



Middle Settlements United Methodist Church

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Newsletter 2023

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Donna Sweitzer.

Tell us about yourself: *I was born in Blount County, raised about half a mile from this church, and attended church here until the age of 10. My dad's job moved us up north where we finally settled in Toledo, Ohio. I went to middle*

school, high school, and college in Toledo. I moved back to Maryville in 1976 and have lived here since. I worked as a medical technologist in Toledo and at Blount Memorial Hospital. I retired after 40 years in my profession.

Have you ever met anyone famous?

The most famous person I ever met was Pat Summitt. I visited her for nearly 2 hours.

Describe when you first got into church: *As a child, I walked with my brother Jerry from our home to this church. I loved Sunday School. I remember getting a stick of Juicy Fruit gum on the church steps every Sunday from Mr. Baker.*

What was the last book you read? *I love to read. I usually read 2-3 books at a time, one fiction, the others religious or inspirational. I also read my Bible every day. I am currently reading a fiction book titled *The Summer House* and reading two religious books titled *Cherry Log Sermons* and *Book of Amazing Stories*.*

Tell me about your Kids:

I have two daughters, Krista and Stephanie. Both are Special Education teachers. Krista lives in Jefferson, GA and Stephanie lives in Blount County. I have 5 grandchildren, 3 boys and 2 girls.

Young Adult Sunday School

Our Young Adult Sunday School (ages 20s-30s) is studying John Mark Comer's book *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*. No homework is necessary, we read in class and discuss as we go. If you'd like to join us, email/text Pastor Magan (pastor.middlesettlements@gmail.com) to get connected – we'd love to have you!


Volunteer Opportunities

- **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:** 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!

Faithfulness

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

September	S.S.	Worship	Offering
3	73	114	\$13,011
10	64	122	\$4,480
17	76	132	\$2,841
24	61	103	\$4,850
October	S.S.	Worship	Offering
1	60	90	\$7,172
8	67	110	\$5,185
15	69	114	\$6,233
22	62	107	\$2,646
29	78	137	\$3,046
Budget amount needed for 2023: \$216,304			
Budget amount received in 2023: \$209,248			
Louisville Christian Assistance Center: \$470			
Evangelism/backpack: \$80			
Memorial: \$25.00			
Holston Home: \$20			
Upper Room: \$53.90			
<i>"Remember the Church in your will."</i>			

F A L L B A C K		<i>Day Light Savings Time Ends November 5</i>
<i>Turn your CLOCKS BACK one hour on Saturday, November 4, before you go to bed so you wake up at the correct time.</i>		

Wednesday Night Thanksgiving Break: November 22

All Wednesday night activities will be off for Thanksgiving break on November 22. We'll pick back up with our regular schedule next Wednesday, November 29

Adult Wednesday Night Study (off for Thanksgiving Break on 11/22)

After dinner (5:30 pm) and before choir (6:30 pm), all adults 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 desserts. ☺




November Birthdays

November 1—Hudson Classon
 November 7—Bryson Sisk
 November 9—Tyler Davis
 November 11—Beth Dirmeyer, Emily Esquivel
 November 12—Robby Clemens III
 November 13—Steve Carpenter
 November 14—Jake Turnmire
 November 16—Diane Kuhlman
 November 17—Kathryn Charbonneau, Katie Dirmeyer
 November 18—Owen Story
 November 21—Randy Bolton
 November 22—Curtis Moore
 November 24—Robby Clemens IV
 November 26—Abby Caldwell
 November 27—Irene Tomlinson
 November 30—Wanda Stephens
 December 1—Harold Brown
 December 2—Joel Puckett
 December 4—Melinda Andes

November Anniversaries

November 5—June & Mark Shaw
 November 9—Curtis & Carolyn Moore
 November 24—Randy & Judy Bolton
 —Bobby & Cindy Alloway
 November 27—Frank & Jane Story



Dear Middlesettlements Family,

Every year I'm grateful and thankful to walk with you in ministry. You are a joy for me and my family! Thank you for your words and gifts of support, encouragement, and love. You are a blessing to me in every way and I am incredibly grateful to be with you.

