

# The Messenger

Crievewood United Methodist Church

July 17, 2013

## Pastor's Pen

### Pray without Ceasing

This may be a shorter column since I am on vacation, but I would share a development with my truck. Stay with me for any theological insight provided by a 1999 Ford Ranger. Today the radio decided that it would go on and off according to its own desire rather than mine, which in and of itself is rather frustrating. The kicker is that it goes on and off even when I have turned the radio off; even when I have turned the car off. That moves the issue beyond frustration to a drain on the battery when the truck is not in use. So I pulled the fuse and checked in with a mechanic, who said this would be a difficult fix.

My frustration at the random and repetitive interruption of the radio while driving led me to reflect on how God must experience my prayer life. I have a hunch that it comes across too often as random and repetitive interruption, rather than the ongoing ask, seek, and knock pattern taught by Jesus. To be sure, God can handle the interruption dimension, in fact welcomes it, but surely God is frustrated at the on off nature.

Our lectionary readings for July 28<sup>th</sup> include Jesus teaching the model prayer and his invitation to a disciplined life in constant communication with God. New Testament Greek has a verb tense that indicates continuous action, which is the tense used by Jesus when he encourages perseverance in prayer. We will consider this more fully in worship together.

Of course I can simply have a new radio installed in my truck, given that the current problem was called a difficult fix. As for my prayer life, I should consider the offer of Jesus to make all things new and commit to the pattern and discipline he outlined. The on off nature has got to be frustrating to God and can have the effect of draining us, when in fact prayer deepens our relationship with the source of greatest strength and life.

My truck has reminded me to keep our covenant to pray daily for one another even as I go on vacation. I look forward to seeing you when I return.

Peter van Eys

## Up-Coming Events

### Summer Meet and Eat

Please join members of Crievewood each Wednesday this summer at a local restaurant for dinner.

**July 17, meet at 5:00 p.m. at Sylvan Park South**

**July 24, meet at 5:00 p.m. at Applebee's in Nippers Corner**

**July 31, meet at 5:00 p.m. at Ruby Tuesday in Brentwood**

Everyone is welcome, but if you plan to go, please let the church office or Nancy Rosdeutscher(615-834-7739) know so that she can notify the restaurant to expect a larger than normal crowd.

## Farmin' In The Hall

Each Saturday in July, together with the Crieve Hall Neighborhood Association, we will host a farmers' market at Crieve Wood UMC from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Local farmers will be selling honey, eggs, produce, and coffee. Please make us a fun addition to your Saturday morning routine.



## Help Wanted

### Liturgist Volunteers

If you would be willing to serve as a liturgist in the late worship service, please let Peter know by calling the office (832-2897) or e-mailing [pastor@crievewoodumc.org](mailto:pastor@crievewoodumc.org).

### Teaching Moments

If you are a person who enjoys reading or telling a story to children, please consider joining our team of volunteers who give the children's message in the traditional service each Sunday. Chris Carter will be preparing the 2014 schedule soon and would love to include you in the rotation. To volunteer, please contact Chris at 615-834-8883.

## Missions

### Safe Haven

As most of you know, Safe Haven has been working on renovating and expanding their facility. The grand opening is scheduled for August 27, and all are welcome to attend.

Soon, Safe Haven will be able to serve *twice* the number of people as they did before. This means that our opportunity to serve will increase as well. In the coming months, as Sunday School classes continue to provide meals for the residents of Safe Haven, keep in mind that the amount of food needed will gradually increase.

### One in Christ, Mission, and Ministry

CUMC has partnered with South End UMC in a food supplement ministry for 71 families in South Nashville for the summer (June 4-July 31). Each Monday food is picked up from Second Harvest warehouse in order to prepare a weekly food box of rice, dried beans, canned vegetables, canned fruit, and other items as funds and availability allow. Families come to South End either on Tuesday evenings from 5-7 or Wednesday mornings from 10-12.

Volunteers are needed to pick up the food (pick-up trucks are helpful) on Mondays, as well as to distribute it on Tuesdays and/or Wednesdays. If this is something you think you can help with, contact Outreach Chairs Jennifer Bizwell and Blake Leyers or Pastor Peter.

### How's Nashville

Recently CUMC committed to partnering with How's Nashville. Aligned with the national **100,000 Homes Campaign**, How's Nashville is a community-wide, collaborative, and inclusive effort to end chronic homelessness in Nashville.

One of the ways we can help this mission is to provide Welcome Home packs. Each Welcome Home pack includes a shower curtain and rings, a trash can, trash bags, basic cleaning supplies, dish soap, laundry detergent, a coffee pot and filters, a can opener, an oven mitt, dish towels, and toilet paper. Stay tuned for more information on the upcoming How's Nashville Welcome Home pack drive.

### Caramel Corn

Charlie's caramel corn will be available in the narthex on Sunday, July 21. This is the last opportunity to purchase this treat until November. All proceeds go toward youth missions.

