

The Messenger

Crievewood United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Pen

Compelled by a Vision

On August 28, 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech to over 250,000 people gathered near the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC, and changed the course of race relations in the United States. With the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington have come reflection, remembrance, and commemoration.

Media sources have been helpful in retelling the climate of the day that set the 63 March in motion. Clarence Jones, who was on the podium as MLK spoke, has noted, "You can't understand about the 'I Have a Dream' speech unless you pause and reflect about the historical circumstances that were taking place in the country at that time." (www.reuters.com) I have especially appreciated the local paper running stories and photos that have captured Nashville then and now.

Indeed, it is important to acknowledge the significant events in the struggle for Civil Rights that happened in our city and state. (If you have never visited the Downtown Public Library Civil Rights room, I strongly encourage you to do so.) The Nashville sit-ins, James Lawson, the Highlander Folk School, and the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. are just a few of the well known connections.

I recently had a more personal encounter with the early days of the Civil Rights movement in our community. I was honored to share in the Memorial Service of Helen Dodson, whose husband Sam was pastor of Calvary UMC from 1958-1965. Sam and Helen were tireless in their commitment to equality, prophetic in the face of racism, and grounded in the hope of reconciliation. It was good to celebrate her life and its profound impact.

Truth be told, many people in big and small ways shape our life together in community, and even the course of history. One aspect of the 1963 March on Washington speech by Martin Luther King, Jr. that I find interesting is the fact that the original script did not include "*I have a dream...*" Though he had used that illustration before, it was not in the prepared speech; but midway through, in response to Mahalia Jackson (near enough to be heard) shouting out "Tell them about the dream, Martin" he spontaneously delivered the most quoted section of his oration.

Life in the United States is much different in 2013 than 1963; the Anniversary March on the National Mall last Saturday was appropriately part celebration. Yet, as stated in speeches given, there is unfinished business regarding equality for gays, women, Latinos, the poor, and disabled. Too, the insidious nature of racism; thus it was also part revival, with Rep. John Lewis (D-GA) offering this charge, "We cannot give up, we cannot give out, and we cannot give in." (www.usatoday.com)

On the one hand I mark the 50 year anniversary of King's speech as an occasion to be optimistic, real change has come. On the other hand, I recognize the persistent and pernicious challenge that is ongoing. Too much, here in our own nation, brings God to tears; we have work to do.

With that in mind, I would again encourage you to be present September 8th in either worship service. We will consider our covenant together and pray for the Holy Spirit to bind us more firmly in faith and life. Every time we gather as a people of faith, we reflect, remember, and commemorate what God has done for us through Jesus Christ. However, we do that in the light of the vision God has placed before us of the Kingdom, keeping us keenly aware that there is unfinished business.

It is our absolute conviction that love wins, that all means all, and that God's grace is greater than human sin, even as humanity struggles to live into that holy future. Consequently, we must ever be about the work of justice, the ministry of compassion, and the example of love; as if we hear a voice saying "Tell them about the vision, Crievewood...." and are so compelled.

Peter van Eys

Up-Coming Events



This is the last Summer Meet and Eat for the summer. Please join us for dinner on

August 28, meet at 5:00 p.m. at LongHorn on Old Hickory near Target. 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.

Missions

How's Nashville

How's Nashville is a community-wide, collaborative, and inclusive effort to end chronic homelessness in Nashville.

In conjunction with How's Nashville, Crievewood Outreach Committee has agreed to provide WELCOME HOME KITS for Nashville's most vulnerable in the homeless community. These persons are being helped to move into permanent housing. As part of that move the Welcome Home Kits are being provided to help with establishing a new household. The Welcome Home Kit includes

Shower Curtain & Rings

Laundry Detergent

Oven Mitt

Trash Can

Coffee Pot & Filters

Dish Towels

Basic Cleaning Supplies

Can Opener

Toilet Paper

Dish Soap

We would like to encourage each Sunday School class or group to assemble at least one Welcome Home Kit.

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.

AIM Spaghetti Dinner

The adults who are volunteering for Mountain Top are raising money to offset the cost of their mission trip by offering a delicious spaghetti dinner after the traditional service on **Sunday, September 15**. Some of the best Crievewood pasta cooks will be cooking up spaghetti, salad, French bread, and dessert. If you can't participate as part of the Mountain Top mission team but would like to support the mission, please plan on attending the spaghetti luncheon.

