



THE CONNECTION

July 2021

Newsletter



A Note From Pastor Ronnie **Concerning Disasters**

Hurricane Michael was a rare category 5 major storm that has left an enduring impact on our area spanning years. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) was one of the first agencies to bring help to devastated families.

But even more recently, in March of this year, 32 counties in Kentucky were declared disaster areas because of extensive flooding. UMCOR was there.

Each year, UMCOR sends out thousands of flood buckets (filled with needed cleaning supplies) and hygiene kits to hurting people all over the world. And a large portion of those supplies comes from one warehouse in Baldwin, Louisiana. These thousands of kits that are freely shipped out around the world each year are lovingly prepared through the year by teams of volunteers.

In October of this year, we will send a team to that warehouse to do our part in stocking up and preparing supplies for a future disaster to which UMCOR will respond. There are also many other opportunities for ministry on this trip. The date is:

Worship Times

Sunday Mornings

Morning Glory at 8:30AM

Christ Chapel

The Well / Contemporary at 9:45AM

The Crossroads Center

Traditions at 11:00AM

Main Sanctuary

Office Hours

Mon - Thurs

9:00AM- 4:00PM

Staff Meetings

Mondays 9:30-11:30AM

Lunch

12:00-1:00PM

Office Closure

Monday, July 5

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Youth Ministry

Paul Adams

October 3-9.

This is a great mission trip, and I'd like you to consider joining us- especially if this would be your first mission trip, or if you have health conditions which might make an overseas trip more difficult.

I'm excited to be on this team this year. We had a team last year- but the trip was shut down because of COVID restrictions. As I write this, there are still a few slots left open for this year's trip. The trip lasts a week, and your total cost should be under \$500. Please call the church office as soon as possible if you are interested.

And while we are on disasters, our church staff and some volunteers are reviewing and updating our church disaster plan. We are now in hurricane season and we encourage you to do the same.

If you are new to our area, please take these storms seriously. A simple internet search will show you good ideas for hurricane preparedness.

Proverbs 27:12 The prudent person sees danger and hides himself, but the simple-minded go on and suffer for it.

-Pastor Ronnie

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CommUNITY Dinner Summer Luau

Menu:

Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans & Chips.

A donation box will be set out to help offset the cost of the meal.

Enter the dessert competition!

Any dessert of your choice...all desserts main ingredient must contain PINEAPPLE or COCONUT to enter.

Wear your favorite Hawaiian outfit (and flip flops)!

We need a headcount for dinner! Please notate your grace note, or email/call the church office with the number of family members attending.

Youth Group will meet at 6:00PM.

Kid's Street will begin at 6:00PM and will feature an ICE CREAM SUNDAE & MOVIE NIGHT!

Church Council begins at 6:30PM.

Our Fall Book Fair will also take place this night in the cafe area of The Crossroads Center. Come visit with the teachers, sign up for classes, and peruse & purchase books! For more info on classes and to sign up online please visit fumcrestview.com/adult-ministries.



Thank You From the Bottom Of My Heart!



"Thank you, Ronnie, and FUMC for the wonderful gift. I have a lot of plaques and awards like most pastors, but this one is special. I thank you for your thoughtfulness and kindness. As I said, FUMC will always hold a special place in my heart. I pray God's continued blessings to you and the church. I will be seeing you soon for worship."

-Tim Trent, former FUMC District Superintendent



Vacation Bible School Volunteers

VBS is scheduled for **July 12-July 16**, from 6:00-8:30PM. Donate and sign up to volunteer electronically by visiting fumcrestview.com or email Angela Long at kidsstreetcrestview@gmail.com.

Keep a look out for our Treasured Needs board that will list items needed. Please take a card or two and turn your donations in by the date listed on the card.



Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School We are a go for VBS and schedule for July 12 to July 16 from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM. More outdoor activity, more fun, snacks, water, and games as we learn about how TREASURED we are! Ages PreK 4 (space limited for PreK) to 5th grade. Vacation Bible School. Registration is open online at www.fumcrestview.com.



