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The Transmitter

Fayette United Methodist Church

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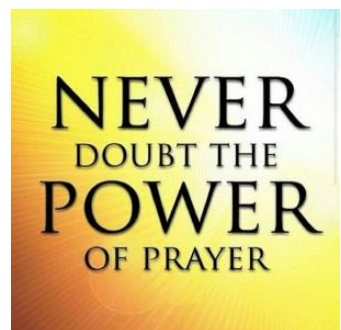
Office Hours:

Pastor Andrea's – Tuesday afternoons & Thursday 10am – 2pm

Secretary – Friday 10AM-1PM

Church-Family-Prayer-Corner

Sue Craig	Betty Davis	Libbey Eicher	Robert Ford
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Don Merrilat	Jack Mitchell	Shirley Paison	Barb Schaffner
Betty Smith	Matt Steele	Joan Stuckey	Wayne Williams
Ralph & Jan Figgins	Bonnie Taylor	Ladies at Serenity Haven	
Sgt. Taylor Blue Willis, her husband Mike, and son Reid, as she is deployed to Kuwait			



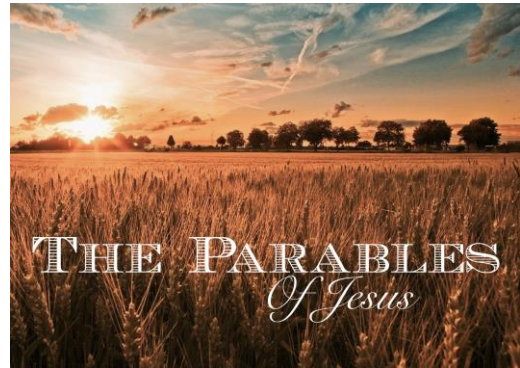
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Fall is my favorite season for many reasons, the crisp air, the fun of going to an apple orchard, pumpkin flavored/scented everything, and those beautiful fall leaves. I just love the colors of fall. Somehow I think God, always the creator, does some of His best work in the fall. The colors are deeper, the sun seems brighter, and the earth slowly moves toward sleeping through the winter. I have found that fall is also a time of transition that comes long before those advent candles begin to grace the altar. It is, sort of, a restart to the year. The summer break from school has ended, the harvest turns, and we find ourselves looking toward the end of the year rather than reminiscing about the beginning.

Fall brings opportunities for gathering family, watching a good football game, sharing a family meal, or celebrating the first few weeks of college. Fall is also a good time in the life of a Christian to grow in our relationship with Jesus as we gather and offer thanks we can also learn and grow as a family of Christ. This September we will be embarking on a journey through the Parables of Jesus. We will examine these rich stories that Jesus used to teach his followers each Sunday and then in a deeper way through a Bible study on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in the Family Life Center. This series is an invitation to growth and depth. We will find great truths about who God is and what the Kingdom is like as we look at these everyday teachings of our



Lord. I hope you'll join us!



Beginning on October 9th we will offer additional Sunday School classes at 9:30am on Sunday mornings. Children's Sunday School will be open to students in preschool to grade 6 and will take place in the basement. We will also offer additional classes for adults on Sunday morning's beginning at 9:30am.

More information about these classes will be posted on our church website at <http://www.fayetteumc.org/small-groups.html>.

These new opportunities for spiritual growth for all ages are exciting. I look forward to seeing the way God works through these small groups and classes. I hope each person will find a place to learn and grow in Christ this fall. I know that we will each bring our own gifts to these opportunities and we will grow closer together as a congregation while we grow closer to our God. Blessings in this next season of the year, may our hearts be full and the harvest be plentiful!

In the grace and peace of Jesus,

Pastor Andrea

Created to Create - Meet Up Group

We are created in God's image and God loves our creativity! Come to the Family Life Center during "Created to Create" events to scrapbook, make cards, knit or crochet, journal in your Bible or any other creative or crafty expression. Each meet up begins on a Friday at 6:00pm and ends on Saturday at 6:00pm. Feel free to drop in as your schedule permits. Our next events are:



October 7th- 8th
November 4th - 5th



Beginning October 9th at 9:30am we will offer Sunday school classes for all ages!

Children's Sunday School will take place in the church basement.

3 Adult Sunday school classes will be offered throughout the church.

Stay tuned for more details!



