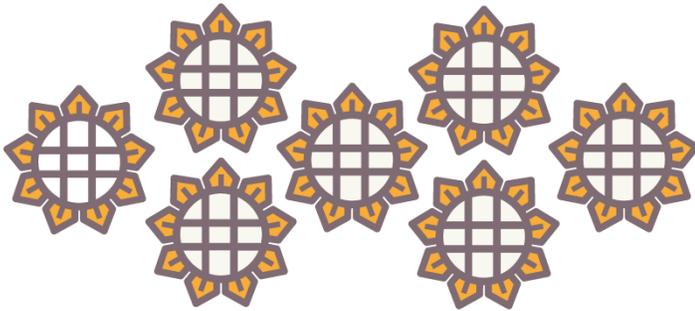




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FEELING GRATEFUL

Homecoming

Celebrating God's work at MiddleSettlements UMC for 226 years

November 20, 2022
 Sunday School 9:30am
 Service of Worship 10:30am

"I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—and I will meditate on your wonderful works. They tell of the power of your awesome works—and I will proclaim your great deeds. They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness. The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made. All your works praise you, LORD; your faithful people extol you. They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.

The LORD upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. The LORD is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever." Psalm 145 NIV

November at MiddleSettlements UMC could be described as a whole season of Thanksgiving!

On All Saints Sunday, November 6, we will celebrate the "great cloud of witnesses" that surrounds us. We will remember and give thanks to God for their triumph and witness. And we will give thanks that their faithfulness challenges us to run the race of faith with perseverance.

On November 20, MiddleSettlements UMC will celebrate that here, for hundreds of years, the gospel has been proclaimed, salvation has come to families, and the Lord has been dwelling in our gathered midst. And we'll celebrate that God is still at work at MiddleSettlements and still invites us to be part of His work!

November 24 marks Thanksgiving, a national holiday that helps us remember to be thankful. As Christians, we are a people of Thanksgiving! On Thanksgiving, we give thanks for the work of God we have seen in our lives, our family's life, and our Church's life. We give thanks for how He has blessed us, even in ways we do not know or understand, and we remember with Thanksgiving the lives of those who have entered into glory ahead of us, even as we miss them at our tables.

And November 27 launches Advent, the season where we remember and give thanks that God always keeps His promises, including those about the Messiah who has come and will come again.

So let us give thanks to the Lord: He is good! His love endures forever! He is "always at work, even to this very day," and we are so excited and grateful for all that He has done, is doing, and will do in our lives, Church, and community.

—Pastor Magan

Faithfulness

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

September	S.S.	Worship	Offering
4	70	116	\$7,708
11	57	98	\$7,899
18	53	101	\$2,641
25	58	102	\$4,009
October	S.S.	Worship	Offering
2	39	83	\$5,829
9	41	84	\$7,459
16	59	116	\$4,533
23	60	121	\$3,938
30	63	106	\$4,835
Morning View Sunday Evening Worship		Attendance	
October 2	20	October 23	20
October 9	24	October 30	19
October 16	29		
Budget amount needed for 2022: \$210,314 Budget amount received in 2022: \$223,968			
Louisville Christian Assistance Center: \$445 Hurricane Relief: \$120 Memorial: \$30: Missions: \$100 Evangelism: Backpack: \$80, Shoebox \$395 Upper Room: \$53.90			
<i>"Remember the Church in your will."</i>			



Preparations for Advent are gearing up – including 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 2022 Advent Devotional, we are looking for authors! If you would like to write an Advent devotion, please contact Pastor Magan at magan.stubblefield@gmail.com or 865.300.1831.

Thank you!



November Birthdays

November 1—Hudson Classon, Allyson Simpson
 November 4—Sam Rule
 November 7—Luther Goodson, 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



Day Light Savings

Time Ends

November 6

Turn your CLOCKS BACK one hour on Saturday, November 5, before you go to bed so you wake up at the correct time.



A BABY IS ON THE WAY, JOIN US FOR

a Baby Shower & Loaf and Ladle

to honor
Steven & Kate Keylon.
Supper will be provided.
This is a family event.

THEY'RE EXPECTING A
BABY GIRL!