Thank you from Kids Street: A special thank you to those who have contributed to our vacation bible school as well as our Butter and Egg event in June. The children have expressed how much love they feel from this church and send their thanks as well.

Children's Nursery

The nursery on Kids Street remains open for all services. Nursery staff have Kids Street open by 8:15 on each Sunday.

Mark your calendar: Please join us on August 8th for our annual *Blessing of the Backpacks*.

Kids Street and WCCC students, as well as church family who are teachers: please bring your book bag, backpack or work bag to your worship service to be prayed over by our congregation. Please contact Angela Long at kidsstreetcrestview@gmail.com.

July Wednesday Night Schedule. SUMMER FUN:

July 4: 6:00 PM - No Kids Street - VBS PREP WEEK

July 14: 6:00 PM - No Kids Street - VBS WEEK

July 21: 6:00 PM - Outdoor Games Night

July 28: 6:00 PM - Community Dinner Night- ICE CREAM SUNDAE and Movie Night

August 4: 6:00 PM - Back to School Party - Water Fun

-Angela Long

Youth Ministry



School is out for the summer!!!

We look forward to lots of fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth during this season where we have more time to do things we enjoy! During the month of July, we will be having some special events that are listed as follows: on July 7th, we will be having another Game Night. On Game Nights, we focus on fellowship, games and pizza. All of the youth are encouraged to invite and/or bring outside friends to come join in on the fun!



From July 12th-16th we are asking our youth to volunteer (if they are able) to help out with Vacation Bible School preparation. This is an easy way for some of our youth to begin getting community service hours and to help our church with such an important event it prepares every year.

The Wednesday night following VBS, July 21st, we will not be meeting. This will be a "break" week during the summer that we will not meet, but we have no other break weeks planned until Thanksgiving. So, outside of inclement weather conditions or extreme emergencies, July 21st will be the only week that we will not meet until the Fall.

July 28th we will begin our studies in the Book of Genesis. Since September of 2021, our youth have gone through Philippians, Job, Mark, Esther, Romans, Daniel, and now soon to be Genesis (all during our Wednesday night meets!) The Word of God is essential in our Christian walk and relationship with Christ and it will always be the center of what we do and study at FUMC youth.

Next, we have a big event planned for July 31st. For starters, this is a Youth Soup Kitchen day. We are asking all of our youth to come volunteer at the Soup Kitchen. This is from 9:30am-12, but afterwards we are headed over to the Goode's home for a Youth Pool Party! This is NOT an event that you want to miss out on!! Please RSVP for details about the Pool Party on July 31st.

Lastly, we have plans this fall to have a "5th quarter" event. This is a time where our youth and friends come to the church after a Crestview football game and spend the night in the youth room. We do not have an exact time or date set yet but that will be announced in weeks to come.

I know this was a long letter but we have a LOT going on this month and we wanted to be sure to give you an update on everything. If you have any questions or concerns about any of the events listed above, please contact me at fumcrestviewyouth@gmail.com. Thank you,

-In Christ, Paul Adams

Adult Discipleship

Wednesday Night Small Groups continue to break for the summer but are busy planning for our Fall session. We have at least 4 classes already scheduled to join our **Fall Book Fair**. A sneak peak at our classes..... The New Testament in Its World: Led by Susan Hill, Now that Faith has Come: Led by Elaine Mantle, What is the Bible: Led by Pastor Ronnie Bearden. We will also have a class led by Jim and Aimee Keller and are excited that the REFIT class will continue in the Fall!!!



- Sign up will begin during VBS week on **July 14th** to help our VBS visitors be able to see the small group opportunities.
- Meet your group leaders and sign up on **July 28th** (Community Dinner/Church Council Meeting Night)
- Fall Session begins on **August 18, 2021**.

Please visit our church website for updates to this information.