### 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 10-13. For more information call Joe Buffler at 615-351-0601.

## Habitat Build

Crievewood is supporting the Methodist Habitat Build again this year. 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. Our day to work on the build will be either on Saturday, September 28th or Sunday, September 29th.

## Activities

### JOY Club

The JOY Club is a group of mainly older adults meeting monthly for an outing that includes a Dutch treat meal and an experience at a location in Middle Tennessee. The meetings are usually the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. A van is provided for \$3.00 per person. To set up a reservation see Jean McCurdy. Reservations must be made by the Sunday before the outing. Photos taken during the year will be judged in the November meeting and prizes will be given to best in show.

**July:** On **Thursday, July 25**, the JOY Club will leave the church at 10:30 a.m. for a mystery lunch. The clue for the lunch is to "watch for cars". At 1:00 p.m. members will tour the Nissan plant via the tram. There are no open-toed shoes allowed on this tour. Bring money for your lunch and \$3 for the van. If you would like to go on the mystery lunch and tour, please make a reservation with Jean McCurdy by July 20, 2013. If you want to just attend the lunch, meet at the church at 10:30 a.m. and follow the van in your car.

**August:** **Thursday, August 22**, JOY Club members will participate in the third and "early" mystery meal. The group will leave at 3:00 p.m., and dinner will be at 4:00 p.m. The clue for the day is "dinner with a view". The cost of the meal is \$8 and up, plus tip and tax. Also bring \$3 to cover the cost of the van. Please make reservations with Jean McCurdy by August 20.

**September:** **Thursday, September 26**, lunch will be a buffet at Montgomery Bell State Park purchased at the senior rate of \$8.50 plus tax and tip. We will leave the church at 9:30 a.m.; seating for lunch begins at 11:00a.m. As always bring \$3 for the van.

### 2013 Retreat Update:

Crievewood's Annual Church Retreat to Beersheba is just around the corner. Final payment is due this Sunday, July 21, and we are excited so many of our members have signed up to go. We have several areas where we could use assistance, including Snacks, Board Game/Puzzle Room, Campfire Activities, Outdoor Games for everyone from toddlers to adults, and Worship. If you have ideas, or would like to help please contact Leigh Ann at [lac723@comcast.net](mailto:lac723@comcast.net) or 615.833.4528, and she will put you in touch with the coordinator for your specific area of interest.

If you have not signed up and would like to attend, we have a couple of spaces left. Contact Leigh Ann asap.



## Children's Corner

### Nursery Schedule

	<b>Toddler Nursery</b>	<b>Infant Nursery</b>
7/21/13	Kristy and Ed Thornton	Mark and Gwen Morrison
7/28/13	Renee Hovis and Jani Cate	Betsy Bean and Blake Leyers
8/4/13	Bill and Nina Tucker	Kelly Marks and John Tickle
8/11/13	Christy and Kellyanne Shaw	Susan and Randy Cortner

### VBS Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who served a meal, did a craft, set up a table, took down decorations, led a group, or in any way participated in last week's VBS. We offer a special thank you to our VBS co-chairs, Kelly Marks and Mindy Morris, who worked tirelessly the weeks before planning a fantastic experience. The kids had a great time learning about God's love around the world, and we collected lots of school supplies for local schools in need.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE BIBLES

Criewood has a tradition of presenting Bibles to our incoming 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, and we want to be sure your child is included. If you have a child going into second grade, please reply to Leigh Ann Cate at [lac723@comcast.net](mailto:lac723@comcast.net) with the name your child would like imprinted on his/her Bible. Bible Presentation will be July 28. Additionally, if your child is in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade and has not received a Bible from the church, please let us know that as well.

## Promotion Sunday

Promotion Sunday for children entering grades **K, 2nd, 4th, and 7th grades** will be July 28. Children will start the morning in their new rooms. Teachers will be sending out welcome letters in the next 10 days.

## Nursery Clean-up Day

Nursery Clean-up is scheduled for July 21 immediately following traditional worship.

## Youth

### Christian Adventure Week

Christian Adventure Week is a whole week of activity (July 22 to July 27) planned for any student who is going into the 7th grade through those who have just graduated. Nightly events will meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. Canoeing is a day event that meets in the morning, and on Friday we will gather at the church at noon to go to the Beans' home.

All youth must have a notarized release form on file to participate. Forms can be downloaded from the church website or picked up outside Steph's office. Make sure that you are on the youth email list to receive news updates.

You may bring friends to Christian Adventure Week, but please let us know so let we can plan for the right number.

Events for the week include

Monday, July 22, 9:00 a.m.	Canoe Day Trip
Tuesday, July 23, 6:00 p.m.	Dive-in Movie
Wednesday, July 24, 6:00 p.m.	Skyhigh and Sonic
Thursday, July 25, 6:00 p.m.	Surprise Event
Friday-Saturday, July 26-27, noon	Overnight at Chuck and Betsy Beans'
Sunday, July 28, 5:00 p.m.	Youth Kick-off for the new school year