support for our trip. You can also donate by dropping it in the offering with "Costa Rica" in the Memo. Above ALL, pray for this trip. We are excited to serve in this way!

Upcoming Events

Altar Flowers for May - UMW

May 6, 11:30 am Ladies Luncheon
 May 7, 10:30 am. Graduate Sunday
 May 7, 2:00 pm Let's celebrate Baby Boy Perkins (FOD)
 May 9, 7:00 pm Church Council (Blanche Class)
 May 14, Mother's Day/Infant Baptism
 May 17 Spring Fling at FOD, music, and food, last Wed. night for summer
 May 28, 9:00 am Sunday, Pentecost Biscuit Bar & Bake Sale (Proceeds go to Costa Rica Mission trip)
 May 28, Deadline for 2023 Hands-On Mission Project, Liberia, and Zimbabwe, Holston Annual Conference (for more information see April & May newsletter)

Altar Flowers for June – Melissa Scott

June 7, 14, 21, and 28, Work nights for VBS
 June 4-7, Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska



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. Our Church offers half-off-camp scholarships. Please see Karen Lewis for more information (or to get the scholarship code). Last summer, we had 2 children go to camp from our Church, and they had an excellent time!!!

Lenten Emphasis 2023



Thank you for your special offering during Lent for the Pregnancy Resource Center. Our total offering was **\$422**. 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.



Serving God By Serving Others

May

(S.S 9:30a & Wed. 5:30p)

7 youth at morning view & out to eat
 17 Spring Fling at FOD, music and food, last Wed. night for summer
 28 youth confirmed in the service

June

(S.S 9:30a)

No Sunday night youth
 Wed. Nights VBS set up
 June 18-23 Mission Trip (SMO)

July

(S.S 9:30a)

9-12 Volunteer VBS
 16 Sunday nights start back

Middlesettlements United Methodist Church
2729 Middlesettlements Rd.
Maryville, TN 37801
Return Address requested



NON-PROFIT ORG.
US POSTAGE
MARYVILLE, TN
PERMIT NO. 40

Staff

Melinda Andes, Organist

*Robby Clemens IV, Associate Worship Ministry
Coordinator*

Kate Keylon, Student Ministry Coordinator

Joyce Overton, Secretary

Rev. Magan Stubblefield, Pastor

David Wells, Worship Ministry Coordinator



**2023
Holston Annual
Conference
★
Hands-On
Mission Project
★
Liberia and
Zimbabwe**

Canned Ham (one 2-lb size or two 1-lb sizes)
1 bag self-rising corn meal (plain) (4-5 lb.)
1 Box salt 26 oz.
1 2lb. bag rice
1 2lb. bag dried beans
1 box powdered milk (56 oz. or less)
1 bottle of cooking oil (48 oz. or less)
1 box of tea (orange or green)



Unlike school supplies, food items have expiration dates. Be sure to check the dates and ensure they do not expire until 2024 to cover transport time and have a useful life for the people in Zimbabwe.

The Smoky Mountain District has been asked to put together 400 Food Buckets for the 2023 Holston Annual Conference Hands-On Mission Project. Note: A \$5.00 donation for packing and shipping is to accompany each bucket. The \$5.00 is to be on top of the bucket (please do not put money in the bucket!). The deadline to turn it in is Sunday, May 28.

