

# Grace Notes

October 2017



## From the Pastor's Desk:

October is here and opportunities abound for fun, outreach, and worship! We have a full slate of things happening and lots of possibilities ahead so sharpen your pencils and mark your calendars!



On October 28th we will have our annual **BAZAAR** at First UMC. It's not too late to sign up to help! This event is a big boost for our outreach and other ministries of the church, not to mention that we serve the best grilled chicken you'll ever sink your teeth into. Sign-up sheets are in the hallway outside the fellowship hall.

October 29th is a fifth Sunday and with that comes special music! We have a wonderful slate of music that Sunday and we hope that everyone is blessed to come and lift your voices.

**Trunk or Treat** invites children from our community to meet the church and have fun decorating our cars and playing dress-up. If you can't participate by your

presence, Carol Huff would be happy to accept your donations of candy!

Finally, I want to share that this past Sunday's message was not intended to be a political one. It was a call to the church to help fix things in our world that need work. Many of the things that the government helps us with were once the mission of the church. Because the church is empowered by love, and commanded to go out, we are better equipped to meet the world.

Blessings,  
Pastor Scott

## Opportunities and Blessings:

**Wednesday Night Fellowship and Choir** (Trade) Warm up those vocal chords and get ready for some good food! We meet for choir around 6:30 and eat afterward. Come and be blessed!

**Giving Opportunities** Please remember our monthly mission offering on First Sunday which benefits the needs of our community.

Likewise, volunteers are always needed at the Saint Anthony's Bread and Medical Mission at the Roman Catholic Church.

The **Unique Boutique** is open Wednesdays from 10am until 2pm and the first Saturday of each month. Monies made benefit our mission and ministry within the surrounding community!

The **contemporary worship service** has been a success. We are averaging around

35 on Sunday nights. Tell your friends about this unique worship opportunity in our town. We can always use friendly faces to greet and engage folks as they arrive, servers in the kitchen, and worshippers in the seats.

**Youth!** We haven't forgotten you! We hope to start a new chapter of our youth program soon with one of our goals to be Resurrection in January.

**Resurrection** We hope to take our youth to Resurrection January 19-21st in Pigeon Forge. Resurrection is a revival-like event that brings the Gospel to youth around the Holston Conference. This year we plan to take 8-10 young people but we need your help. We will need transportation, and monies for rooms and food. If you can help, please designate your gifts and offerings to Resurrection in the memo of your check.

**The liturgical dance group** is off the ground and working to bring this unique worship element to the church. They meet on Wednesdays at 4:30pm.

**Vacation!!!** Pastor Scott and family will be away from October 7-16. We will be traveling to Florida to suck up some rays and renew ourselves. Please be in prayer for safe travels, and nice weather. During my absence, pastoral care calls can be referred to Rev. Warren Stewart at 727-0733. We will have a special message this Sunday (Oct 8) from Charles Hutchins from Holston Home for Children. Don't miss out. James Bowman will be speaking at the 6 pm services.

Do you know someone who could benefit from an **Al-anon** meeting? Anne Perry and Addie Bobbitt will be starting a couple of meetings beginning on Tuesdays in September. Al-anon is a program which supports family and friends of people with addictions.

FUMC - Please remember that we can receive your **offering electronically** if you

are out of church for any reason. We miss you when your aren't here and your generosity pays to keep the lights on and staff paid!

If you would like to add to the "Grace Notes" email or have corrections please make them in writing either written or email before the end of each month. a word shared in the hallway or during worship might get forgotten or misplaced!

### Stewardship

We are growing in numbers and generosity! Way to give Church!

Attendance for September - October 1

Date	<u>Combined Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Mission Offerings</u>
Sep 03	121	\$5629	\$2875
Sep 10	102	2133	39
Sep 17	115	2133	146
Sep 24	115	1838	31
Oct 01	121	4818	1622

### Serving Our Military

#### Trade UMC

Jonathan Adams  
Caleb Courtner  
Matthew Danner  
Amanda Dougherty  
Austin Pardue  
Zane Penley  
Colton Phillips  
Ian Prudhomme  
Scott Wallace

#### First UMC

Daniel Herman  
Alan Morgan  
Joshua Pace  
Timothy West Bellamy

