



MIDDLESETTLEMENTS METHODIST CHURCH

May 2026 Newsletter



³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls. —1 Peter 1:3-9

At Easter, we celebrate in full what we really celebrate every week: that Jesus Christ is Lord, triumphant even over suffering, brokenness, sin, and death: Alleluia! And so we exclaim "Alleluia" for a whole season as we remember how our Living Lord proved the powers of this world to be powerless and his love for us limitless. Now through Pentecost (May 24), we are in the Season of Alleluias (Eastertide), the season of remembering and rejoicing in the stories of the Resurrection.

May you rejoice in the Resurrection of Jesus with all your heart, knowing that in and through it you are able to know the love, mercy, and power of God. Alleluia!

—Pastor Magan

Weekly Wednesday Night Dinner

Welcome to Dinner, Church! Middlesettlemets Methodist hosts weekly dinners every Wednesday night beginning at 5:30 pm. Our last meal for Spring 2025 is on May 13, **Spring Fling** at the Field of Dreams. Everyone is welcome!

- **Wednesday, May 6th** – Beef Pot Roast, Chicken Pot Pie, Green Beans, Mac & Cheese, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, & Baked Bread
- **Wednesday, May 13th** – Spring Fling @ the Field of Dreams

If you're willing to provide a dessert, sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact the church office (office@middlesettlemets.com).

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 Middlesettlemets students are invited to come along! Scholarships are available through Wesley Woods and through our church (for church scholarships, contact Karen Lewis or the church office).

Backpack Blessing



We're sending MMC students and educators back to school with our prayers and blessings! On Sunday, July 19, we'll have a time of prayer during the worship service.

Students and educators are encouraged to bring their backpacks/bags to the service for blessing.

Wednesday Dinner, Studies, and Choirs for All Ages

Save the date - all the Wednesday things start back together on Wednesday, August 5!

Faithfulness

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

Attendance

Attendance	S.S.	Worship	
April		<i>Morning</i>	<i>MorningView</i>
5	79	147	6
12	68	105	25
19	65	98	15
26	64	108	9

April	Designated Budget	Undesignated Budget	Total Budget
6	\$7,474	\$474	\$7,948
12	\$13,915	\$20	\$13,935
19	\$2,766	0	\$2,766
26	\$4,098	0	\$4,098

Budget amount needed for 2026: \$79,645

Budget amount received in 2026: \$94,795

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: \$575

Memorials: \$90

Lenten Offering: \$125

VBS: \$500

Camp Wesley Woods: \$500

Donation use of Fellowship Hall: \$211

Maintenance: \$250

"Remember the Church in your will."

We Need Your Help!

Vacation Bible School takes many caring hands, and we would love for you to be part of this special ministry!

VBS Volunteer Workshops (2026)

Wednesdays:

June 3, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. VBS Workshop

June 17 (time to be announced)

July 8 (Time to be announced)

Saturday, July 11, VBS Workshop (after 2:00 p.m.)

Promotion Sunday

All students are invited to eat Promotion Sundaes in honor of Promotion Sunday @ 9:30 am, July 26, 2026. (It's basically an official church teaching that Breakfast Sundaes are the best!). Students entering youth, elementary, and toddler classes will be recognized.



May Birthdays

May 1, Lois Malkemes, Gary Kuhlman

May 4, Margie Davis

May 5, Chris Caldwell

May 7, Ellen Jenkins

May 9, Joyce Overton, Dagen Thomas

May 10, John Stubblefield

May 15, Sally Jo Sullivan

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



Middlesettlements Elementary

Food Ministry



Thank you VERY much to everyone who helped with the Easter bags. We have around 2 ½ weeks of school left. Then, our students will face summer without their backpack food on Fridays. Our team wants to keep the ministry going as we have for many summers. We will deliver food and books to these children each Monday. We will have help from St Mark's GMC, Immanuel MC, and Smoky View Baptist delivering and providing food this year. If you want to donate money to help us buy the food each week, please drop it in the offering and put evangelism in the memo. Please let Karen Lewis know if you want to help in other ways, such as shopping or delivering. Above all, please pray for this ministry and all the people involved!

