The Messenger

Crievewood United Methodist Church July 27, 2016

Pastor's Pen

The Joy of Worship

Friends, we are a month into the Crievewood-Glendale yoking and I thought I would offer a status report. Three of the four members of the preaching team have had a chance to lead a service at Glendale; by August 14th all four will have rotated through. As for the other dimension of Glendale's mission and ministry, we are still very much on the learning curve; more about that later.

Here at Crievewood we have experienced the incredible blessing of fresh voices proclaiming God's good news. Our son Dane preached on July 10th and Caleb Dinger will be preaching this Sunday. How awesome it is to be part of the narrative of their faithful responses to God's call!

A while ago (long before the yoking was conceived) I accepted an invitation to be the Homecoming preacher at a church to which I was appointed when I was 24 (almost 25). I will be at Martin's Chapel UMC Sunday (yes, whiter hair) but back for the picnic. I will see you then!

Peter van Eys

Mission Report

A Letter from Caleb

Dear Crievewood Family,

On February 5th of this past year, I held a CD release event here at Crievewood in which I released a collection of songs I had written for our church. I sold these CD's for $5 each, and 100% of the proceeds went towards funding my mission trip to Quito, Ecuador with the Celebration Orchestra on July 7th - 16th. I didn't know anyone who was a part of this project, but I came back with many friends who love the Lord and are eager to serve. We were a group of 40 musicians from many different states, with some joining us from different countries. The majority of these folks had been on several of these trips. Some of them have been on at least 15 others before this one. Some are orchestra directors at their churches, some are music educators, some are freelance musicians, some are ministers of music, and others own instrument repair shops. Some members of the orchestra had been performing for over 60 years. Everyone had a special set of skills he or she brought to the team. I played the piano for the orchestra, but I soon found out, I was definitely not the only one who played the piano on our team. I had never seen so much talent in one group of people.

This orchestra opened my eyes to the many gifts God has given us, and how we should be best stewards of those gifts that we can be. The orchestra performed at various churches and public places in Ecuador. We performed everywhere from mega churches, to public parks, to tiny indigenous churches in which some members walked at least three miles on a dirt road just to go to church. At every concert, the Gospel was clearly presented, and an opportunity was given to receive Jesus as Lord. In addition, we held a music camp for young children at a school sponsored by the Christian Missionary and Alliance Church. This music camp was very similar to a Vacation Bible School. It included teaching the kids songs with many dance moves, making crafts, and teaching them Bible verses.

Meanwhile, we held a band camp for all ages called “musician to musician” at another location. Students who played various orchestral instruments came to this camp to sharpen their skills. Since there were several other people in the orchestra who played the piano, I taught several guitar students that week. Those who were a part of this band camp spoke little to no English. After teaching orchestral arrangements of two worship songs to four adolescent boys in Spanish, I feel like now I can teach anything! At the end of the week, we gathered all of the band camp students together (all the strings, the horns, and the rhythm section) and we played the songs we worked on in our groups throughout the week. It was a beautiful picture of the body of Christ, with many different instruments played by musicians of all ages coming together to form one orchestra.

Thank you all for your financial support through your donations and through purchasing the new “Gathered” project, and for your prayers. Thank you for investing in me and investing in eternity.

Blessings,
- Caleb

Up-Coming Events

Sunday Summer Potluck and Corn Hole Tournament

Join us on **July 31** at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for our 5th Sunday Summer Potluck. Bring any dish that feeds 10-12 (or two or more dishes if you feel so inclined).

We also invite you to be part of Crievewood's 1st Corn Hole Tournament. Sign-ups are for single players age 12 and up, and teams will be drawn from all participants who have **signed up by Thursday, July 28**. Sign-up sheet is available outside Steph's office.

For the younger kids, there will be some games and water play activities. Invite your friends and neighbors to come experience some Crievewood hospitality!

Blessing of the Backpacks and Promotion Sunday

Sunday, August 7, all children and youth are invited to bring their backpacks to church to receive a blessing for the up-coming school year.

