

The Messenger

Crievewood United Methodist Church

August 6, 2014

Pastor's Pen

Our Building Project is a Sign of Hope

It's happening! Work that began outside moved into the lower floor and is now happening on the upper floor. The wonderful annoyances and challenges of a renovation effort are a welcome reality. Things are coming off the walls, classrooms are being emptied, scaffolding has gone up in the narthex, and program schedules are being shifted. We discussed the accommodations necessary for the building project at the Nurture Committee meeting last night (very well attended) and all affirmed the marvelous spirit of this congregation, how everyone pitches in to do what needs to be done and how everyone navigates the inconveniences with a positive attitude. It is in the Crievewood DNA, a most beautiful thing!

Here are a few things you need to know as we live into the next several weeks:

Work in classrooms requires that things be removed, including what is on the walls. The first three classes scheduled for renovation (beginning August 11th) are the New Journey, Fellowship Forum, and Wesley rooms. Also, a new wall will be built in the Searchers and Wesley classrooms.

As rooms are emptied for the renovation work, I kindly request that folks do not do that work during worship service time on Sunday morning. We will ask for help at the end of the service and anyone who can stay to move furniture, etc. will be told which rooms need to be emptied.

How long it will take to complete each room is a moving target. Sunday School classes may set up chairs as needed each week, or gather in the sanctuary where the staff will provide a Sunday school lesson throughout the renovation of the classrooms.

A couple of things have been swirling in my mind as the renovation and expansion project has picked up momentum. First, we have lots of stuff. The standard response to the soon-to-be work in classrooms, closets, offices, narthex and hallways has been to wonder what to do with the things in each place. It is surely an opportunity to evaluate what we should and should not keep. That and gratitude for our many possessions bring comfort, joy, and ease.

Second, with images of rubble from Donetsk to Gaza to Mosul, and stories of crises from Afghanistan to East Africa to Bangladesh, and news of financial troubles from Argentina to Detroit to Somalia we are inundated with a steady stream of destruction, death, and fear. How much more important is it that God's people commit energy, resources, and finances to building up the body of Christ. Our renovation and expansion project is a symbol of hope and a sign of the resurrection.

We are in this together! Yet the transformation of our building, and the more important transformation of our lives, is not just about or for us; our transformations are about the power of God's love and grace over the power of sin and death.

Peter van Eys

Up-Coming Events

New College-Age and Young Adult Sunday School Class

We are starting a new Sunday School class on Sunday morning for college students and young adults. The class will meet for the first time on **Sunday, August 24**, in the conference room (construction permitting). We will have snacks and coffee and will spend some time in fellowship and some time studying God's word. Please bring your Bible and come with some ideas of what book you would like to study.

Summer Meet and Eat

Please join members of Crieveewood each Wednesday during the summer at a local restaurant for dinner. Everyone is welcome; participants should arrive at the restaurant at 5:00 p.m. and should arrange their own transportation.

On **August 6** we will meet in Brentwood at **Ruby Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.** On **August 13** members should gather at **Sylvan Park** on Nolensville Road at **5:00 p.m.**

Plans are a little different on **August 20**. We will carpool and travel to Smyrna to eat at **Cheddar's**. We will leave Crieveewood Wednesday at **4:00 p.m.** Please let Nancy Rosdeutscher know if you need a ride or if you are willing to drive that evening.

Church Retreat 2014

Our church retreat in Beersheba Springs is just around the corner. Join us the weekend of **August 15, 16, and 17** for fun-filled activities designed to create memories and bonds with our church family. Hiking, skits, games, toddler time for our younger set, meaningful, relaxed worship at Vesper's Point, as well as in the chapel and campfire, are just a few of the exciting events we have planned for our retreat-goers. As you make preparations for the weekend please remember that the final payment is also due.

Missions

Charlie's Caramel Corn

Charlie is bringing back his famous caramel corn to help raise money for youth missions. You can purchase this treat for a minimum price of \$5 a bag on Sunday, August 10.

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Emergency Training

God calls us to love and care for each other, and being prepared for emergency is part of the ministry of caring and healing. If you are interested in a class to learn or renew emergency skills, please contact the church office or Nancy Rosdeutscher.

