

The Messenger

Crievewood United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Pen

Expressing Faith, Learning Patience

Patti and I have returned from a wonderful vacation in Europe. I have family in the Netherlands with whom we spent time; it remains a priority to nurture those relationships as best we can across 4,300+ miles and the Atlantic Ocean. Part of the fun involved the logistics required to weave together several different itineraries. Our son Dane returned home from a summer class in Jordan via Europe, spending two weeks with friends visiting several countries. Our son David did a bit of travelling as well, starting in Amsterdam before working his way to Paris. We all met up in Maastricht (the Netherlands) in order to visit the village of Eys, from which comes our family surname. In Dutch "van" means "of".

It was a very cool experience. I have a van Eys family genealogy book that traces the line back to the year 800 in the Limburg region of the Carolingian Empire under Charlemagne's rule; Eys is a small rural village that appears to have become a nice bedroom community for the larger cities of Maastricht and Aachen (Germany). We took some family photos that should inspire me to get our annual Christmas letter out before Groundhog's Day.

From there we all traveled by train to Paris and met up with Patti's sister Nanci and her family. They live in Seattle, Washington so it was a much anticipated (and realized) joy to spend some time with them. After David, Dane, Kielee, and Cole returned to the States, Patti and I joined the Seattle family for part of their bike ride in Bretagne. We came home tired, a bit sore, and overflowing with the blessings that meaningful time with family, and each other, engenders.

One of our interests when we travel is visiting great cathedrals and other sacred sites; Europe has many. From the less visited St Germain des Pres, the oldest church in Paris (dating to the 6th Century), to the Cologne Cathedral, drawing 20,000 visitors a day, we marveled at the faith and faithfulness these worship spaces reflect. I am always humbled by the artistic and historical grandeur of medieval cathedrals, and they certainly put into perspective the shared commitment of Christians across generations. Though scaffolding gives evidence to never ending work at the Cologne Cathedral, its official timeline reads: begun in 1248, completed in 1880. That is a 632 year building project. Even the relatively short 182 years (1163-1345) it took to build Notre Dame in Paris gives perspective to the faith of people who gave time, energy, and resource to church building projects.

Which is a long segue to an update on our own renovation and expansion project here at Crievewood. Having approved a plan and completed a Capital Campaign, we have all been eager to see the day actual renovation and construction begin; that it has not yet is a growing conversation.

So here is the current status. Our plans and documents are being reviewed by Metro Codes, and once approved we can secure a Building Permit. We have also filed the necessary materials with the Metro Planning Commission to request a special zoning exemption. Churches in residential areas are zoned residential and need approval for additions. Signs making the neighborhood aware of our request will soon appear, and we will provide an opportunity for neighbors to see our plans and ask questions. All the while, our Building Committee is working closely with Sain Construction Company and Foxhollow Goodson to finalize cost projections.

Let me take this opportunity to thank Mike Taylor for joining the Building Committee and serving as our point person in the process. His expertise is invaluable. Even the Building Committee has felt some frustration with the pace of the project and Mike has helped to get us on track. Know that the renovation and expansion project is moving forward; yes slowly, but we are still good to complete this in less than 632 years, or 182 years for that matter.

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

August 7, meet at 5:00 p.m. at Sylvan Park South

August 14, meet at 5:00 p.m. at Cracker Barrel in Cool Springs.

August 21, meet at 5:00 p.m. at Vittles in Brentwood

Please arrange for your own transportation.

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.

Adult Sunday School Update...

“Crazy Love” and “You Might Be a Methodist If...” will continue through the month of August in the Searchers classroom and the sanctuary, respectively. Our new Fall Curriculum will begin on Sunday, September 1, with all classes in their regular classrooms.

Farmin’ In The Hall is Extended

Farmin’ in the Hall will be open each Saturday in August from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Local farmers will be selling honey, eggs, produce, and coffee. Please make us one of your Saturday morning stops.

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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.

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 Sunday, September 29th.**

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. **Participant names need to be submitted soon.** Don’t miss out; to sign up call Joe Buffler at 615-351-0601.

Activities

Retreat News...

Retreat-goers, get ready!! August is fast approaching (and may be here by the time you read this), so the retreat is just around the corner. We have so many fun things planned for the 60+ attendees from our congregation signed up so far. If you haven’t made your final payment, please do so asap. Dates are August 16, 17, and 18.

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 4th 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.

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 9:15 a.m.; seating for lunch begins at 11:00 a.m. Please have your reservations to Jean McCurdy by September 19th, and as always bring \$3 for the van.

Wednesday Night Fellowship!!!

Make plans now to take a break from the hectic week, and come be refreshed at Wednesday Night Fellowship. At Crieveewood, we provide fun for all ages and a chance to catch up with our church family through meals and programs. Wednesday Night Fellowship resumes on Wednesday, September 4, with a meal, Kids Choirs parent meetings, a Kids for Christ (KFC) parent meeting, activities/hang time for youth, and a program for adults. Watch the newsletter and website for more details on programs, menus, and how to make dinner reservations.



Children's Corner

Nursery Schedule

	Toddler Nursery	Infant Nursery
8/4/13	Christy and Kellyanne Shaw	Kelly Marks and John Tickle
8/11/13	Bill and Nina Tucker	Susan and Randy Cortner
8/18/13	Bob and Mary Bryan	Ken and Anne Pinkston
8/25/13	Carla and Jimmy Arnette	Carol Yarnell and Brenda Wheeler

Back to School Bash

All children who are entering Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to our annual Back To School Bash—a swim party and cookout—on Saturday, August 24, at 5:00 p.m. Bring shoes for creek wading, swimsuits and towel for the pool, and watch your inboxes for a Sign-Up Genius for food.

Supporting Our Students

Please pray for our students and teachers as we head into the 2013-14 school year. If you are interested in tutoring or mentoring elementary students in our neighborhood schools, please contact Leigh Ann Cate for more information.

Other Items

Left-Overs

We had a number of left-overs from the fifth Sunday picnic at Edwin Warner Park. No, not food. We have several softball gloves in the office. If one of them is yours, please retrieve it.

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@crieveewoodumc.org.

Choir Schedule

The Chancel Choir will begin the fall season with a get together on Tuesday, August 6 , at 6:30 p.m. During the remaining weeks in August they will practice at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights.

During August the Gathering musicians will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Both choirs will adjust practice time in September once WNF dinner and programs begin.

Changing Residence?

College students and young adults are some of the most mobile members of our congregation, and as the new school year begins many will have a new place to live. If you are a college student or if you have a family member who is a college student or young adult, please submit any new address or email to the church office so that the church family can maintain communication. Our students are always in our hearts and prayers, but it is good to be able to reach out with messages, cards, and news as well.

Upcoming Committee Meetings

August 5	6:30 p.m.	Staff Parish Relations Committee
August 11	4:00 p.m.	Nominations and Lay Leadership Committee
August 11	3:00 p.m.	Youth Council
August 15	6:30 p.m.	Finance Committee
August 18	4:00 p.m.	Nominations and Lay Leadership Committee
August 25	6:00 p.m.	Administrative Council Meeting
September 8	9:15 a.m.	Charge Conference during Sunday School Hour