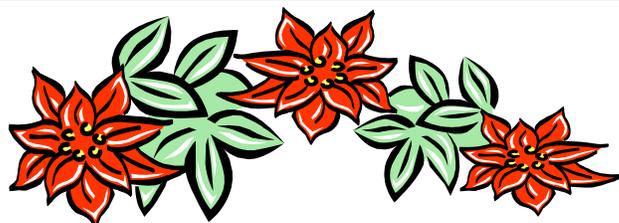
FRIDAY EVENING

11.11.22 | 6:30PM | MUMC CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL
REGISTERED: WALMART/ GOOGLE KATE KEYLON BABY LIST

Evangelism Team Update

This month, I will start gathering names of shoppers for our Christmas project of buying gifts for the same children we provided back-to-school backpacks for late July. Pray about how you can be involved in this ministry! I need lots of shoppers! Shoppers will receive your shopping list on November 20 so that you can take advantage of Black Friday deals! Please let me know if you can shop for a child or two!

Thank you, Karen [Evangelism Team chair]



Sunday, November 20 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 20, at 6:00 pm. 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



Shoebox Ministry We are excited to again this year be involved in the Shoebox ministry. This ministry has been serving children in need for many years. Please prayerfully consider

serving in this way. This is an excellent way to share God's love with children. Boxes are due November 6. **Don't forget to place your \$10.00 on to the top of your box for shipping.** If you have questions, you can visit the website at www.samaritanspurse.org.

Welcome to our New Members

Jason Martin New Member Questions

- 1. Tell us about yourself!** *I am a Hillbilly. Raised on the UT Blount Farm, graduated from Heritage, then UT in Food Science. Did some graduate research at Oklahoma State, then entered the working world. I worked in Food Industry at Ingredient plant and bakery for 12 years. Spent the last 14 years at Walters State in Facilities Management. My parents are retired and live in the Fairview area.*
- 2. What is the best meal you have ever had?** *1993 Belvidere, Tennessee. I went home with Dennis Holder whose family raise pure bred and commercial hogs. We were going to watch Lincoln County High School that Friday evening and do some farm work that weekend. Dennis' Momma had prepared dinner. She had thin sliced smoked pork chops and pulled pork for dinner. Dennis and I had 2 dozen pork chops and a pound of pulled pork between us. Brown and serve rolls came at us by the pan full. The next morning, I arose to country ham, bacon, sausage, and fried potatoes along with cathead biscuits. After both meals, his Momma sat smiling and serving us – an angel with meat grease on her apron. Staci and I got to visit her this past May. She sat in her carport and rehashed the days of yesteryear after her visit to the beauty shop. God bless that angel. I'd love to go do it again one more time.*
- 3. What is your favorite family tradition?** *There are two longstanding family traditions - eating and exhibiting livestock. Both usually include multiple generations, wonderful stories, sweat equity, tolerance, humor, preparation, and feeding. We know how to get food animals fed to eat. We also know how to enjoy eating them.*
- 4. What is the nerdiest thing you do in your spare time?** *I have officiated since 1989. I love seeing men and women I have worked with working big-time events. I even watch a little film of my crews from week to week. Rules study. Mentoring young officials. Film review. I could get so deep in it I could not function. But*

it is the people who make it special. I have been blessed to be around really good people.

- 5. Tell us about your kids! Gabbi is my daughter.** *She is a UT graduate in Animal Science and is in her Masters degree program in ruminant nutrition there. She has exhibited livestock since age 4 and has a tremendous love of the industry and people in it. She showed Boer goats through her youth, and is still active in that industry through marketing, breeding consultation, showmanship, and fitting services. Gabbi lives in the Mentor Community and has a female Corgi-Lilo and attends Sevier Heights Baptist Church.*

Michaela Clemens (New Member Questions)

- 1. Tell us about yourself!** *I am originally from New Port Richey, FL! I am a small business owner and music teacher with my husband Robby for Espresso Music Studio, where we teach private lessons. I moved to Maryville, TN, in 2017 to attend Maryville College. In college, I met Robby Clemens, where he later introduced me to the lovely family of Middlesettlements UMC.*
- 2. Where is your favorite place in the world? Why?** *My favorite place in the world is where Robby proposed. It's a hiking trail off Lumber Ridge Falls with a beautiful, peaceful view of the mountains and the river.*
- 3. If you could visit anywhere in the world you've never been, where would you go?** *New Zealand...and not just because I am a Lord of the Rings fan!*
- 4. Have you ever met anyone famous? John Cena was a regular customer at the Starbucks I worked for in FL!**
- 5. What is your favorite bible verse/story? Why?** *The story of Moses for many reasons, especially the attestments of faith, but I would also have to give credit to the childhood nostalgia from the movie "The Prince of Egypt."*
- 6. Where are you in birth order, and do you think it affects your personality?** *I am the youngest of three and the only girl. I don't necessarily think that being the youngest affects my personality, but I do think having two older brothers to protect me (and tease me at times) has made me a stronger woman.*