COMMUNITY DINNER

Free Community Meals at the *Family Life Center*

3rd Wednesday of Every Month 5:00 -6:00

**Fayette United Methodist Church
Financial Information**

	JUN/JUL 2016	YTD
Tithes/Offering	\$ 17,070.00	\$57,803.80
Designated Offerings	\$ 2,787.34	\$ 6,930.00
Interest	\$ 442.50	\$ 1,407.26
Facilities Rental	\$ -200.00	\$ 800.00
Miscellaneous	\$ _____	\$ 483.57
Total	\$ 20,099.84	\$67,424.63

Revenue needed per month \$ 15,118.24

Budget

	JUN/JUL 2016	YTD
Expenses:	\$ 22,577.80	\$ 77,191.26



**Fayette United Methodist Church
Administrative Board Meeting
August 17, 2016**

Attendance: Pastor Andrea, Kelly Bentley, Jackie Blue, Ron Ely, Kirk Keiser, Roger Kessler, and Sally Stuckey.

K Keiser called the meeting to order. Pastor Andrea opened with prayer followed by the staff report.

Finance: Stewardship pledges will be due in the fall. There were several new pledges this year. A report will be given to Pastor Andrea on where we stand with the pledging.

Worship: Approximately 40 people attended worship at the lake in spite of the rain. Next year we plan to place flyers around the campground to let campers know about our services and they are welcome to come.

Facilities: The Cordy house will be demolished in about two weeks. K. Keiser no longer wants the garage. Anyone interested in moving the garage contact Max Snow. Furnace filters for the FLC will be ordered from the furnace company. The carpet in the multipurpose room at the FLC needs cleaning. There are two chairs that are broken in the FLC. The Senior Citizen partnership is going well. They are leaving the FLC in good condition. The legs of the TV antenna on the roof of the church parsonage are rusted and it must come down.

FUMY: FUMY is starting on August 24th. The milkshake stand at the Bullthistle Festival did well. Their next fundraising activity is the Craft Show and Dinner in the FLC.

The secretary's reports from previous meetings were read and approved on a motion by R. Ely. R. Kessler second, minutes approved. K. Bentley presented the treasurer's report. Money has been transferred to the general account to pay the demolition bill on the Cordy property. The updates to the sound and music systems have been paid for. R. Kessler mover to approve the report. R. Ely second, motion passed. The new copiers are coming. The former copier company makes it very difficult to return their copiers. Current will box up the copier and ship for us and we will pay them the shipping costs which will be approximately \$200 - \$300.

Pastor's Report: Visits: 13, 14 youth and 4 adults attended Tennessee Mission Trip, 5 students, 4 youth, and 7 adults at Vacation Bible School:

While our turnout was smaller than expected for VBS we learned some valuable lessons for next year. We plan to choose VBS dates this year before school ends so we can send info home at the end of the school year. We also plan to go door to door to invite people. We will likely have a 2 day VBS next year or some other version of Kid's fun day. The Children's ministry team will discuss and plan these events.

Horizons Financial Stewardship Training Completed in August was a valuable time of learning and planning. I got to take some time to look ahead in our worship planning calendar as well as discern parts of God's vision for our church.

Bull Thistle was a great time of ministry for our youth who held their annual milkshake stand. A big thank you the Kelly and Aaron for organizing the Bull Thistle Float and Milkshake stands respectively.

Shoes for Eagle Feet and Free Clothing Pantry were quite a success. 70 pairs of shoes were given away to elementary aged students in our community. 24 families visited the clothing pantry with 110 individuals being served. Given that some families who received shoes did not come to the clothing pantry we actually served over 120 people through these ministries. We also learned that next year we should make extra efforts to collect children's clothes. We had an abundance of men's and women's clothes but could have used some more clothes for children, especially young children. Some of the women who came to the pantry offered to donate their used kid's clothes next year. This could evolve the event into a clothing swap - which is an exciting step in making relationships and doing ministry with our neighbors!

Food Pantry Concerns: I had a meeting with the ministerial association and the folks who run the food pantry. Staff from the United Way served as mediators at the meeting. The United Way is concerned because they are currently funding 95% of the food pantry's budget. Our church is currently the only church in town that still gives money to the food pantry. The United Way has challenged the food pantry to find additional sources of funding, or else they may need to cut their funding to the organization. The Food Pantry staff shared their numbers of people served for the first 6 months of 2016 and in Fayette they have served 64 families (151 people). In Fulton County (outside of Fayette) they have served 93 families (337 people). They have also served a few families from Lucas County and families from Michigan. Currently they are in need of assistance in funding, volunteers, and in kind donations. I volunteered to help them write their grants since i have experience in grant writing, I also told them that I will work with them on transparent book keeping and communication with our town. We are going to be looking for board members for the food pantry board. We need some diversity on the board with people with financial skills, fundraising experience, and grant writing experience this way the board will be more balanced and able to plan for the future of the ministry. This is a vital ministry that helps many people, I believe that we as Christians are called to feed the hungry and care for the poor. God is calling us as a church to step up to the plate and help this ministry survive. My prayer is that we as a congregation will embrace this call of God and serve generously with our time, talents, and gifts.

