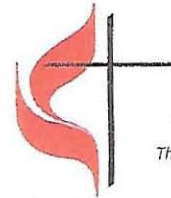


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From our Pastor:

For over 50 years, I have been a ministry professional. I began as a youth director in Birmingham, Alabama, in my middle year of undergraduate education. After one year of seminary, I was ordained in the North Alabama Conference and got my first appointment.

In all those years, it has been fairly common to encounter people who have had a lapse of faith. Less common is a total rejection of faith in God. Much more common is to find someone so wounded or disappointed that while they still believe in God, they fail to believe that it makes any difference.

Let me give you an example. In 1994, I began to get a consistent cough. It continued to intensify until I had difficulty speaking and singing. I barely made it through sermons; and while I was in a production of the community theatre, it was by far the hardest I was able to finish.

I went to my primary care physician who, in turn, sent me to specialists. I was prescribed different medications; and the basic result was that I was so groggy that I barely remember visiting people in the hospital. Finally, after the last performance of the community theatre, I was too sick to get out of bed and go to church that Sunday morning.

During all of that time, my faith in God did not decline; but, my faith in the goodness and power of God took a nosedive. I was as miserable as I could be.

It wasn't long afterward that vacation time came. Dee, Amy, and I went for a week at Seaside. As was always the case, we went to worship. This time, it was at a small pavilion near the beach. They distributed Cokesbury hymnals. As miserable as I felt, I opened the hymnal, determined to give it my feeble best. To my surprise, my voice returned; and I raised the song in praise.

Suddenly, I felt so foolish. I had not really lost my faith; but I had lost my patience. I still do not know what caused the loss of my voice; but I do know that as a result of the whole experience, I learned that God is there and may have a different timetable—and something to teach. Ultimately, instead of blaming God, I was able to thank God for finally coming to my rescue.

No matter what you have to face, remember that God is there to guide you through, as God did for me, even if you don't think God is.

Michael O'Bannon, Pastor

Administrative Council

Our Administrative council will meet
On **Oct. 16th** at 1pm.

Fellowship Supper

Oct 5th, 2022 at 6:30 pm please bring a
covered dish

Men's Breakfast

October 1st at 8:00 am will be our Men's
Breakfast..

Bucket Offering

Our October bucket offering taken on Sunday
Morning worship service will be donated to:
Good Shepherd Children Home
Murfreesboro

Food Bank

You may bring food donations for the local food
Bank on the 1st and 2nd Sundays of the month.
Place the donations on the pew in the narthex.
The food will be delivered to the food bank. The
suggested item for October is **peanut butter**. All
non-perishable foods are accepted and
appreciated.

Happy Birthday

Dee Rouse Oct. 10.



Happy Anniversary

Rob & Delann Dunbar Oct 5th



October Calendar

Sat. Oct. 1st....8:00 am Men's Breakfast

Sunday Oct. 2nd....8:45am Sunday School
9:30am Worship Service

**Wednesday Oct. 5th Fellowship Supper 6:30
pm**

Sunday Oct. 9th...8:45 am Sunday School
9:30am Worship Service

Sunday Oct. 16th....10:15 Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
1:00pm Adm. Council mtg

Sunday Oct. 23rd,,,,8:45 am Sunday School
9:30am Worship Service

Sunday Oct. 30th...8:45 am Sunday School
9:30am Worship Service
3:00pm Youth formation

class

**November 2022 newsletter info due to Dee
by**

**October 26th 615-574-9320 or
ddrouse10@gmail.com**

Resources Available

Resources for various kinds of help/support for
you or someone you know that might benefit
from counseling and/or spiritual support are
listed below.

Insight Counseling Center, Murfreesboro
615-383-2115 for in person or online/phone
counseling.

Upper Room Prayer Ministry **615-340-7200**

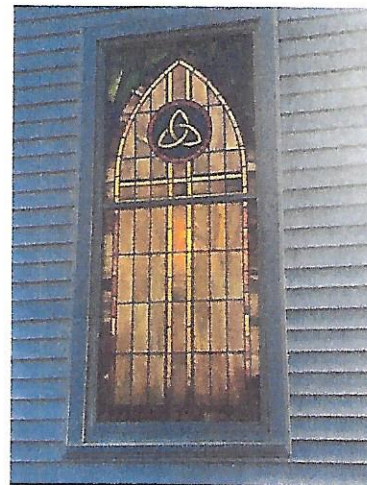
Talkspace.com Online/phone counseling

Methodist News Source

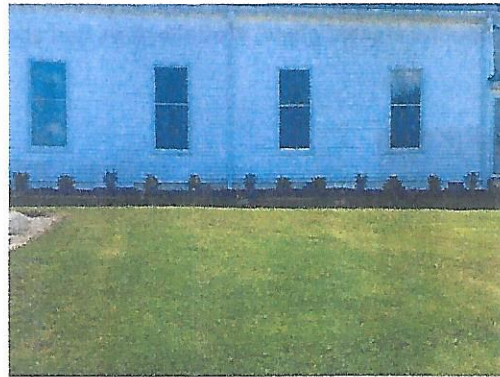
www.umnews.org

Stones River District Office
P O Box 12191
Murfreesboro, TN37129

Fun Friday evening with the Crusty Veteran band and fellowship! Look at Tanner and Jackie with some great dance moves!! Also love the glow from the beautiful stained glass! We believe we had about 100 people in attendance for the night!



We would like to thank David and Lynne Lee for all their hard work in planting the new shrubs in front of the church! It looks beautiful!!



Homecoming 2022, great fellowship and some wonderful food!!

