

The Messenger

Crievewood United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Pen

Appreciating Carter Ellis

Carter and I first met each other at a Mediterranean restaurant near the Vanderbilt campus. I think I told her I would be wearing a Vanderbilt hat, but I had picked her out when she walked in the door; soon to be Divinity School students have that look. Right away I learned she is a vegetarian, and soon I sensed we would be a good match; her affinity for soccer was just an added bonus.

We at Crievewood have been incredibly blessed to have had Carter assigned to us through the Turner Center for Church Leadership at Vanderbilt for the three years of her Master of Divinity degree program. The length of her placement allowed her to really love and be loved by this congregation and provided opportunity for her to prepare herself for pastoral ministry by observation, experience, and impact. We are all sorry to see her time with us come to an end, even as we celebrate her graduation and coming appointment.

I know you will want to be present **May 19th** when Carter will be preaching at both services. This will be her last official day at Crievewood, so you will also want to stay for a fellowship meal in her honor following the late service. The church will provide vegetarian lasagna and drinks, you are asked to bring a side dish (salad or vegetable) and/or dessert.

Through her time with us we have been graced by her beautiful and bountiful gifts. Carter meets people with ease and relates well across every age group. Her social nature and spontaneous spirit have not only forged meaningful relationships but vital community. Carter also has a keen mind and a servant heart. She has been an able teacher and preacher, faithfully proclaiming the good news and effectively challenging us to ministries of compassion and justice. By guiding us in holy conversation about difficult topics, through leadership of worship designed to connect word and action, in opportunities to provide pastoral care, and out of trust rooted in covenant life, Carter has opened many to a deeper communion with God and neighbor.

I have no doubt that Carter is called to be an ordained minister, and I am thankful that her call is to be a United Methodist one. Too, I am especially grateful that God chose Crievewood to be part of that call. It truly has been a privilege for me, for us, to be people among whom Carter has explored her call, and with whom she has prepared herself to answer that call. Indeed, this has been a holy time and a sublime season for this faith community.

The Divinity School years are a time of tremendous growth in knowledge, identity, skill, and balance. They are a time for reflection, action, and integration, and for those pursuing a life of ministry, a period of discerning where God is leading. Carter has excelled in her academic work, has grown and developed as a pastor in this local church, has listened well to God, and is ready to take her first appointment. She goes with our affection and our prayers; she goes with that just having graduated Divinity School look.

Peter van Eys

Up-Coming Events

40 Day Walk with God

Members of both the Tennessee and Memphis Conferences are being asked to join hands and hearts in a 40 day season of intentional prayer together and with God as we approach Annual Conference scheduled for June 10-12. You are invited to share in daily meditation. Please pray for congregational excellence, pastoral excellence, missional excellence, and God's transforming presence. A prayer guide can be downloaded at www.bishopbillmcalilly.com/40-day-walk or you may simply visit the bishop's blog each day at www.BishopBillMcAlilly.com or use the QR code above. A prayer guide for children is also available.



Please Mark Your Calendar

Carter Ellis will graduate from Vanderbilt Divinity School on May 10, 2013. Sunday, May 19th, will be her last day with us. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend a vegetarian luncheon given in honor of Carter after the traditional service on May 19.



UMM Hamburger Supper and UMW Bake Sale

Saturday, May 11, 5:30-7:00 pm

The annual hamburger supper is the largest single event of the year for the United Methodist Men, and the bake sale is a significant fundraiser for the United Methodist Women. Both events support many church and community activities. Please plan on attending and invite your friends and neighbors.

May 12, A Special Sunday

This Sunday, May 12, is Mother's Day and Youth Sunday. The youth will lead all activities including ushering, children's message, and special music. Jayce Arnette will give the morning message. Please join us for this very special Sunday when we celebrate mothers and youth.

Summer Adult Sunday School

Several of our adult Sunday school classes have opted to combine for the summer months for two exciting studies:

1. "You Might Be a Methodist If..." led by Pastor Peter, this class will explore what it means to be a Methodist, including our commonalities with other Christians, as well as what makes Methodists unique.
2. "Living Crazy Love" by Francis Chan...Facilitated by Steph Dodge and based on Chan's book, [Crazy Love](#), this study will lead us to pursue God as we grapple with hard questions about the love of God and how His love changes the way we live.

