

Pastor's Pen

A Good Day

Monday (September 26th) I was driving down Wallace Road/Edmondson Pike and I was stopped by two school buses for a total of three times. I was behind one that flashed red twice, and stopped by another headed in the opposite direction. In each instance I watched a seemingly endless string of children exit, thinking to myself that the bus could not possibly hold that many, especially on the second stop of the first bus. I easily spent twenty minutes waiting for traffic flow to resume; it was a good day.

Indeed, I would wish for each of you to have a similar experience. I know we are all typically in a hurry; that is kind of the point. To suspend for a few minutes my sense of rushing around was a helpful respite. Yet, more than that was the holy encounter of children being children. It was good for the soul to watch young kids run into the arms of waiting adults, it was fun to see children stop to study something in the grass that caught their attention, it was a smile producing thing to observe children stomp through puddles filled by the afternoon rain showers, and it was encouraging to note the immediate playfulness when feet hit the pavement. One kid stepped off the bus with a soccer ball that was quickly dribbled across the street.

And if that was not enough for my spiritual growth, I marveled at the global spectrum represented by the children. Not that Nashville has a large immigrant population, of that I am well aware, but the sublime witness of multi-cultural, multi-national, multi-racial, multi-faith children enjoying each other's company and the wonders of God's creation.

On October 16th our children will provide leadership in our worship services, and I trust you will be present to support them, to pray over them, and to be blessed by them. We are a congregation that can celebrate deep intergenerational relationships with profound thanksgiving for the holy privilege it is to love and nurture the children in our midst.

I realize how busy our lives are and, short of driving behind a school bus picking up or dropping off children, down time is hard to come by. Worship, once at the center of weekly rhythms is now something many must work into their lives. Yet I encourage you to do just that; make worship a priority. You can be sure that any day we Christians take time to worship, pause to truly delight in each other, slow down long enough to experience with awe God's creation, and pace open hearts to learn from children is a good day. A "Christians being Christians" sort of day, at least as God designed it.

Peter van Eys

Up-coming Events

Fall in the Hall/Blessing of the Animals

Crievewood will host Crieve Hall Neighborhood Association's *Fall in the Hall* on **October 8th**. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday and is a great opportunity to make new friends and to invite your neighbors to our church. Also, Crievewood will have a spot at *Fall in the Hall* for the Blessing of the Animals. Secure your pets, and bring them along too.



Children's Sunday

The Criewood Kids will assist in leading our traditional worship service on **October 16th**. All kids are welcome to participate. See Leigh Ann Cate for more information on Children's Sunday. KFC will also meet after the traditional service on October 16th for lunch at Las Palmas.

College and Young Adult Gathering

A group of young adults from Criewood and Glendale UMC is meeting at *The Well* on Granny White Pike (across from Lipscomb) at 7 p.m. on Thursday nights for a time of fellowship followed by a devotion. All young adults are welcome to come and join the conversation.

Blood Pressure Check

The second Sunday of every month BP readings are available after the traditional service in the New Journey classroom. The next BP check is this Sunday, **October 9th**. Please take a moment to check your health.

Missions

Community Care Fellowship Fundraiser

A fundraising dinner, called *Everyone Rises*, will be held at Woodmont Christian Church on Thursday, **November 10th** from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Mayor Barry will be the keynote speaker.

Your attendance and support of this fundraiser makes a tangible difference in the lives of our Nashville neighbors. It means more meals served, more hot showers and loads of laundry, but it also means more men, women, and children coming in contact with the hands and feet of Jesus.

To RSVP for the dinner or find out how you can become more involved with CCF, contact Rev. Bob Coleman at bob.coleman.muvu@icloud.com or 615-227-1953. Or you may also let Tom Lively or Peter know that you would like to attend.

Project Transportation

Criewood has received a thank you letter from Project Transformation for the gifts of money, time, and service that was invested in Project Transformation in 2016. Within the letter there is an invitation to our college students to consider working as a Project Transformation intern in 2017. If you are interested, apply online at www.projecttransformation.org. The priority deadline to apply is January 15, 2017.