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 Dot Talbott

by Richard Davis

Given in Memory of JB O'Connor

by Richard Davis

Given in Memory of Ina Bolton

by Richrd Davis

Spring Fling

Live Music provided by
Cassandra Day
music starts around 6:30p
inflatables for children!

FIELD OF DREAMS
2508 Middlesettlements RD
May 13, 2026 | 5:30-6:15pm supper

Hot dogs for Children
RSVP for BBQ supper
{free}



We will receive donations for the **Dale Love Scholarship Fund** in May. Applications for the Dale Love Memorial Scholarship and the Robert and Callie Goddard Memorial Scholarship are

available on the informational desk in the Narthex. To be considered, the Memorial Scholarship Committee must receive completed applications by May 31. Please put your completed application in the "Pastor's" mailbox in the Sunday School building. You can mail your offering to the Church. MMC, 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 Women's Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 19, at 6:30 pm at the home of Karen Lewis (2819 Sagegrass Dr., Louisville).

Thank You

I appreciate the sweet gift I received and wanted to say thank you for thinking of me! I pray God continues to pour out his blessings on the students, the SPR committee, and all of you here at Middlesettlements Church. It truly is a privilege to serve in our student ministry.

In Christ's --love, Starla

Thank you for the kind and generous staff appreciation gift. Also, thank you for allowing me to lead worship for our church. It is something that has been meaningful and a blessing to me. -

- David Wells

Thank you so much for your generous gift and kind words during Staff Appreciation Month. Your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated.

- Joyce Overton

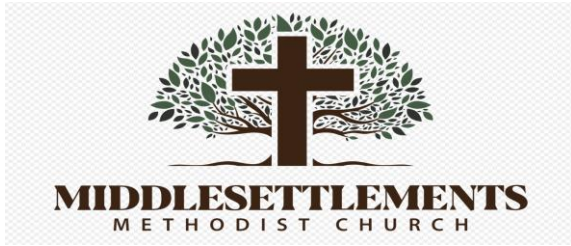
Extending Heartfelt

Condolences to These Families:

Craig and Sandi Forcum on the death of his father,
Charles Forcum.

Mike and Melinda Andes on the death of his sister,
Sheree McCulley.

May the Lord comfort your grieving hearts and bring you peace during this difficult time.



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

UPCOMING Events

- May 3, Graduate Sunday
- May 12, 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting (Blanche Class)
- May 13, 5:30 p.m. **Spring Fling**, Wednesday (FOD)
- May 24, Pentecost Sunday (wear your fire/flame colors!)
- 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)
--"Welcome Back" Potluck
- August 5, Wednesday Night starts back

Lenten Mission Emphasis 2026



Thank you for your special offering during Lent for the Pregnancy Resource Center. Our total offering was **\$350.** 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

Decoration is always on the second Sunday in May (Mother's Day). This year, it is on May 10. We ask that flowers placed in the way of mowing be removed by the end of the following weekend, or the Association and/or mowers will remove them. 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 a check out to:

Middlesettlements Cemetery.

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

With the upcoming Decoration at the cemetery May 8, 9, and 10, the **Cemetery Association** would like to recognize the efforts and many years of service of Brenda Crisp as President, Peggy Morgan as Treasurer, and Mike Andes as Burial Committee Chairman. They work tirelessly on the behind-the-scenes services that keep the cemetery operating. These positions require an attention to detail and a regard for responsibility that has been executed without fail. Our sincerest thanks. *The Cemetery Association.*

The Cemetery Association is in dire need of help installing American Flags at the graves of our past Military Service Personnel for Decoration Day, May 8-10. The Flag Placement will be on May 8 at 4 pm. Please come help. We need more than just the faithful few.

The Cemetery Association needs volunteers who will commit to serving in positions within the Association. It is not a heavy-lifting commitment. We only meet annually and coordinate decoration-related activities unless an unusual event occurs. When contacted by an Association member to fill our need, please say **"Yes!"**