



MIDDLESETTLEMENTS METHODIST CHURCH

February 2026 Newsletter



Welcome New Members!

We welcomed two families into the church on Homecoming – what a joy it is to have them with us! Here's a few things to know about the Moore and Spurgeon families as we welcome them into our church family:

The Spurgeon Family

Morgan and Ryan Spurgeon are grateful to call Alcoa home. Morgan is originally from Brentwood, Tennessee, and Ryan was born in Chattanooga before being raised in Charlotte, North Carolina. Ryan has lived in the area since 1998, and both Morgan and Ryan are proud graduates of The University of Tennessee. They both work in medical device sales, Morgan in the ENT and Sleep space with a focus on sleep apnea, and Ryan in orthopaedics, especially spine. They are raising their two children, Charlie (12) and Vivian (11), along with their (8-year-old) King Charles Cavalier/Yorkie mix, Remi. They are both passionate about fitness and love spending time outdoors, mountain biking, cycling, and hiking. This past year, they enjoyed traveling to the Netherlands and Spain for the first time.

Saturday morning breakfast at their house is lively and full of joy, usually centered around a family breakfast with music, eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, and fruit. Morgan is the oldest of one sister, three stepsiblings, and a half-sister, while Ryan is the youngest with two older half-brothers. They are thankful to be a part of this church community and look forward to growing, serving, and building meaningful relationships together.

The Moore Family

- 1. Tell us about yourself!** I was born in March of 1957 in Knoxville. My name was Patti Lynne Burkhart. We lived in the Asbury community of East Knoxville. I went to Asbury Methodist church until the Forks of the River Industrial Park forced us to sell the family farm, and we moved to Blount County. We moved here the summer before my seventh-grade year. We tried several churches here...Immanuel Methodist in Mentor, Green Meadow Methodist, and finally, school friends invited us to try Middle Settlements, and that's where we landed. I was a member here until I started dating Donnie in high school and started going to Maryville First Church of the Nazarene with him. Many Middle Settlements people are related to him, but I was the one who was a member here. I taught school for 36 years in Blount County and have been retired for 10 1/2 years. -Patti
- 2. What was the last book you read? What is the next book you plan to read?** The last book I read was Flesh and Bone by Jefferson Bass. I plan to read the next one in the series, Carved in Bone. -Donnie
- 3. Where's your favorite place in the world? Why?** My favorite place in the world is home. There's no place like home. -Patti
- 4. If you could visit anywhere in the world you've never been, where would you go?**
 - Visiting Alaska is on my bucket list, because it is America's Last Frontier. -Donnie
 - If I could visit anywhere in the world, it would be Scotland. My DNA tells me that my ancestral regions are 71% Central Scotland and Northern Ireland. I have already been to Ireland, so Scotland. I would like to visit Crathes Castle which is part of my Burnett family ancestry. -Patti
- 5. Have you ever met anyone famous?** I once met Peyton Manning at a D1 training facility in Knoxville. -Donnie
- 6. Do you collect anything?** I have collected pocketknives since 15 years of age. -Donnie
- 7. Describe when you first got into church (or your earliest memory of church).** My parents took me to church the next week after my birth, and I've been a regular attender ever since. -Donnie
- 8. Where are you in birth order (oldest? middle? only?) and do you think it affects your personality?** I am the middle of three children. It definitely has affected my personality. I am a born mediator. -Patti
- 9. Tell us about your kids!** We have one daughter, Lynsey. She is married to Steve Wolfe. Lynsey has a 20-year-old son, Caedon, who came to Wiggling and Singing when he was a little fellow, even though we didn't attend church here. She also has a daughter, Ashling, who is 10 and attends with us. -Patti

Children are received as preparatory members (children of the church that are loved, disciplined, and prayed over until they are old enough to decide to join for themselves). We are overjoyed to care for Charlie, Vivian, and Ashling!

Faithfulness

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

Attendance

Attendance	S.S.	Worship	
January		Morning	MorningView
4	54	95	Cancelled - flu
11	56	97	16
18	68	104	10
25	Cancelled because of the weather		

Jan	Designated Budget	Undesignated Budget	Total Budget
4	\$6,227	\$400	\$6,627
11	\$4,283	\$187	\$4,470
18	\$5,276	\$100	\$5,376
25	Cancelled because of the weather		

Budget amount needed for 2026: \$18,740

Budget amount received in 2026: \$16,473

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: \$650

Maintenance for FOD: \$250

Evangelism/backpack: \$80

Office: \$20

"Remember the Church in your will."



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

Weekly Wednesday Night Study

Beginning at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall (while enjoying 2nds, dessert, and coffee), our adults are learning about the spiritual practices that Jesus used and modeled. Through February 4th, we'll be specifically looking at prayer, then we'll turn to...the strange but consistent biblical practice of fasting.