Community Care Fellowship Annual Fund Raising Breakfast

CCF is having its annual Fundraiser Breakfast at Brentwood UMC at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 26, 2013. Come and hear about new CCF projects and accomplishments such as the stories of success that people have had in finding jobs, the children's programs which operated during the summer months and the new one that started this fall, and our new involvement with Trinity UMC youth and congregation. Please help us celebrate the past and new adventures that you have helped make possible. If you would like to attend, please contact Ken Pinkston or Tom Lively.

A Thanksgiving Wish

Our dream for Crieveewood is to provide a cozy, warm, inviting lunch for people in our neighborhood who may be alone or in need on Thanksgiving Day. The need could be emotional, financial, social...it doesn't matter. We just want to be a place of peace and fun for our neighbors.

Please pray earnestly, and contact Leigh Ann at lac723@comcast.net or 615-833-4528 if you are willing to help us with our First Annual Crieveewood Thanksgiving! We would love help from ALL ages, and we hope this becomes a family tradition...serving others and creating an experience we will all treasure. Come serve and celebrate with us.

Volunteers will be needed Thanksgiving Week to prepare food and desserts; Thanksgiving Day we will need servers and clean-up crews.

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 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.

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.

The Joy Club program for December has been changed. On December 5 participants will have lunch and listen to a concert at the Scarritt-Bennett Center. The group will leave the church at 10:15am, eat at 11:00 a.m., and enjoy the concert at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel. (If you only wish to attend the meal, please arrange your own transportation and follow the van) **Confirmation is needed in early September. The cost is \$19.99 which must be paid to the church by September 8, 2013, to reserve a space.**

Wednesday Night Fellowship Fall 2013



*Dinner is served from 5:15-5:50 p.m., and adult programs will run from 6-6:45 p.m.

*Children's choirs will begin at 5:45 p.m. and run until 6:45 p.m.

*On September 4, at 6:00 p.m., come and hear Suzanne Mayernick and Gwen Oatsvall share their stories of how they started **147 Million Orphans**. The goals of the mission are to provide water, food, and medicine to children worldwide, to bring awareness to the orphan crisis, and to assist adoptive families with fundraising through the sale of original and handmade products. With 13 kids, and 7 adoptions between Suzanne and Gwen, you don't want to miss this event!

*On September 4, practice time for the Gathering moves to 6:00 p.m. ,and rehearsals for Chancel Choir move to 7:00 p.m.

*PLEASE make your dinner reservation by Tuesday, September 3, at NOON if you do not have a standing reservation.

WNF Menus

Wednesday, September 4—Chicken and dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, and dessert

Wednesday, September 11—Roast, potatoes, carrots, garden salad, rolls, and dessert

Men's Breakfast

The United Methodist Men will resume their monthly meetings on Saturday, September 14. There is always a great breakfast and fellowship, so make an effort to come, then reach out and invite a guest to join you.



Children's Corner

Thank You

Thanks to Betsy Bean and everyone who had a hand in planning our Back to School Bash. There was much wading in the creek, hot dog cooking, s'more making, trampoline jumping, and pool swimming by our K-6th grade Crievewood Kids. Special thanks to Dave and Sue Bean for their continual generosity and sharing of their beautiful yard and home with our church family.

Nursery Schedule

	Toddler Nursery	Infant Nursery
9/1/13	Ken and Anne Pinkston	Kate and Blake Cortner
9/8/13	Connie Cromer and David Cate	Joe and Chris Carter

Other Items

Use of the Kitchen

The kitchen at CUMC is used throughout the year by many different groups. Each group is responsible for cleaning the kitchen after their event and leaving the kitchen in a state of readiness for the next group. This also includes any area that is used to serve and eat meals.

Kathryn Buffler, CUMC Kitchen Manager, will be posting a set of guidelines and rules governing the usage of the kitchen. Please advise Kathryn of the need to order supplies, of any equipment failure, or other facility concerns.

Keeping CUMC's facilities clean and in good working order is good stewardship. Let's all do our part!

Charge Conference

Please note that Charge Conference will be on Sunday, September 8, at 9:30 a.m. during the Sunday School hour.