We will have our annual charge conference on September 21 beginning with an SPRC meeting at 6:30. Our district Superintendent will preside.

New Business: There are boards in the parsonage basement matching the floor in the kitchen. Pastor Andrea and Will would like to remove the carpet in the living room and replace it with wood flooring. More flooring would need to be purchased. They would use the housing allowance for this project. K. Keiser moved to approve the project. J. Blue second, motion approved.

R. Ely moved to adjourn, R. Kessler second. Meeting adjourned.

Jackie Blue

Jeanne Johnson

Administrative Board Secretaries

**Fayette United Methodist Church
Administrative Board Meeting
June 15, 2016**

Attendance: Pastor Andrea, Kelly Bentley, Jackie Blue, Ron Ely, Jim Fruchey, Jeanne Johnson, Kirk Keiser, Dale Pfund, Jenni Rychener and Sally Stuckey.

K Keiser called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. Pastor Andrea gave the staff report.

Facilities: The roof leak at the parsonage has been repaired. A quote was received to remove the Cordy house for \$8000. The cost if we decide to stone the lot would be another \$8000.

Food & Fellowship: There will be a potluck following worship at Harrison Lake July 24.

FUMY: There will be a car wash Saturday, June 16th for a fund raiser for the youth mission trip. The sponsorship letters were well received and any excess funds will be shared. An August day of service is being planned. The youth will do their milkshake stand at the park during Bullthistle.

Administrative: The newsletter for June, July and August will be out this week.

Care Giving and Visitation: If anyone is in the hospital, a nursing facility or needs a home visit contact Pastor Andrea or Kris Keiser.

Mission & Outreach: There are nine people from the area going on the Mexico Mission trip in November. The Ice Cream Social will be August 5th. Someone is needed to be in charge of the July community meal. There will be no meal in August because of the Ice Cream Social. Shoes for Eagle Feet will be August 12th. The mission offerings in June and July will be for Shoes for Eagle Feet.

Children's Ministries: A one day Bible School will be held July 30th from 9AM to 2:30 PM. There will be a special Bible School church service July 31st.

Adult Ministries and Small Groups: There were 9 at the 30 Something Group last month. The Book Club began this week with 7 in attendance. Five people Ran for God last Sunday and the Couples small group is not meeting for the summer.

The secretaries minutes were approved as presented on a motion by D. Pfund. R. Ely second, motion approved. The treasurer's report was reviewed. The average giving per week is about half of the needed amount. All accounts but the loan on the FLC have been transferred to the Sherwood Bank. There are no credit or debit cards. Anyone having an expense present a receipt to the treasurer for reimbursement. J. Rychener moved to approve the report. J. Blue second, motion approved.

Pastor's Report: The recent sermon series and the book Circle of Prayer discussed.

Pastor Andrea had Visitation: 8 - Funerals: 1 - Baptisms: 3 - New members: 3 in the past month. Annual Conference (June 5-8) focused on doing ministry with people with disabilities and finding healing in community. Dr. David Watson, Dean of United Theological Seminary was the speaker at clergy session. He introduced the idea of LARSH communities as a model for doing ministry with people with disabilities. This was especially impactful as we have some people in our congregation who currently cannot participate in worship due to their disabilities. The speakers as each session posed the question: "What barriers are keeping people out of your church? What barriers are keeping your church apart from its community?"

Future events:

Chrysalis June 23-26

Youth Mission Trip June 26- July 2

Chapel Service at Fairlawn July 5

VBS will be on July 30 from 9am-2:30pm One Day

August 1-4 Stewardship Training in Columbus

Bull Thistle Activities August 5-7

Eagle Feet August 12

Old Business: Other quotes will be obtained to remove the house on the Cordy property. It was decided to leave the curbing and plant the lot to grass. The Senior Citizens will be meeting in the FLC beginning July 5th. They will meet on Tuesday and Thursdays.

New Business: The pastor's evaluation is due June 24. The board will meet June 22 to do the evaluation. There will be no meeting in July.

D. Pfund moved to adjourn. R. Ely second, meeting adjourned.

June 22, 2016

The board met acting as PPRC to perform the 2016 Pastor Evaluation. The pastor's weaknesses and strengths discussed and goals were set for continuing growth in the ministry of the church.

Jeanne Johnson, Secretary