Birthdays for February

February 4—Jo Cromwell
 February 9—Kathy Puckett
 February 11—Grace Reilly
 February 12—Donnie Moore
 February 13—Anna Lewis
 February 14—Marian Cantley
 February 22—Michaela Clemens
 February 23—J. J. Wells, Maria Wright
 February 25—Janice Loveday
 February 26—Nellie Patterson
 February 27—Jameson Perkins
 February 29—Jim Gregg
 March 1—Briley Blankenship
 March 2—Eunice Greer
 March 7—Will Carico

Anniversaries in February

February 10—Jason & Staci Martin
 February 14—Jim & Brenda Raper
 February 20—Shelly & Michael Milligan
 February 21—Jack & Dee Loveday

Weekly Wednesday Night Dinner

Welcome to Dinner, Church! Middlesettlements Methodist hosts weekly dinners every Wednesday night beginning at 5:30 pm. Below are the January menus – we'll also continue to have a kid's table (bread, peanut butter, jelly, and fruit) and dessert table. Everyone is welcome!

- **Wednesday, February 4th** – Beef Pot Roast, Chicken Pot Pie, Green Beans, Mac & Cheese, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, & Baked Bread
- **Wednesday, February 11th** – *a fundraiser for Deonna Woodlief's Costa Rica Mission Trip!*
- **Wednesday, February 18th (Ash Wednesday)** – *a fundraiser for our Women's Circle mission projects!*
- **Wednesday, February 25th** – Calhoun's Pork BBQ & Buns, Chicken BBQ, Spinach Maria, Slaw, Baked Apples, Baked Beans, Tater Tot Casserole, and Mac & Cheese
- **Wednesday, March 4th** – Beef Lasagna, Chicken Penne, Baked Veggie & Cheese Ravioli, Spaghetti Marinara, Salad, & Garlic Bread

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

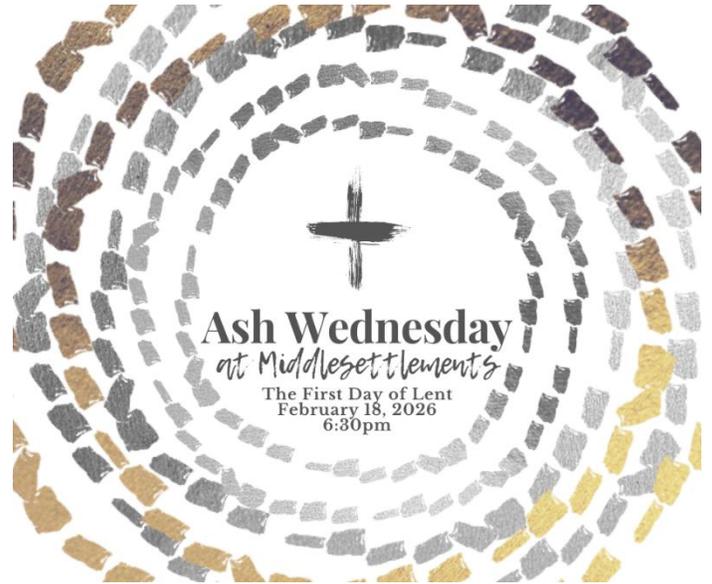
YOU'RE INVITED TO A
TRADITIONAL POT LUCK
& WEDDING SHOWER
HONORING

KAITLYN SPEEGLE
AND
DAKOTA LANE

February
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Sunday 2026 at 11:30 AM

IN THE CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL

THE COUPLE IS REGISTERED:
WWW.THEKNOT.COM
AND ON AMAZON.
AMAZON GIFT CARDS ARE WELCOME TOO.



This month, on Ash Wednesday, we begin Lent—a 40-day season of fasting, repentance, preparation, and renewal in the life of the church. Throughout Scripture, the number 40 appears again and again in moments of preparation and growth: times of testing, ministry, revelation, and God calling His people into something new.

**WED.
NIGHT MEAL
FEB. 11**

**IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL
5:15-6PM**

MENU: SOUPS & DESSERT

**ALL DONATIONS GO TO
SUPPORT
DEONNA WOODLIEF'S
COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP!**

**SHROVE
SUNDAY**

**MIDDLESETTLEMENTS
FELLOWSHIP HALL** **9:30AM
FEBRUARY 15, 2026**

This year, you're invited to both feast and fast with us! Join us for **Shrove Sunday** (our version of Mardi Gras!) during the Sunday School hour at **9:30 a.m. on Sunday, February 15**, in the **Fellowship Hall**. Of course, we'll have **pancakes!** All are welcome. Please let **Karen Lewis** or **Pastor Magan** (magan.stubblefield@gmail.com) know if you'd like to help.