Dear Middlesettlements Church,
You are always a joy to do ministry with – and an encouragement to my faith. Thank you so much 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

Dear United Methodist Women, Thank you so much for your gift of diapers. What a blessing for women in crisis in our community. –Blessings, PRC Volunteers

Thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when they were deeply appreciated—also, thank you for the wonderful food.

--Dennis Cardin & Family

Thanks for all the cards, calls, and prayers regarding the death of my brother, Ronnie. We appreciate our church family.

Donnie and Dora Hooks

Friends,

God is using your generosity to change lives for eternity! Your gift for the ministry of Kevin & Emily will help advance God's Kingdom by crossing the last language barriers with His Word.

Pioneer Bible Translators is composed of Bible translators, literacy specialists, church planters and a variety of other personnel working together – including donors like you – to see transformed lives through God's Word in every language.

Thank you for being part of this great work!

That all may know Jesus,
Greg Pruett, President Pioneer Bible Translators

Thank you,
Thank you, MUMC friends, for your support. It's both hugely encouraging and vitally practical to our ministry. I continue to be so grateful for your prayer partnership and financial pledge. I pray all is well with your faith family. May you be blessed richly with all that counts for eternity in return for blessing us.

With love in Christ, Betsy Aeschliman
MTW Int'l Medical Missionaries

Dear Middlesettlements UMC,

Just a note to say again how deeply thankful we are for your amazing support of our ministry here in Alaska! It is hard to believe we are in year 6, and you have supported us all along the way.

All is well here in Willow. We are still doing the food pantry as a drive through but are hoping to be back in grocery store like mode in a few months. Ola received a grant to help build onto the food pantry warehouse, which will enable us to have more space to pack bags of groceries & the children's weekend food bags. It is coming along quickly. Church, wise we continue to enjoy pastoring the congregation. We still have a Monday Bible Study on Zoom, but all the rest is back in person – though we are thankful for our online worship crowd as well. They also have me in an "interim" role of serving part-time as the Alaska Superintendent. So, we are trying to help support all 28 churches/fellowships now, many like us serving communities' great need.

We thank God for each of you and pray many blessings for your wonderful congregation.

Thank you for supporting and enabling us to serve in the Alaska Missionary Conference.

We are deeply grateful!

Love to all! Pastors Christina & Joe-d

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Joyce Overton, Secretary
Rev. Magan Stubblefield, Pastor
David Wells, Worship Ministry Coordinator



Upcoming Events

November 6, All Saints Service
November 6, Deadline for shoeboxes
November 6 – 13, Family Promise Support Week
November 11, 6:30 pm Baby Shower – honor of baby Keylon (dinner provided)
November 13 – Fall Festival – Field of Dreams (Partnering with Alcoa Methodist)
November 15, 7:00 pm UMW – home of Jenna Rogers
November 18-19, Youth – Hearts on Fire
November 20, Homecoming
November 20, Potluck & decorate the Church for Advent and Christmas (Blanche Class host)
November 27, 1st Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2nd Sunday of Advent
December 11, 3rd Sunday of Advent
December 11, Youth Christmas Progressive Dinner Christmas Party
December 13, UMW Christmas Party – home of Deonna Woodlief
December 17, Espresso Music Studio Christmas Recital (Robby & Michaela)
December 18, 4th Sunday of Advent

With Heartfelt Sympathy

To Gregg & Amber Classon and family on the recent death of Amber's mother, **Cookie Allen**; to Kathy Puckett on the death of her cousin **Donnie Teffeteller**; to Dennis Cardin and family on the recent death of **Effie Cardin**; to Donnie & Dora Hooks on the recent death of Donnie's brother, **Ronnie Hooks**.

The United Methodist Women will meet on Tuesday, November 15 at 7:00 pm at the home of Jenna Rogers. Linda Hearon has our program/devotion. Mission emphasis will be items for the Isaiah 1:17 house.

Middlesettlements Memorial Fund



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

Given in memory of **Effie Cardin**
By Ina Bolton