

Pastor's Pen

Ministry with Youth, Yoked with Glendale

There are several columns in this newsletter issue that announce the hiring of Chelsey Hedglin as Youth Coordinator, a part-time position. I am thrilled! Chelsey has been with us for three years through the Turner Leadership Scholars program at Vanderbilt Divinity School, and like many of you I was not looking forward to her post-graduation farewell. What a gift to have her continue to be in ministry among this faith community.

I do want to highlight that her position is part-time and focused on youth. To date she has been a generalist, engaged in so many parts of our Criewood mission and ministry. Her time and energy will now be more sharply defined. For instance, Chelsey was a much sought out teacher among our adult Sunday school classes; she can no longer accept those invitations as she leads our youth on Sunday mornings.

I want to thank the Staff Parish Relations Committee for creating this position and hiring Chelsey. With a clear commitment to Youth Ministry and a desire to think long term about future leadership, the SPRC has charted a course that brings new and immediate energy into our existing ministry while complementing the strengths of Steph Dodge, who will remain instrumental in our ministry with youth and their families through a support role.

That brings me to another shift in the staffing and resourcing of ministry here at Criewood. At the Tennessee Annual Conference session June 11-13, Steph Dodge and I will be re-appointed to serve the Criewood and Glendale congregations. In our first yoked year we had a team of four who rotated leading worship at Glendale, as of July 1st it will be the two of us. Consequently, at least for a time, both Steph and I will be preaching and leading worship each week.

This is a significant change in the work load for Steph. Though not a stranger to “expanding job descriptions” (her work here has grown beyond youth ministry to encompass our social media presence, pastoral care, preaching, and other age-level ministries), she will become the primary worship leader at Glendale. Given that Criewood and Glendale have worship services at the same time, unless we develop a cohort of lay preachers among us, this yoking only works because Steph is such a faithful, gracious, and able servant of Jesus Christ.

So, as I said, I am thrilled that Chelsey is joining the staff. I am grateful for the leadership of the SPRC as we live into the future of youth ministry at Criewood and our yoked relationship with Glendale. And, I am humbled by Steph's commitment to team ministry.

Peter van Eys

Up-coming Events

Tennessee Annual Conference

Bishop McAlilly will preside over the 2017 Tennessee Annual Conference which is scheduled [June 11– 13](#) at Brentwood UMC. The theme for the conference is entitled *Sent to Serve God and Neighbor*.

Youth at Mountain Top

On Sunday, **June 4th**, our youth and youth leaders will leave for the mountains for a week of service, fellowship, and worship. Please pray for our mission team as they travel, work, minister to those in the Mountain TOP community.

Ice Cream Social and Picnic

Join us at noon on **Sunday, June 11**, for the annual ice cream social and church picnic in Fellowship Hall as we welcome back our youth mission team. The Family Ministry will provide beverages and chicken. You should bring two side dishes and/or your favorite ice cream. There will be a homemade ice cream contest with the "Charlie" prize awarded to the winner.



Missions

Young Adult Mountain Top Mission

The young adults from Criewood UMC and Glendale UMC have scheduled a mission trip to Mountain Top **July 6-9** this summer. The trip is open to anyone 18 years or older. Contact Steph Dodge at stephdodge@gmail.com or at 615-832-2897 if you are interested in participating.

Project Transformation

Project Transformation is a program sponsored by the United Methodist Church which encourages young adults to explore career paths in discipleship, helps churches to connect to the local community, and aids those in under-served urban communities. If you have been involved in the PT program in Nashville, then you know that the program promotes literacy and brings Bible story time, meals, and recreation to children who may not otherwise have such opportunity through the dedication of many volunteers and young adults of the church. Criewood will be participating in PT Nashville; our dates are **June 19-22** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Please think about how you might contribute.

UMW Salad Luncheon and Book Sale 2017

Save the date and save your books. The annual United Methodist Women's Salad Luncheon will be held Sunday, **July 9** after the 10:45 a.m. service.

Start gathering your books to be donated to the UMW book sale. Hardback books, paperback books, children's books, and any puzzles are all welcome. Please bring your books to the church office area the week before the luncheon. Money raised will fund UMW missions.

TP Sunday

June 4th is the next TP Sunday. Contributions of toilet paper may be left in the narthex where they will be picked up and delivered to Community Care Fellowship and utilized in that ministry to the homeless. Thank you for your faithful commitment in helping CCF reach out to those in need.

