



Middle settlements
United Methodist Church
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Mission Statement

The mission and desire of Middle settlements United Methodist Church is to reach out and lovingly touch lives as Jesus Christ did, both by word and example

Fall Volunteer Opportunities

- **Nursery Volunteers:** Praise the Lord, we have a full nursery! And we need all hands on deck to snuggle babies, change diapers, and play with toddlers. Contact Kate Keylon (kids.middleSettlements@gmail.com or 856.388.5908) to sign up for a turn.
- **Streaming/Tech Helpers:** Our church has an amazing team that helps connect people to worship via streaming our services online. We currently need 1x a month volunteers to help downstairs with streaming. All tech abilities welcome - training will be provided.
- **Visitation & Communion Friends:** Since Covid, our homebound population has doubled. If you are willing to visit with homebound members, either by phone or in person, we would love to make sure our homebound feel loved. We also would like to extend the Communion Table to our homebound on the 1st Sunday of the month. If you are willing to visit homebound members (with or without communion), we need you!

Middle settlements at Morningview

Our church hosts weekly evening worship on Sundays at 6:30 p.m. at Morningview Village (2304 East Lamar Alexander Parkway)! Begun at the request of Morningview Village residents, who had no regular worship service to attend, this service also works well for any MUMC folk who had to work, travel, serve in the nursery, or who would like to be a blessing and outreach to the residents of Morningview! Everyone is invited to attend—If you would like to serve in worship (read scripture, help with set up, play hymns), please let Pastor Magan know!

Young Adult Sunday School Beginning October 8

Our Young Adult Sunday School starts back on **Sunday, October 8 at 9:30 a.m.!** We'd love to have you - contact Pastor Magan (865.300.1831 or pastor.middleSettlements@gmail.com) if you'd like to join!

Pastor Magan

Weekly Wednesday Night Study

After dinner (5:30 pm) and before choir (6:30 pm), all are invited to the Fellowship Hall as we continue to study the Old Testament one book at a time! Using the Bible Project's Book Overview Series, each Wednesday zooms out for the BIG overview of a biblical book and how it connects to the overall story of scripture itself. Every Wednesday night features a short video, group discussion, and homemade desserts :)

Thank you!

Thank you so much for all the beautiful cards, the flowers, and all the prayers. Everyone knows how Luther loved his church and his church family. We, for sure, know where he is now but life will never be the same without him. He is missed so very much. -Jan Goodson

Faithfulness

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

July	S.S.	Worship	Offering
2	77	138	\$10,048
9	65	111	\$3,211
16	65	112	\$2,721
23	70	106	\$1,854
30	68	126	\$4,906
August	S.S.	Worship	Offering
6	79	109	\$8,051
13	81	127	\$3,594
20	72	115	\$5,660
27	74	125	\$1,155
Morning View Sunday		Attendance	
Evening Worship			
Aug 6 - 21		Aug. 20 - 21	
Aug. 13 - 17		Aug 27 - 16	
Budget amount needed for 2023: \$172,060			
Budget amount received in 2023: \$162,827			
Louisville Christian Assistance Center: \$225			
Trustees: Donation \$40.00			
FOD Maintenance: \$250			
Bounty Room: \$371; Upper Room: \$53.90			
Memorial: \$750			
Holston Conference for Maui fire: \$510			
<i>"Remember the Church in your will."</i>			

Opportunity to go on a Costa Rican mission trip.

We are putting together a team to go on a mission trip to Costa Rica around the dates of March 9-16, 2024. Please pray for this opportunity. Karen Lewis will be organizing and leading the team from our church. If you are considering it, you might want to go ahead and work on getting your passport. The cost will be around \$1600. The trip will be a mix of different types of activities. If you have questions, contact Karen at 865.705.5775.

The United Methodist Women will meet on Tuesday, September 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Kate Keylon, 925 Mildred Drive, Alcoa. Our mission emphasis for September will be items for the Shoebox Ministry or pencils for teachers. Suggestions in September Church Newsletter. As always, we welcome new members and visitors.