Activities

Farmin' in the Hall

Fresh produce is available every Thursday this summer from 5-7:30 p.m. at CHNA's farmers' market at Crieveewood. Please come and visit us. The market accepts SNAP benefits and strives to make fresh, healthy food available for everyone. A portion of the proceeds help to support Crieveewood Child Care and Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.

CHNA needs volunteers to help set up and break down the market each Thursday. If you can help please contact Marcilee Morgan at marcileemorgan@gmail.com or Kate Cortner.

Bible Studies

Grow your faith and fellowship circle this summer by joining one of our two weekly Bible studies. The Tuesday Bible Study meets at 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday and is examining the book of Isaiah. Our second group meets each Wednesday evening at

6:30 p.m. They are immersed in a nine-week study of I and II Thessalonians entitled *Children of the Day*. The video portion of each lesson is led by best-selling Bible study author, Beth Moore, and the study is designed for personal study through daily homework, as well as group discussion.

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 final summer *Mystery Lunch* is on **Thursday, August 28**, in Sumner County. The clue is "red and brown". Bring extra money to shop. There is also a tour of Rock Castle in Hendersonville arranged. Please bring \$5 cash for the entrance fee. Assemble at the church by 10:15 a.m. Reservations should be made with Jean McCurdy by August 24.

On **Thursday, September 25**, JOY Club will visit Miss Bobo's Boarding House. **Reservations are due by September 10.** To reserve your spot, a check of \$21 should be made out to CUMC and given to Jean McCurdy.

Also in September, members are invited to lunch and a concert on **September 29** at Belmont UMC. The concert, "Gershwin in Blue", will be performed by Shawn Knight. The cost is \$10 per person. A check, **due by August 24**, should be made out to the church and given to Jean.

Youth

Youth Amazing Race

Thanks to our AMAZING volunteers!

You may have noticed the youth "racing" through the neighborhood on Monday, July 28, as they competed in the Amazing Race: Crieveood. This exciting event organized by Sharon Ferrell, Jill Thurman and Kelly Cates, had the youth competing to find church members homes in the neighborhood where they would complete a challenge in exchange for a clue to the next house.

We could not have pulled off this event without the help of many volunteers. The youth group would especially like to thank David and Sue Bean, Annette Taylor, Charlotte Swor, Tom and Anne McBryde, Gray Ethridge and Denise Ethridge, Jeanne Gardiner, Brad and Ella White, and Peter Van Eys for opening their homes and running the challenges for the youth. We would also like to thank all of the drivers for the Amazing Race including Joe Buffler, Leigh Ann Cate, Adele White and Sharon Ferrell.

We are very blessed at Crieveood to have to have so many amazing volunteers!

We will be putting together a video of the event and putting up some of the clues on the bulletin board so you can check out the details of the race and see how you would have fared.

Young Adult Hike to Cummins Falls

On **September 13** we will be traveling to Cummins Falls to hike and swim. We will meet at the church at 9:15 a.m. Everyone should bring a lunch, hiking shoes and a swim suit. The group will carpool to Cummins Falls. Anyone who has graduated high school and still feels like a young adult is welcome to participate. Contact Steph or Peter for more information. We hope that you can join us.

Children's Corner

Nursery Schedule

	8:00-10:30 a.m. Shift	10:30 a.m.-noon Shift
8/10/14	John Stevens and Denise Ethridge	Elise Warren
8/17/14	Dolly Garay and Michelle Hussung	Ali Stoner
8/24/14	Joe and Chris Carter	Josh Cate

Back to School Bash

Our kindergarteners through 6th graders will be gathering at the Bean's home on Saturday, [August 23 at 5:00 p.m.](#) for our annual Back to School Bash. Wear your swimsuits, and bring creek shoes, a towel, a snack to share. The church will provide the hot dogs and buns.

Supporting Our Students

Please pray for our students and teachers and child care as we head into the 2014-15 school year. The beginning of the school year is both exciting and challenging, and our children need our love and support to encourage them and to help them grow as students and as Christians.