Promotion Sunday and Bible Presentation

August 7 will be our Promotion and Bible Presentation Sunday. Parents, watch for an email outlining the details of this proud day in the lives of our Crievewood Kids.

In the Baptismal Covenant, a congregation promises to surround a person with love so that they might be established in their faith. In response to this baptismal promise, Crievewood has a tradition of presenting the gift of Scripture to every second grade child. All rising 2nd graders will receive a Bible in the traditional service on August 7.

Missions

AIM Fall Trip to Mountain TOP

The Outreach Committee has scheduled a CUMC adult fall mission trip to Mountain Top **September 29 to October 2**. If you would like to participate in this effort to meet the need of the residents of the Cumberland Mountains, please call Joe Buffler at 615-351-0601.

Backpack Snacks for Norman Binkley

The Searchers Class would like your help over the summer. They are collecting items to assemble in food packs for children with need at Norman Binkley Elementary School so that the food packs will be ready for the opening of fall semester. Please bring any donations to the Searchers' classroom.

TP Sunday

Crievewood TP Sundays occur on the first Sunday of every month. Please bring toilet paper, any size package, on **August 7**, the next TP Sunday. Toilet tissue packages may be left in the narthex. They will be transported to Community Care Fellowship where they will be used by the homeless community of Nashville.

Thank You Crievewood

Project Transformation

The cry went out for Who, What, Where, and When and you answered by volunteering 111 hours in listening to children read through the Project Transformation Summer Reading Program. Twenty-two Crievewood folks gave four days of mornings listening and encouraging 80 young people, helping to prevent them from falling behind in learning over the summer. Twenty-six more donated food for a baked potato bar supper and desserts for the 40 interns from all over the U. S. spending the summer in Nashville working for eight weeks with these children. Thank you for your love and concern for others.

Red Bird Mission

The Red Bird Mission is an outreach to the people in the mountain area of Eastern Kentucky and is sponsored by the United Methodist Church. It started in 1921 as a school and has grown to a campus with school, clinic, work camp for home improvements, fire department, senior center and more. It serves about 14,000 people a year. The UMW supports this mission.

You can help the UMW and the Red Bird Mission by saving UPC labels, box tops, and Coke Reward Points. The mission uses these labels and rewards to help purchase needed items. You can check this website, www.labelsforeducation.com, for qualifying products. Please place the labels in the container in the kitchenette upstairs in the Educational Wing.

Report from Annual Conference

2016 Tennessee Annual Conference
Will Ferrell – Lay Delegate
June 12-15, 2016

This year I had the honor and privilege of representing Crievewood, along with Tom Freck, at the 2016 Tennessee Annual Conference, which was held at Brentwood United Methodist Church June 12-15. As this was my first Annual Conference experience I'd like to share with you some of the things that stood out to me:

The theme of this year's conference was, "offering Jesus Christ to a hurting world, one neighborhood at a time." While we are all known to be actively doing this already, we are encouraged to use "Fresh Expressions" of our faith in ministry, in our own neighborhoods. Some examples that were given were to think beyond the obvious, increased mentoring, and that churches are not dying - - they are longer living so new strategies are needed. Crievewood is a very vibrant church with incredible outreach and many wonderful ministries. I attended a dinner and presentation on the Golden Cross Foundation that is a relatively new mission established 4 years ago to assist with the needs and interests of aging congregations and people with disabilities. It is a forward-thinking ministry that offers grants. I'll be happy to share more about this with anyone who is interested. Other missions that I found very interesting were Miriam's Promise here in Nashville, and a mentoring Bicycle Ministry in Tracy City.

Bishop McAlilly is very impressive on many levels. And I had no idea that the Methodist Church is so methodical! Business is conducted in a very orderly fashion and the Book of Discipline is referred to often.

There were happy and sad moments throughout the Conference. Happiest of all, Stephanie Dodge was ordained!

And I had another friend, Chris Cummings, that was commissioned! In all, I counted 12 pastors and future pastors that I know on a personal basis. (I must be keeping good company!)