The Town of Louisville's Fall Festival is September 16 starting at 10:00 a.m. at the town hall. The Louisville Christian Assistance Center will have a booth. They will have baskets to be bid on. Our UMW has prepared 3 baskets. Two baskets have the theme of *"Jesus and Coffee"* and the other basket *"All About Beauty."* Please go by and bid on your favorite basket. All proceeds go to the LCAC.



September Birthdays

September 1, Edward McMurray
 September 6, Magan Stubblefield
 September 7, Ryan Hill
 September 9, Donnie Hooks
 September 11, Josh Marler
 September 12, Susan Roberts, Ella Webb
 September 13, Kim Lovato
 September 15, Mike Andes, Peggy Gilbert, Dale Jenkins
 September 19, Dakota Lane
 September 22, Dot Talbott, Bob Thomas
 September 24, Lynn Morton
 September 25, Anna Alloway, Andrew Sisk
 September 27, Ally Webb
 September 28, Judy Cohan, Tammy Rule
 September 29, Valerie England, April Smith
 September 30, Landon Marcus, Barbara Hitch
 October 1, Jerome Kleinhans
 October 3, Jane Story

September Anniversaries

September 15, Donnie & Dora Hooks
 September 26, Todd & LeAnne Moore
 September 28, Jerome & Paula Kleinhans
 October 1, Ian & Grace Reilly
 October 2, Jared & Melissa Duckett, Jake & Robin Turnmire
 October 4, Jason & Magan Stubblefield



The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, **September 12**, at 7:00 p.m. Members are Chair, Laura Floyd, Pastor Magan,

Karen Lewis, David Lewis, Margie Davis, Joyce Overton, Roland Mote, Keith McAmis, LeAnne Moore, Justin Marcus/Sam Love, and Megan Marcus.

LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

The Lay Leadership Committee will meet on **September 14** at 7:00 p.m.

in the Blanche Class. Members of this committee are Chairman, Pastor Magan, Todd Moore, Amy Bloomer, Charles Deputy, Leona Mote, Susan Roberts, Koky McCall, and Dora Hooks.



The Church Council regular meeting is on Tuesday, **September 26**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Blanche Class.



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Operation Christmas Child gift-filled shoeboxes go to difficult places. From densely populated inner cities to deserts and jungles, local churches are using these gifts to share the Gospel—even where the Name of Jesus has never been heard.

We are excited to this year be involved in the Shoebox ministry again. This ministry has been serving children in need for many years. Please prayerfully consider serving in this way. The deadline to turn in boxes will be announced later (Usually the first week of November). If you have questions, you can visit the website at www.samaritanaspurse.org If you don't like to shop, please feel free to donate \$25 (by Oct. 30) to the evangelism team. Just drop your check or cash in the offering (or mail it to the church), with a shoe box in the memo.

While it is always a great thing to be able to give and provide a shoebox, it is important to be mindful of what is included in your gift.

Suggestions on what to PUT in Operation Christmas Child Shoebox and what NOT to put in.

Most recommended items to pack in your Operation Christmas Child shoebox:

A plastic cup, a real teaspoon, and a washcloth (because they may not have one)

School supplies – small chalkboards with chalk, pencils, pencil sharpener, scissors

Toys – soccer ball with pump and needle (I always pack extra needle), girls like soccer balls also, dolls, small cars for boys, etc.

Non-liquid hygiene items – bar of soap that floats (please put in a plastic bag) Note: Ivory floats, toothbrush (no toothpaste), and a toothbrush holder.

Clothing accessories – dresses, tops, shoes, shirts, socks, gloves, scarves

Fishing Hooks – Fishing kits that will hold a 30-pound fish, and several different-sized fishhooks. A large pack can be shared in a couple of boxes. A sinker so the light line will sink below the surface where fish swim, and a bobber/ marker. Walmart clearance sells these for under a dollar fifty I would include a fishing kit in the 10-14-year-old boxes.

A Small Sewing Kit – This can become an income for a family (Older girls).

Playing Cards or other small brain games

Girls: Hair Bows, Bracelets, Barrettes, etc.

