

Newsletter Articles Due Now If you are hosting a regularly scheduled class or meeting, hosting a church-wide event, or are planning a special occasion (that has been submitted to the church's **Council on Ministries**) and want it highlighted or publicized in the September church calendar and newsletter, the *Chimes*, please submit your article today or by noon tomorrow, August 29th. Each month thereafter, we ask that you submit your information by the 20th of each month so that you will be sure that it makes it in the following month's newsletter. Your article should be sent via email, if possible, to: churchsecretary@fmcuc.org and Dod@fmcuc.org by that date. The church's COO can also assist you in writing your article and promoting your ministry. Thank you for your assistance with this effort; we want to be sure to highlight and promote you and your ministry well!



Interested in singing? Our Sanctuary Choir practices each Wednesday Evening at 6:50pm. Come and join us!!



FMC BOOKCLUB will be reading The Personal Librarian, by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. This book is about J. P. Morgan's personal librarian, Belle Da Costa Greene, who was forced to hide her true identity. The next meeting will be on Thursday September 8th, at 1:30 P.M. in the Conference Room. Please read this book and join us.



FIRST METHODIST CHURCH ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAM - The ESL Ministry started in FMCUC in March, 2019. This ministry is a "literacy mission". The main goals are to teach English and show Jesus Christ's love. The ESL program normally follows the Union City School Schedule. This year, classes will start on **Tuesday, September 6, 2022**. We offer **morning classes from 9:00 to 11:00 A.M.**, and **evening classes from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.** If you feel that God is calling you to serve in this capacity, please contact Bro. Dan Tilly (dtilly@bellsouth.net) or Rev. Laura Ibarra-Hernandez (lybarra.hd@gmail.com). Opportunities that you can be involved in include: praying, greeting, providing snacks, teaching, sponsoring a book, writing birthday, get-well, or sympathy cards. Later, we will have a meeting for more details.



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE flowers for Sunday worship in honor or memory of someone, please contact Linda Simrell at 731-694-0676. Your tribute will be noted in the Sunday bulletin. You may call the florist of your choice, or, for a fee of \$50.00, the FMC Flower Team will purchase the flowers and do the arrangement. The Flower team will also "break down" the arrangement and deliver vases of your flowers to our homebound members, if you so desire.

**UNION CITY FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENTS – August 28, 2022 - (731) 885-3573**

Worship & Sunday School

You and your family are welcome and wanted this (& every) Sunday at the 10:50a.m. **Worship Service. And don't forget: **Sunday School Classes** begin promptly each Sunday at 9:45a.m. for you and your children!**

Acolyte Training & Lunch Sunday, September 11th, 12pm (noon)



The next **Acolyte Training** has been scheduled for Sunday, September 11th, immediately following the Worship Service. Children currently in 3rd grade & older (*AND teens, if they want to refresh their memory and/or help train the new Acolytes*) are invited to gather immediately following Worship on Sunday, September 11th, in the Fellowship Hall for lunch; the rehearsal will follow lunch. The entire lunch and training will be approximately 90 minutes long. Even if your child has already been an Acolyte, they need to be a part of this event for some extra rehearsing and reminders.

Email your first & last name, contact info, the name(s) or your child(ren) & to Robert Weatherall, the Director of Discipleship, at Dod@fmcuc.org by Wednesday, September 7th.

IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING THE CHURCH TEXT BLASTS, with important updates and reminders, text the word *CHURCH* to 888 798-9043. **YOU MUST DO THIS FROM THE CELL PHONE(S) YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THESE TEXT MESSAGES!!**

Check out our website!

Go on-line today at www.fmcuc.org You will find the latest info on who we are and what we do, as it is continually updated with new pictures and announcements.

Wednesday Evening Class Registrations

Our WNT Meal and classes for children, teens, and adults are continuing, and we want you to be a part of those opportunities-for the first time or all over again. Please call the church office to make your dinner reservations. You can be on our "permanent list" (calling only to cancel a particular Wednesday), or call each week you plan to attend.

One class that began August 17th is entitled *Yearning for the Heavenly Country: Sermons on the Spiritual Realm*, by John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. This 12 sessions-class, which is a collection of some of his writings on the practical Christian life, will be taught by Dan Tilly, Minister of Wesleyan Studies, and requires students to both register for the class and purchase a book with the same title. Each book costs \$20.00 and can be ordered via Brother Dan. Please call the church office (731-885-3573) and register today to become a member of this class and purchase that book or, if you need more information, call Brother Dan at: 731-445-5743.

1. "Come Worship the King"

That's been the call for centuries. Explore with us as we journey through the ages with hymns and their stories. We are studying Bible hymns and praises all the way to modern and contemporary songs. This is a fun place to be on Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. in the choir room. We finish by 6:30. Come join us! Barry and Norma Adams.

For August 31st at WNT...

2. Lessons from our Backpacks



Mr. Robert will bring his own backpack to class and pull out all the supplies we'll need for our games, songs, activities, lesson, and snacks using school supplies as our featured objects/supplies.

We invite all the kids to bring their own backpack (minus all their homework & dust bunnies, please!).

Children (ages 4 years thru 5th grade) are invited to join us for dinner each Wednesday at 5pm, followed with a Gym-

Time from 5:30-5:55pm, and then on to class on the second floor of the Education Building from 6-7pm. Activities are led by Mrs. Becky Burnett and Mr. Robert.

Then in September...

3. Top Ten

As kids are returning to school, sports, and extracurricular clubs and activities, they are finding that the world is often ruled by...rules. So it is with believers in Christ. We are also to live lives that are separate from the rest of the world. Your Children's Ministry can assist parents with this by teaching kids some of the FUNdamentals of the Christian faith. And for us, this Fall, we are starting in the Old Testament books of Exodus and Deuteronomy, learning and relearning the Ten Commandments and how we apply them to our lives today.

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Disciple: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

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THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

Adults, ages 18 and older, are invited to invest some time in an exciting, intensive Bible Study, entitled **Disciple: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study**, that also begins on Wednesday, September 7th.

Many members of this church fondly remember previously taking this challenging yet rewarding 34-week study of the Bible that gives a full overview of both the Old and New Testaments. **Disciple** draws upon the work of numerous scholars, the personal Scriptural reading and study of participants, and the dynamic group discussions to lend understanding of the Bible.

Taught by **Tommy Cates**, a business professor at the University of Tennessee, Martin, **Disciple** is a class that will change your life and lifestyle and will afford all participants a greater meaning and appreciation for God's Holy Word, giving equal time and attention to both the Old and New Testaments. Participants will need to purchase a Study Guide/Workbook for \$45; some scholarships for the manuals are available upon request.

To register for the class, please contact **Tommy Cates** (tomk8s@gmail.com) or **Robert Weatherall**, Director of Discipleship, at Dod@fmcuc.org.

If you have never been part of a Bible Study before or haven't been for some time, this is a great way and a great time to start. Register today!