

**From The Desk of...**

**The Director of Ministry**

*...Susan Hurley*

The calendar Fall (Autumn) season officially begins September 21st, but here at FUMC Fall programming is underway!

On Sunday, September 10th at 2:00pm there will be a Safe Sanctuary Review session held in the Family Life Center. This review is required by the Arkansas Methodist Conference to be done annually. ALL individuals who work with youth are supposed to be present at these reviews.

PrimeTimers news and events. Friday, September 8th we will be going to Byrd's Adventure Center Restaurant. Wednesday, October 11th we will be heading to Murry's Dinner Playhouse for the performance of "The Savannah Sipping Society." November plans are for a turkey and dressing lunch in the FLC with a movie. PrimeTimers is an organization that is open to all above the age of 50. We currently have around 20 individuals participating in the various events.

Wednesday Night Live and Kids Club start on September 6th. For more information on Kids Club and transportation for your children please contact Liz Hull at 979-7171. The menu for Wednesday Night Live on September 6th will be Chicken Salad, Croissant, and Jello Salad. There will be Chicken Tenders for children. Serving will start at 5:00pm with suggested donations being \$5.00 for individuals or \$10.00 for families. Carry out meals will be available.

Youth Choir will resume practice on Sunday, September 10th at 4:30pm in the Choir room. Youth Choir is open to youth in grades 6-12. Carol Morgan is the contact person for questions regarding Youth Choir.

Wednesday, September 13th at 5:30pm, Thomas Pennington will be in the FLC Youth room for a presentation on, "Internet and Social Media Safety for You and Your Family." This is open to all who have concerns and questions. This will be the first of monthly sessions that we plan to hold during WNL. If you have a topic or activity suggestion, please contact me or the church office.

Located in the church office hallway is a bulletin board with the next three months of calendars on it. As you schedule events, please write them on these calendars. This will enable all to make sure their activities are not in conflict with other scheduled events.

**September Birthdays**



- 9/1 Ted Young
- 9/1 Peggy Willis
- 9/2 Victoria Chappell
- 9/3 Blake Nelson
- 9/3 Ty Kimbrough
- 9/4 Marcella Stewart
- 9/5 Thomas Pennington
- 9/6 Julia Frost
- 9/6 Morgan Blamey
- 9/8 Tommy Ford
- 9/9 John Pledger
- 9/11 Mary Jean Nordin
- 9/11 Michael Strobel
- 9/11 Rachel Jacobs
- 9/12 Peggy C. Johnson
- 9/13 Don Pennington
- 9/16 Wesley Frizzell
- 9/17 Sandy Sikes
- 9/21 Jackie Ott
- 9/22 Jaime Blamey
- 9/24 Anna Melson
- 9/25 Carter Wiseman
- 9/29 Anna Jane Warren

**Overnight Lock-in**



UMY will be having a lock-in on Sunday, September 3, starting at 5 p.m. The night/week-early morning hours will be filled with food, fun, games and some friendly competition. Sleepy youth can be picked up at 7 a.m. Monday morning. Any students 7th-12th grade are welcome to attend. Contact Ramanda Chappell for any questions, 754-8404.

**September**

<b>*SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3</b>	
Worship Service (Sanct)	8:30 AM
Sunday School	9:45 AM
Worship Service (Sanct)	11:00 AM
<b>*MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4</b>	
<i>Office Closed for Labor Day</i>	
<b>*TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5</b>	
UMW Executive Meeting	11:30 AM
SPRC	6:00 PM
<b>*WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6</b>	
Kid's Club	3:30 PM
Kid's Bell/Chimes	4:30 PM
WNL	5:00 PM
Joyful Sound Practice	6:00 PM
Prayer & Communion	6:00 PM
Chancel Choir	7:00 PM
<b>*FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8</b>	
PrimeTimers (Byrd's)	10:00 AM
<b>*SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10</b>	
Worship Service (Sanct)	8:30 AM
Sunday School	9:45 AM
Worship Service (Sanct)	11:00 AM
Safe Sanctuary	2:00 PM
Ad Council	3:00 PM
Youth Bells Practice	3:45 PM
Youth Choir	4:30 PM
United Methodist Youth	5:00 PM
<b>*WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13</b>	
Kid's Club	3:30 PM
Kid's Bell/Chimes	4:30 PM
WNL	5:00 PM
Internet/Social Media Safety	5:30 PM
Joyful Sound Practice	6:00 PM
Prayer & Communion	6:00 PM
Chancel Choir	7:00 PM
<b>*THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14</b>	
Glory Circle	6:00 PM
<b>*FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15</b>	
Cub Scouts Pack 76 (FLC)	6:00 PM
<b>*SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16</b>	
MOFIA	8:00 AM
<b>*SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17</b>	
Worship Service (Sanct)	8:30 AM
Sunday School	9:45 AM
Worship Service (Sanct)	11:00 AM
Youth Bells Practice	3:45 PM
Youth Choir	4:30 PM
United Methodist Youth	5:00 PM
<b>*WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20</b>	
Kid's Club	3:30 PM
Kid's Bell/Chimes	4:30 PM
WNL	5:00 PM
Joyful Sound Practice	6:00 PM
Prayer & Communion	6:00 PM
Chancel Choir	7:00 PM
<b>*THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21</b>	
Grace Circle	10:00 AM
Power Circle	2:00 PM
Finance Committee	5:30 PM
<b>*SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24</b>	
Worship Service (Sanct)	8:30 AM
Sunday School	9:45 AM
Worship Service (Sanct)	11:00 AM
Charge Conference	3:00 PM
Youth Bells Practice	3:45 PM
Youth Choir	4:30 PM
United Methodist Youth	5:00 PM
<b>*TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26</b>	
<i>Team Leaves for Leadership Institute</i>	
<b>*WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27</b>	
Kid's Club	3:30 PM
Kid's Bell/Chimes	4:30 PM
WNL	5:00 PM
Joyful Sound Practice	6:00 PM
Prayer & Communion	6:00 PM
Chancel Choir	7:00 PM

You can begin now emailing or bringing in your family pictures. Those that don't have current photos, we will arrange a date and time to take them for you. Please contact the church office if you will be needing new photos taken.



Kids Cub is getting ready for the Fall school year.

Kids Club is a Wednesday after school program that takes kids in kindergarten through the sixth grade. Our bus picks children up at the Clarksville schools and brings them to the church for play/music/Bible lesson and a snack. This program is open for any children in the community. If you are interested in your child participating beginning September 6th please contact Liz Hull at 979-7171.



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# The Focus

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### **On Track With Bro. Larry...**

...Pastor Larry Kelso

*In a few days it will be Labor Day – a time to rest from our labors. But this is also an opportunity to reflect on our daily work, and discern whether our effort is thankless and uninteresting, or something that gives us deep and lasting satisfaction. God intends for our work to be much more than a job, much more than a daily grind. It should be, instead, a vocation – which means, quite literally, a "calling." In Romans 12:2, Paul challenges us with the words: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect."*

*The apostle's advice, then, is to be transformed by discovering what the Lord God is calling you to do.*

*Contrary to conventional wisdom, ordained ministry is not the only work that can be considered a true vocation. For Christians, ministry is baked into the discipleship program. There is absolutely nothing amateurish about the role you are called to play when you "present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God" (Romans 12:1). The call of God is where the world's needs and your own joys, gifts and interests intersect.*

*Grace and peace – Bro. Larry*