On a sad note, members and clergy of the churches in the Conference that are closing this year were acknowledged. Three churches in the Nashville District (Inglewood, Tulip Street, and West Nashville) will close by the end of 2016. Some church buildings and congregations date back to the 1800's. These are especially sad to see go but most of the building are in need of major, major repair and their congregations cannot begin to afford it. I hope in the future that more thought will be given to preserving these historic landmarks. We can't go back and get that history once it's gone.

On a similar happy/sad note, retiring pastors were given the opportunity to speak. Their comments ranged from hilarious to very emotional.

As Peter mentioned, this Conference celebrated 60 Years of Women in the Methodist Ministry and 20 Years of Deacons in the Church. I had no idea there were so many different levels of clergy in the Methodist Church. I still don't know what a Deaconess is….

On a personal note, I had the opportunity to have my photo taken with Bishop McAlilly, and my photo made with the Nashville District Head of Laity Cliff Steger. I had the chance to meet the Interim Pastor at Glendale Marie King, and the Glendale IT person Steven Adair. Tom arranged for me to meet Brad Fiscus who did all the AV for the Conference and I got a tour of their set-up (which would only be exciting to a nerd like me). I was also very impressed with the hospitality of the staff of Brentwood United Methodist. They were so accommodating and went out of their way to assure me of a positive experience.

Thank you again for letting me represent you!
Will Ferrell

This report was presented to the Church during the Traditional Worship Service on July 3, 2016.

Activities

JOY Club

On **Thursday, July 28**, JOY Club will meet **in the evening**. Participants will gather at the church at 4:00 p.m. and travel to Gallatin for dinner at 5:00 p.m. at the Cherokee Steakhouse overlooking the Cumberland River. The group will return before dark.

On **Thursday, August 25**, the group will carpool to Ashland City for lunch at Riverview Restaurant and Marina. This restaurant is famous for its catfish entrée.

In September Joy Club will visit and have lunch with Dave and Patti McIntyre in Normandy, Tennessee. Transportation will be by van for this trip (only this trip). The cost is lunch plus $5 for the van. For proper planning a count is needed of those who wish to ride the van. Please notify Jean McCurdy by August 1 to reserve a seat.

Chancel Choir

After a July respite, the Chancel Choir will resume practice on Wednesday nights. The choir will rehearse on **August 3, at 6:30 p.m.** in the music room. Chancel Choir is always looking for new voices and welcomes anyone who would like to join the ensemble.

Summer Meet and Eat

Summer 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. The schedule for the next few weeks is below.

July 27	Cracker Barrel in Cool Springs	carpool; meet at the church at 4:00 p.m.
August 3	Applebee's at Nipper's Corner	meet at the restaurant at 4:30 p.m.
August 10	Red Lobster in Hickory Hollow	meet at the restaurant at 4:30 p.m.

Retreat Info

We have a fun group ready to travel to Beersheba Springs the weekend of **August 19-21** for Crievewood's annual Family Retreat. One room remains for Friday night, Saturday night, or both. Contact Leigh Ann Cate to make it yours! All retreat balances are due by July 31.

Children' s Corner

Bible Presentation

If you are the parent of a 2nd grader in the 2016-17 school year, please email Leigh Ann at leighanncate@crievewoodumc.org with the name to be engraved on your child's Bible.

Children's Choir

Mark your calendar! Children's Choir starts again on Wednesday, **August 31** at 6:15 p.m.

Child Care News

Fall Enrollment

We can hardly believe summer is ending, and a new school year begins. Do you know any Pre-K (4 year olds), 3rd grade, or 4th grade children needing care? We have 3 spots open in each of these classes. Please contact Sharon Ferrell for enrollment information.

Full-time Preschool Teaching Position

Spread the word!! We are looking for a new team member to serve as the full-time lead teacher in our 3 year-old class. The ideal candidate has preschool experience and/or a degree in Early Childhood Education. Hours are M-F 9:00am to 6:00pm. Please direct all inquiries and resumes to Sharon Ferrell at director@crievewoodumc.org.

Playground News

Watch for a new piece of play equipment and TWO new benches in our playground area! We are excited to be able to provide a safe play place for our child care children, as well as our church family.