*With much love,
Pastor Magan*

Bishop Wallace-Padgett preaching at MUMC November 12.

In the UMC, churches are tied together. On the local level, churches and pastors are grouped into small “districts” (we’re in the Smoky Mountain District!) that are overseen by local District Superintendents. These districts combine into a larger grouping called “conferences” (we’re in the Holston Conference!) that are overseen by bishops. Bishops are clergy elected and entrusted for a ministry of coordinating and leading missions within a defined geographical region of the church. They serve as general superintendents for the church, giving general oversight to the interests of the church, setting clergy appointments in the conferences they serve, and having the responsibility to see that the rules and regulations developed by the General Conference are carried out. *If that’s too much information, in the corporate setting, the Bishop is Pastor Magan’s boss’s boss.*

Our Bishop is the **Reverend Dr. Debra Wallage-Padgett**, and she will be preaching at Middlesettlements UMC on November 12! This is a wonderful opportunity to represent our church to our conference leadership and to share the joy of the Lord with them in worship.

Advent Devotionals

(please submit by November 15)

Preparations for Advent are already gearing up – including for our own in-house Advent. Devotional! Advent means “coming” or “arrival” and the season of Advent is a time of looking forward to the *advent*—the coming or arrival—of Jesus. Advent invites us to both remember how Jesus has come to us before—how as a baby “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us”—and how Jesus will someday come again in glory.

As we prepare MUMC’s 2023 Advent Devotional, we are looking for authors! If you would like to write an Advent devotion, please contact Pastor Magan at pastor.middlesettlements@gmail.com. Thank you!

Help - tell us your Christmas traditions/recipes!

In our 2023 Advent Devotional, we’d like to include MUMC-family Christmas traditions, memories, menus, and recipes. Please send in some/all of the following information to help us out! Submissions can be placed in the box outside the church office door or emailed to pastor.middlesettlements@gmail.com.

- *A favorite Advent/Christmas tradition for me/my family is...*
- *A favorite Advent/Christmas memory for me is...*
- *At Advent/Christmas we always eat...*
- *The recipe for our traditional Advent/Christmas food is...*



Sunday, November 26 Looking forward to the upcoming Advent season, we want to prepare our church building and hearts. Our annual church pot-luck dinner and advent decoration is planned for **Sunday night, November 26, at 6:00 p.m.** We ask that you come and share your favorite food and prepare to work cleaning and decorating your Sunday School Classroom and the following areas.

Young Adult - All Exterior Doors

Blanche Class - Fellowship Hall and Kitchen Duty

Rose Marie Class - Sanctuary and Narthex

Disciple Class - Family Tree

Genesis Class - Storage Distribution and Chrismon Tree

Children's Sunday School teachers are asked to supervise the decorating of their classroom following dinner and enjoy a brief time with the members of their class. We anticipate a wonderful and inspirational Advent season, and a great evening of fellowship will be a fantastic way to begin. If you have any questions, please see Melissa Scott, Donna Hammontree, or Patsy Webb

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David Wells, Worship Ministry Coordinator



Upcoming Events

Altar Flowers – Rose Marie Class

November 5, All Saints Day

November 5, Youth at Morning View and out to eat.

November 12, Bishop Wallace-Padgett Preaching at MUMC

November 12, Youth Friendsgiving

November 14, 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

November 17-18, Youth Hearts on Fire, Pigeon Forge, TN

November 19, No Youth

November 21, No UMW meeting this month

November 26, 6:00 p.m. Family Potluck and decorate the church for Advent and Christmas

December 12, 6:30 p.m. UMW Christmas Party (home of Julia Keylon)

December 24, 10:30 a.m. Lessons & Carols

December 24, 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

January 10, 6:00 pm Potluck and take down decorations (host: Disciples Class)

★★ **OUR** ★★
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

Thank you!

Thank you, everyone, for your prayers, cards, and concerns during my recent surgery! I hope to be back with my church family soon! Love to everyone! –Judy Bolton

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 Goodson**
by The TN 25-Year Club (North Plant)