**MIDDLESETTLEMENTS METHODIST CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
January 6, 2026**

Attending: Keith McAmis, Kathy Puckett, Joyce Overton, Karen Lewis, David Lewis, David Wells, Brenda Crisp, Bridget Jenkins, Patsy Webb, Magan Stubblefield, Sam Love, Laura Floyd, Josh Marler, John Davis, Richard Davis

Meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Magan.

Minutes from the November 4 meeting were approved.

Motion: Josh Marler; second: Karen Lewis. Motion carried.

Treasurer – David Lewis

--Amount received as of 12/31/2025 = \$243,141

--Amount needed for budget = \$235,856

--Amount over budget = \$7,285

--We owe \$7,500 more on the paving project, to be paid when they complete the last touches.

Finance Committee – Laura Floyd

--Our accounts are in good shape. We are healthy financially.

Pastor's Report – Magan Stubblefield

--New Bible study beginning in January on Wednesday nights.

--A women's Bible study during the week is being planned.

Nurture Ministry – Kate Keylon

--The youth Sunday school class has new study materials that are going well.

--An update to the youth room is being worked on.

--We have several unchurched children who are coming on Wednesday nights.

--Shrove Sunday is being planned for February.

Outreach Ministry – Karen Lewis

--Gifts and food baskets for Middlesettlements School children in December went very well. Next, we will work on Easter baskets.

--A Costa Rica trip with six going will be this spring.

Worship Ministry – David Wells

--New addition of our pianist, Karissa Marcum. We are very happy to have her and look forward to working with her.

--Lent is coming up in February and we are planning for that.

--Laura is ordering two more candlelighter's sticks.

Media Ministry – Josh Marler

--Things are going well with the upgraded equipment. The challenge is the internet or power outages, and we are working on these issues.

--Josh met with Comcast in December, and they think the church is serviceable and hope to hear from the

sales rep this week. This will replace our internet and phone.

--Network upgrades are coming after Comcast is here.

Trustees – Sam Love

--We need handrails put on the concrete steps to the fellowship hall and a few other things done by the contractor to complete the paving project.

--Donnie Hooks notified Sam that squirrels are chewing holes in the back of the FOD building. Sam will review for a solution.

--We will be needing a new roof in a few years.

Church Property tasks completed since last report:

--Trustee Craig Forcum repaired the wheelchair ramp to the fellowship hall.

--Paving project complete. Cost for additional work added to original scope of paving contractor \$6,200. Holding \$6,200 as a retention for contractor to complete punch list.

--Sign straightened at intersection of Dug Gap and Louisville Roads. Re-located the sign at the roundabout per Town of Louisville.

--Boundary line agreement between church and Hanson surveyed, registered, and recorded. Will process through Property Assessor's office. Will split cost between Ms. Hanson and church.

--Donnie Hooks and Joe Smith winterized the FOD.

--The main door staining and refinishing is now complete, thanks to Norman Goodson.

--Replaced two broken windowpanes in kids' playroom.

--Authorized exterminator to apply mist application of herbicide to control lady bugs, stink bugs, wasps.

--Replaced defective lights on southwest corner of the church.

--Replaced burnt-out lights in the narthex.

--Contracted with ZeroRez carpet cleaners to clean aisles and altar area carpet.

--Installed a double electrical plug in the fellowship hall per Josh Marler's request.

--Contracted with Roger L. Newman to repair the sanctuary heat system.

--Cleaned up storm damage from parking lot.

--Trustee work on paving project:

Locate utilities per Tennessee One Cell

Remove siding on fellowship hall where applicable

Tear out wooden stairs on fellowship hall

Tear out concrete steps on fellowship hall

Rebuild retaining wall damaged by paving contractor

Cut off gutters to re-work paving

Install window well on church

Assist contractor spreading gravel in excavated areas for Sunday service

Install 12" culvert to widen lower entrance drive,
 place rip rap at mouth of pipe
 Install 120 ft French drain in parking lot, lower
 entrance drive
 Contracted Mike Ridenour to replace siding.
 Removed forms on new concrete steps.
 Lengthened and affixed gutters and elbow.
 Installed splash blocks under all downspouts
 Replaced bent pole on awning
 Jackhammered excess asphalt pile at FOD, shoved
 into woods with the help of Norman Goodson
 Spread one tandem load crusher run gravel on the
 roadway up to the top of the FOD
 Painted and installed 11 concrete curb stops.

--Ongoing tasks:

Open two exterior doors to kids' room
 downstairs that were painted shut
 Install handrails on new steps to fellowship
 hall.

SPR – LeAnne Moore

--We hired a new pianist, Karissa Marcum.

Old Business

--Front doors have been stained and look good.
 --The property surveys are done and the deeds are
 signed.