In order to determine materials needed for each class, it will be helpful for adults to let us know in which study they would like to participate. Please watch your bulletin for a tear-off registration form, OR contact Leigh Ann with your preference by May 19!

Missions

Charlie's Caramel Popcorn

Charlie's homemade caramel corn will be available in the narthex on Sunday, May 26. Celebrate the end of the school year with this crunchy summer treat. All proceeds go toward youth missions. The honor system will be in place.



Imagine NO MALARIA

As you might know, Imagine No Malaria is an extraordinary effort by the United Methodist Church to reduce preventable malaria deaths in Africa. When the campaign started in 2010, a child died every 30 seconds from this mosquito-transmitted disease. Now deaths have been cut in half, but much remains to be done. Young children who have not yet developed partial immunity to malaria and pregnant women whose immunity is decreased by pregnancy are some of the most at risk for contracting the disease.



Because of this the United Methodist Church has established a Mother's Day campaign as an opportunity for members to honor their mothers or other women who have nurtured them while helping those most vulnerable in Africa. If you would like to donate to this special effort to wipe out malaria, please text MOM to 27722 or mail donations to UMC-Imagine No Malaria, Mother's Day, P.O. Box 440544, Nashville, TN 37244.

UMW Request

Please save your used books to add to our UMW book sale in July. We want gently used books, CDs, and DVDs. Books for all ages (children included) are needed. We cannot use encyclopedias, video cassettes, or magazines. Start now to collect and put your items in piles in a corner at home or in a closet, then bring them to the church in July where we will store them in the youth room downstairs. Thank you in advance for your help.

Habitat Build

Crievewood is supporting the Methodist Habitat Build again this year with both service and money. Our money commitment has been largely met through our Easter offering. If you would like to participate in the actual build, please contact either Don Proctor at 615-832-5135 or Joe Buffler at 615-351-0601. The build will be one day only and will be either on Saturday, September 28th or Sunday, September 29th.

Community Care Fellowship

Community Care Fellowship is in need of all sizes of men's undershirts and is grateful to those persons who have donated items. We will continue to collect garments, so if you have any donation, please leave it on the table at the top of the stairwell off the narthex.

AIM Fall Trip to Mountain T.O.P.

Make your plans now to be part of the CUMC adult fall mission trip to Mountain Top. The dates are October 10th through October 13th. We will work hard fulfilling the physical and spiritual needs of the residents of the Cumberland Mountains, enjoy good food and Christian fellowship, and feel the real presence of our Lord and Savior as we serve and praise Him. This is often an experience that transforms the volunteer as well as the beneficiary. Don't miss out. For more information call Joe Buffler at 615-351-0601.

Activities

JOY Club Meetings

May

The JOY Club May outing is a tour of the Amish farm land with lunch at the restaurant in Davy Crockett State Park. Participants will leave the church at **9:00 a.m. on May 23rd** and arrive at the farm for a 10:30 a.m. tour. The cost of the trip is \$10 to go on the wagon ride, \$3 for the van, and the cost of your lunch. **The wagon ride must be paid in advance no later than May 19th.** Please make out your \$10 check to Crievewood UMC and give it to Jean McCurdy.

June

On Sunday, June 9, 2013, the Joy Club will travel to the Larry Keeton Theater to see the *Sound of Music*. Members will leave after the traditional service, travel by car, have lunch, and see the play. Tickets for this event have already been purchased.

Retreat 2013 News

It is time to begin registering for our annual church-wide retreat. We will head to Beersheba Springs, TN in August (16, 17, 18), and we are so excited about the additions to our weekend. Activities will include:

Games, including Kickball for all!	Bonfire and S'mores
Crafts, including Banner-making	Meaningful Worship Experiences
A NEW Toddler Play Area	Free Time for Parents
Mixer Activities	and Supervised Fun Time for Children
Skits and Singing	

Registration forms are available in the narthex, and the form and deposit are **due June 1**. Please make plans to join us in making this our biggest and best retreat yet! Contact Leigh Ann with questions.

Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays during the summer months.



Children's Corner

Nursery Schedule

	Toddler Nursery	Infant Nursery
5/12/13	Susan and Randy Cortner	Connie Cromer and Helper
5/19/13	Mark and Gwen Morrison	Chris and Kelly Cates
5/26/13	Adele and Brad White	Tom and Becky Freck

Children's Sunday School News

Thank you to Kate Cortner, Susan Cortner, Renee Hovis, and Jackie and Phil Stanckiewicz for volunteering to serve as substitutes in the Children's Sunday School Department. We would love to add your name to our list, as well. Please contact Leigh Ann to volunteer!

As the school year winds down, we would like to express our appreciation to our dedicated Children's Sunday school teachers. Please give them a 'thank you' when you see them around the building.

Pre-School--Daphne and Steve Hardison
Kindergarten/1st Grade--Eileen Vaughan
2nd/3rd grade--Mary and Steve Curry
4th, 5th, and 6th grade BOYS-- Kathryn and Joe Buffler,
Brenda and Keith Head, Brandy and John Tickle
4th, 5th, and 6th grade GIRLS--Sharon Ferrell

VBS

We need adults and youth for crafts, games, drama, music, registration, and celebration. Dates for VBS are July 8-11, and adults are needed each evening from 5:30-8:15 p.m. Contact Kelly Marks or Mindy Morris if you are able to help.

Child Care Graduation

Our church family would like to congratulate our Crieewood Child Care Pre-K students 'graduating' on May 10 at 10:00 a.m. and heading to Kindergarten in the fall.

Youth and Young Adults

We will be recognizing our seniors this Sunday. If you would like to write a letter of congratulations, encouragement, or advice, Please turn your letters into Steph Dodge this week, so they can be included in our senior booklets. Our seniors are Jayce Arnette, Allie Cate, and Tricia Gaietto.

Congratulations to the Class of 2013!

Dorothy Cortner Boone 2013 Scholarship Fund

It's time once again for the annual Dorothy Cortner Boone Scholarship. The scholarship's purpose is to award financial assistance to selected students who (1) demonstrate involvement in and service to his/her school and/or community, (2) are motivated toward educational excellence.

Amount of scholarship for 2013: up to \$1,500.00. The scholarship may be awarded to more than one recipient.

If you have been awarded this scholarship in the past or if you have applied for this scholarship before, you may re-apply. You may receive the scholarship more than once. There is no age requirement.

Any student who is a member of Crieewood United Methodist Church may apply for this scholarship. An application form may be obtained in the church office. Completed applications **MUST** be received in the church office no later than **Friday, May 10, 2013**.

This scholarship is available to part time as well as full time students. We are fortunate to have this scholarship available at our church. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity!!

Please consult the scholarship form for further details.

Scholarship Selection Committee

Other Local News

Veteran's Workshop

Tuesday, May 14, 10 am –1pm

Hall of Flags Drill Hall at the TN National Guard Armory (Sidco Dr)

This event is for all veterans, active duty military and families. Representatives from the VA, the TN Valley Healthcare System, TRICARE, TN Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Medicare, Small Business Administration, and IRS will be available to help file claims and check on benefits. Job recruiters and local college representatives will be present to assist those looking for jobs or college acceptance. Get information on home financing, vocational rehab, mental health, nursing care, and much more. Register by calling 615-736-5295 or by emailing cooperveteransworkshop@gmail.com.

Farmers Market

The Forest Hills UMC Farmers Market returns for another season starting on June 1st. The market is open each Saturday from June through the end of October, 8:00 am until noon. It is a great place to gather with friends for a fresh cup of coffee, get a quick breakfast, or pick up seasonal produce and local products. Each week the market will feature local artists to entertain while you shop or just relax at the picnic tables under the 200 year-old Burr oak tree. Vendors donate a portion of their weekly produce to *Feed America First* so supporting these farmers is also an opportunity to help those in need. Make the market a weekly stop this summer.