A personal note from your family – if you include your name and address your child may write back to you!

Boys and girls love harmonicas.

Items that should not be included in your shoebox:

Used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures, **no food, Liquids, or lotions** – these can spill and get all over the other items, medications or vitamins, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers, and aerosol cans.



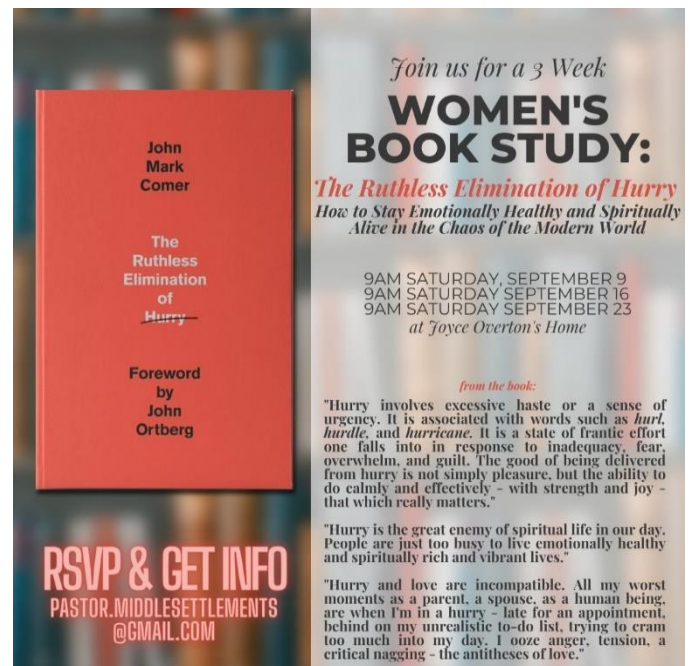
Upcoming Events

Altar flowers for September – Genesis Class

- September 3, No Youth
- September 9,16,23 9 am Women's Book Study
- September 10, Youth – Morning View & out to eat
- September 14, 7:00 p.m. Lay Leadership Committee
- September 17, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Youth – Carico Lake Party
- September 24, Youth – Trampoline Park and supper – Knoxville
- September 12, 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting (Blanche Class)
- September 19, 6:30 p.m. UMW meeting home of Kate Keylon
- September 20, 5:30 p.m. Costa Rica Fundraiser
- September 24, 11:30 a.m. Young Adult lunch
- September 26, 7:00 p.m. Church Council (Blanche Class) – please note the change of date

Altar flowers for October – Brenda Crisp

- October 1, 4 & 8 No Youth
- October 4, No Wednesday night meal (fall break)
- October 9, All Charge Conference paperwork is due in the District Office.
- October 11, 5:30 p.m. UMW Fundraiser – Soup, Chili, baked Potato
- October 22, 4:30 p.m. Charge Conference at the Conference Office
- October 22, 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Fall Fun Evening (FOD)
- October 29, Youth – Horseback Riding
- October 29, Family Promise Week
- October 31, 9:00 p.m. All Hallows Eve Service



All ladies are invited to a three-week study on John Mark Comer's book *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry: How to Stay Emotionally Healthy and Spiritually Alive in the Chaos of the Modern World*. Please read through Part One by Saturday, September 9 (no one is checking your homework though, so feel free to come even if you didn't read). RSVP to Pastor Magan at pastor.middlesettlements@gmail.com (or call/text).

An RSVP isn't necessary, but it does help us plan discussions and drinks/snacks. If you need help ordering/buying, we're glad to do it for you. We have a few extra book copies to loan out if you'd rather borrow them!



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Melinda Andes, Organist

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The LCAC needs 32 oz. empty Gatorade bottles.
There will be a box in the Fellowship Hall (on the stage) to place your bottles.

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MILITARY

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

*SR Rogers, Heath G.
PO Bx 700 #68
Groton, CT 06349*

Middlesettlements 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 in Memory of **Luther (Junior) Goodson***

by John and Margie Davis
Frank and Jane Story
Richard Davis
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