Peace with Justice Sunday

Peace with Justice Sunday is one of six UMC special Sundays. The offering on **June 11th** is applied to programs that support action for equality, for overcoming violence and human rights violations, and for a secure world. This year's offering is specifically applied to programs such as unification efforts in Arizona border communities, support of human rights issues in Liberia, and education on sex-trafficking in Pennsylvania. Please give as you are able.

Criewood Serves

We are looking for some help organizing our activities each evening. If you can help, please contact Leigh Ann Cate.

JOIN US FOR FOUR NIGHTS OF FAMILY SERVICE EVENTS
that benefit Crieve Hall and surrounding communities. This VBS alternative is a great chance for families to help the community together (best for ages 4 – adult). Childcare is available for ages 3 and under. Dinner is served at 5:45 p.m. with projects starting shortly after.

ORGANIZATIONS WE ARE SUPPORTING INCLUDE
Local Schools ♥ Green Bean Drop with St. Andrews
Room In the Inn ♥ Project Transformation ♥ Open Table

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News from CUMC Committees

DCB Scholarship Committee

Congratulations to the following recipients of the Dorothy Cortner Boone Scholarship for 2017: **Morgan Adkisson, Connor Boyce, Jillian Lee, and Jared Lee.** We congratulate them on their hard work and wish them much success as they continue their academic studies.

Announcement from the Staff / Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Our Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC) has been deep in thought and prayer as it pertains to our

Youth Ministry. Our Youth are an important part of our congregation, helping engage many of our families today and laying the seeds for what can grow to be our church's future. We must be sure that we get this resourcing right. For seven years, Steph Dodge has worked hard to lead our youth group. Her long, dedicated hours and skills in coordinating resources and events are appreciated! In the recent past, Steph has had more demands upon her time. Our church's yoking commitment with Glendale serves as a primary example of the items that challenge her schedule. While we do not know what the long-term vision will be for our youth, we are excited to announce a transitional step that will bring added focus, new ideas and renewed direction to our youth ministry. Our SPRC has approved the creation of the part-time position of Youth Coordinator. This new role will act as the 'front line' with our Youth, leading Sunday night MYF as well as taking on a leadership role with youth Sunday School Classes, insuring continuity of Christian Education. We are very excited to announce that starting on June 1, Chelsey Hedglin will assume the part-time role of Youth Coordinator. After three years of engagement with our youth, as a new graduate of the Vanderbilt Divinity School, Chelsey is known and loved by the body of our congregation at Crieveewood. Steph will continue to be involved with our youth, but will transition to more of a support role helping Chelsey coordinate events, activities and broader Youth-related needs amongst the pull of her other duties. Please welcome Chelsey to her new role and prayerfully support both Steph and Chelsey through this transition!

News from Staff

From Chelsey

I cannot completely convey in words how excited I am to continue working with the wonderful youth of CUMC! This opportunity is truly a gift. They bring so much life to our church, and I am delighted to be a part of their lives and their spiritual and theological journeys. The light of Christ is present in each of them. For the past three years, I have been blessed in so many ways by the entire congregation of CUMC, and I'm so glad to continue in ministry with you! Logistically speaking, this new position of Youth Coordinator does not have a specific hourly component. Rather, I will be responsible for planning and leading Sunday School, Sunday night youth group, any extra fellowship activities that are offered (especially during the summer), and building relationships with the youth by being an active presence in their lives. I will begin working full-time as a hospital chaplain at St. Thomas Midtown in mid-September. Some goals that I have for the youth that attempt to live into the big picture of the youth mission statement (which, as a reminder, is: *"The CUMC youth group exists to create a community of inclusivity and support in a fun environment of Christian fellowship by encouraging growth in our faith through worship, service, and prayer"*) are: to increase the amount of time the youth spend reading scripture on their own; to challenge them to approach theological topics through the lens of the Wesleyan Quadrilateral: scripture, reason, experience, and tradition; increase the amount of time spent in fruitful discussion about issues relevant to their lives; increase the number of service/outreach opportunities; increase the number of fellowship activities; and increase the amount of activities that we attend as a youth group in support of one another (such as soccer games, plays, recitals, etc.). All of these things will build their relationships with God and one another. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments!