Room in the Inn

Last winter CUMC participated in Room in The Inn for the first time, hosting six men in need once a week over a one-month period. We will be expanding our role this winter by hosting two Friday nights a month, December 16th and 30th, January 13th and 27th, and February 3rd and 17th.

Volunteers are needed to serve in the following ways: transporting guests to CUMC on Friday afternoon and dropping them off at the downtown campus the following morning; preparing and serving meals (dinner, breakfast, sack lunch for the following day); assisting with clean up on Saturday morning; and serving as overnight hosts (2 required, one must be male). An information meeting for interested volunteers will be held **October 30th** following the traditional service.

Activities

Wednesday Night Live

Wednesday Night Live begins with dinner at 5:30 p.m. For reservations, please contact the office at 615-832-2897 or turn in the reservation form found in the Sunday bulletins.

October 5 — Pork loin, potatoes, apples, side salad, and rolls
Serving on 10/5—Builders

October 12 — Baked potato bar, salad bar, and ice cream bar
Serving on 10/12—Youth and Parents

October 19 — Hamburger steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, green peas, and rolls
Serving on 10/19—Searchers

October 26 — Poppy seed chicken, rice, green beans, cranberries, and rolls
Serving on 10/26—Young Spirits

The cost for all weeks is \$8 per adult, \$5 per child 3-8 years old, free for ages 2 and under, and \$25 family max.

The children will meet for programs and choir practice at 6:15 p.m. The adults will meet at **6:15 p.m.** for a roundtable conversation on race and religion using the UMC curriculum *Vital Conversations*. In the month of October we will welcome Tony Peterson to lead us in these conversations. Mr. Peterson holds a BA from Willamette University and a MA from Scarritt Graduate School. He has served at the United Methodist Board of Discipleship and is currently the Instructional Support Specialist for the School of Graduate and Continuing Studies at Trevecca Nazarene University. All are encouraged to attend.

CUMC Music

The Chancel Choir's next practice is tonight at 7:10 p.m.; the second October rehearsal is on Wednesday, October 19. The Gathering band practices Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. The Children's Choir meets every Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

UMM

The next meeting of the United Methodist Men is on Saturday, **October 15**, which is one week later than normal. Breakfast is at 8:00 a.m. followed by a program led by Chris Cates in which he will discuss his travels to India. Please come and bring a friend.

JOY Club

On **October 27** the JOY Club will eat lunch at Cheddars in Cool Springs. The October activity and departing time will be announced later.

Home Communion

If you are unable to join the congregation at the communion table each month at worship service and would like to share in worship with us by receiving the communion elements at home, please call the church office at 615-832-2897.

Children's Corner

Nursery

	1st Shift	2nd Shift
October 9	Chris and Kelly Cates	Chris and Kelly Cates
October 16	Chuck and Betsy Bean	Chuck and Betsy Bean
October 23	Blake and Craig Leyers	Renee Hovis and Peggy Cates

Crievewood Child Care

The new playground equipment has arrived and is already a big hit with our church families as well as the child care children. Rob Stack tested one of the benches Sunday after church and Will Freck was the first to drive the bus.

Thanks to those who helped. Andy Freck and Dick Bickell took care of unwrapping the bus and benches. Chuck Bean and Jimmy Arnette removed the old bench for us. Now the fun can begin!!

Sharon Ferrell

Fall Festival



Saturday, October 29th

Festivities start at 4 p.m. with Snack Supper at 5 p.m.

Trunk or Treat at 6:15 p.m.

Toddlers to 6th grade bring a your treat bag and costume if you like.

Festivities include inflatables, treat walk, game booths and prizes,

Please bring canned goods to donate to 2nd Harvest Food Bank



A wonderful way to celebrate the fall season
and It's ALL FREE!

Please Invite Friends and Neighbors

Adults:

**Volunteer Sign Ups will be in the Narthex
on up-coming Sundays**

**Prize given for Best Decorated Car or Truck
at Trunk or Treat**