New Business

--Questions have been asked about doing a new church
 directory.
 --Change Council meetings to every other month on the
 first Tuesday.
 --We will be looking at someone to mow the cemetery
 since Sam Love is retiring his business.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 3, 7:00 pm, Blanche
 SS classroom

Submitted by Kathy Puckett

**Middlesettlements United Methodist Church
 2026 Budget**

Administrative

Personnel

Secretary	\$ 6,237
Student Ministry Coordinator	\$ 11,600
Worship Ministry Coordinator	\$ 10,000
Organist	\$ 6,237
Pianist/Associate Worship Coord	\$ 6,037
Workers Comp	\$ 500
Taxes - FICA	\$ 2,715

Pastor Expenses

Annual Conference	\$ 400
Continuing Education	\$ 700
Travel & Professional	\$ 2,500
Salary	\$ 55,600
Insurance	\$ 16,404
Housing	\$ 15,500
Pension	\$ 9,954

Total Personnel Expense \$ 144,384

Conf. Delegate	\$ 650
Leadership Training	\$ 1,000
Wed Night Meals	\$ 600
Kitchen Supplies	\$ 1,000
Office Supplies	\$ 4,100
Copier Main	\$ 2,600
Conf. Apportionment	\$ 2,560
District Asking	\$ 3,482

Total Administrative Expense \$ 15,992

Total Administrative Budget \$ 160,376

Ministries

Nurture Ministry	\$ 17,850
Outreach Ministry	\$ 17,050
Worship Ministry	\$ 6,850

Total Ministries Budget \$ 41,750

Trustees

Custodial Services	\$ 5,600
Custodial Supplies	\$ 900
Garbage Collection	\$ 800
Insurance - Buildings/Catastrophic	\$ 9,150
Maintenance - Church Building	\$ 2,500
Maintenance - Church Grounds	\$ 1,750
Maintenance - Field of Dreams	\$ 1,900
Pest Control	\$ 1,200
Transportation/bus rental	\$ 2,000
Internet/Phone/Web	\$ 2,880
Miscellaneous Projects	\$ 3,000

Utilities:

Electric Annex	\$ 1,300
Electric Church	\$ 4,500
Electric Field of Dreams	\$ 700
Propane	\$ 2,600
Water - Church	\$ 450
Water - Field of Dreams	\$ 250

Total Trustees Budget \$ 41,480

Total Budget \$ 243,606

Amount Needed Each Week \$ 4,685



Wednesday

Night Meal

FEBRUARY 18

IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
5:30-6 p

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT
THE WOMEN'S CIRCLE'S MISSIONS

MENU: CHICKEN CASSEROLE,
MEATLOAF, SIDES &
DESSERTS



Women's Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 17, at 6:30 pm at the home of Linda Hearon (2478 Grey Ridge Rd). Our mission emphasis will be the **Isaiah 117**, and our guest speaker will be Kati Humphreys from the **Isaiah 117**.



Pregnancy
Resource
Center

**Lenten Mission Emphasis
2026**

During this Lenten season, we will once again focus our Mission Emphasis on the Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC). If you would like to make a one-time donation at any time during Lent, please note "**Lenten Mission Emphasis**" on the memo line of your check.

About PRC: The Pregnancy Resource Center is a medical clinic providing pregnancy-related services free of charge. Using a holistic approach, PRC offers support to women before, during, and after pregnancy. Their medical director and registered nurses do not perform or refer for abortions. PRC is a 501(c)(3) organization in Tennessee. Since 1986, the Pregnancy Resource Center of Blount County has compassionately helped women facing unplanned pregnancies explore their options in a supportive, caring environment.

*Thank you for helping
her be brave.*



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Return Address Requested

Melinda Andes, Organist
Kate Keylon, Student Ministry Coordinator
Karissa Marcum, Pianist
Joyce Overton, Secretary
Rev. Magan Stubblefield, Pastor
David Wells, Worship Ministry Coordinator



Upcoming Events

Altar Flowers – February – Rose Marie Class
February 1, Traditional Wedding Shower and Potluck for **Dakota Lane** and **Kaitlyn Speegle**
February 11, 5:15 p.m. Fundraiser for Costa Rica Mission Trip – Deonna Woodlief
February 15, Shrove Sunday
February 17, 6:30 p.m. Women’s Circle home of Linda Hearon
February 18, Ash Wednesday – Fundraiser for Women’s Circle
February 22, **First Sunday of Lent**
March 3, 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting (Blanche Class)

**Mark Your Calendar –
Bible School - July 12 – 15, 2026**

WITH DEEPEST
Sympathy

J.B. O'Connor passed away peacefully on January 21. Please keep his family & friends in your prayers.

Middlesettlements Memorial Fund



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