Chelsey Hedglin (662-801-5366 or chelsey.hedglin@gmail.com)

From Caleb

Dear Crieveewood friends and family,

Ever since graduation in early May, I've been finishing up recording another collection of new original sacred songs. We've been singing these songs as a congregation and sharing them in our worship services and church events over the past several months. I wrote a song called "Lovin' Jesus, Lovin' Others" for my small project I released in February of 2016. (It was the evening of this release event when you graciously supported me financially on helping me raise money for my mission trip to Ecuador last summer.) We've sung "Lovin' Jesus, Lovin' Others" at the Gathering service several times, and I know I've shared the song in the late service as well. A week ago, "Lovin' Jesus, Lovin' Others" has caught the ears of HLE Christian country radio in Jennings, LA, and it has been playing on its regular rotation



ever since. There is an option to request the song on their website, so you can hear it more often than just in its regular rotation. I encourage you to visit www.hieradio.com or to download the HLE radio app for iPhone or Android phones to request my song, “Lovin’ Jesus, Lovin’ Others”, and listen for it live on air. “Lovin’ Jesus, Lovin’ Others” has also been added to the playlist of several other radio stations including Praise Radio in Alberta, Canada, and Indie Gospel Radio in New York. God has blessed me with such great opportunities to share my music and to share God’s love over the airways, and I deeply appreciate your prayers and support as I serve with all of you and in the world.

Sincerely,
Caleb

Activities

Summer Meet and Eat

Meet and Eat is an opportunity for Crievewood friends to gather on Wednesdays at a local restaurant for dinner and fellowship during the summer months. This summer there is an expanded list of restaurants most within a short driving distance from the church. The schedule for the next few weeks of Meet and Eat is listed below

May 31 st	Old Chicago in Cool Springs (carpool: meet at the church at 4:00 p.m.)
June 7 th	Toyama’s at Nipper’s Corner (meet in restaurant parking lot– 5:00 p.m. seating)
June 14 th	Nana’s in Nolensville (carpool: meet at the church at 4:00 p.m.)

Please gather in the restaurant parking lot of the scheduled restaurant at 4:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Also, please let Nancy Rosdeutscher know if you plan to attend so that there is an accurate reservation count.

Crievewood T-shirts

If you ordered a Crievewood T-shirt, they will be distributed on Sunday, [June 11th](#) in the narthex. For those who waited to pay on delivery, adult shirts are \$8, and kids are \$5.

Crievewood Annual Retreat 2017 August 18-20, 2017

It's time to start thinking about cool mountain air, hiking, rocking chairs, games, bonfires, and time together worshiping God. That's right-- It's Crievewood's Annual Retreat to Beersheba Springs. Registration forms will be available in the narthex and on the website this coming Sunday!



JOY Club Mystery Lunch

Much mystery surrounds JOY Club members in June. There will be a mystery lunch at some time during the month. Guess where you might eat, and guess when you might meet. You will have to wait until you arrive to know the destination, but the time will be announced in the near future. Let’s see who gets it right!

Crievewood Music

The Chancel Choir will meet on June 7th, June 14th, and June 21st for practice at 7:10 p.m. The Gathering team continues to meet on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. Handbells will resume in the fall.

Moving?

Summer is often a season of change. If you are changing your address, phone number, or email address, please notify the church office so that we can update our database and keep it current. Thank you.

Children

Nursery Schedule

	1st Shift	2nd Shift
June 4	Tracey & Jared Lee	Randy & Susan Cortner
June 11	Bob and Mary Bryan	Sheryl Roos and Bekah Cates
June 18	Kim Boyce and Adele White	Kim and Glynnis Boyce

Child Care News

Summer is here! I'm pleased to announce we are ready for it or as ready as you can be when dealing with 56 school age children and 29 preschool children. Those numbers mean we are full. I'm excited to have four college students joining my staff for the summer.

The center was closed for two days so the teachers could deep clean the rooms in preparation for our summer program. We also use those days to fulfill some of our continuing education requirements. Did you know that my entire staff is trained in first aid and CPR?

The playground has a new layer of mulch. Additionally this year the playground will be sprayed every three weeks with a barrier spray that eliminates and repels mosquitoes, fleas and ticks. The spray is not harmful to pets or children.

Now let's have some fun!!!

Sharon