ReFit Class will continue to meet and welcome new members during the summer for their Monday and Friday morning groups at 8:45 and Wednesdays at 6:00 PM.

Volunteers Needed for 2021 Vacation Bible School: July 12 to July 18, 2021 from 6:00 to 8:30 each night. Please contact Angela Long at the church office to volunteer or to make a donation. You can also donate and sign up to volunteer electronically by visiting fumcrestview.com Keep your eyes out for our

Treasured Needs board that will list items needed to help out with VBS. Please take a card or two and turn your donations in by the date listed on the card. Thank you everyone for your support of our Children's Ministry.

Upper Room books for July/August are out and ready for you to pick up a copy.

-Angela Long

Bereavement Committee

This committee lives out their faith by serving to organize and help families in times of death. If you feel led by God to volunteer with Betty please see her directly or contact the office and we'll make sure to pass your info on to her.



"I as Bereavement Coordinator, want to extend a special thank you for all the wonderful people who was there to help for the luncheon for the family of Liane Garrett.

First of all to the staff, Amy, Cathrin, Angie, Angela, and Chris, you have been there to help me in so many ways as I am in the learning process of the much needed position. And Pastor Ronnie thank you for all the encouragement.

Liane was very active in the Women's Service group, and all you ladies rose to help, I want to extend a special than you to the following ladies. Judith Brinkley, Pam Coffield, Julie Field, Peggy Harkness, Pam Hight, Susan Hill, Eileen Kurtz, Glenda Mcmasters, Maryrose Scott, Faye Juett. If you were there to assist in any way "thank you ", if I left anyone out please let me know. And all the ladies in the Womens Service group, thank you for all the concern and know you all do a very special work for our Church and community."

1 John 4:19

Love and Blessings to all

-Betty Stewart, Bereavement Coordinator

UMCOR / United Methodist Committee on Relief

October 3 – 8 is the week our team is scheduled to go to Baldwin, La. to work at the Sager Brown UMCOR facility. As of right now we have several slots open to meet our obligation of 12 members. This is a short, fun and rewarding mission. One that touches the lives of people across our nation and world.

Sager Brown is the main depot for making, receiving, storing and distributing disaster response kits such as cleaning buckets, hygiene kits and school kits for those in need because of a crisis such as floods, fires, tornados, etc. Because of the campus closure this past year, the need is great right now to replenish these kits, and teams to do the work. This is the perfect time to answer that whisper you may have been getting to go on a mission. For more information, contact Pam Hight, team leader, at 850 758-8201 or pjhight51@gmail.com.



-Pam Hight

First Church Women's Service Group

Hello from the Women's Service Group! As you know, our dear friend and group president Sharon Wykle is in the process of moving from the area. At the May meeting, I was elected as the new president and boy do I have some big shoes to fill! The group is taking a break over the Summer and will have our next meeting on **Friday September 3** (although, there is a little sidebar event on August 6). Stay tuned for meeting updates as we get closer to September.



On a sorrowful note, we recently lost another dear friend and group treasurer Liane Garrett to a brief illness, but we know she was called home to heaven and has seen the face of Jesus, so hallelujah for that! We will miss you both, Sharon and Liane.

The success of the Women's Service Group over the years is made possible by the incredible team of ladies we have, all who have a passion for helping various community groups aimed at improving the lives of women and children. It is a joy to work alongside this fabulous collection of women, and all ladies are welcome to join the group. I am excited to see what the Women's Service Group gets involved in for the remainder of 2021 and going into 2022!

1 Peter 4:10 - "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

-In His Name, Eileen Kurtz / Women's Service Group President

Soup Kitchen News

Never a dull moment in the Soup Kitchen! Each Saturday's team works hard to provide a warm meal, breads and sweets to the community, as we continue packaging our meals as a grab-n-go service. With the warm Summer weather here, there just might be some burgers and hot dogs on the grill soon! Yum!



A thankful shout out to Robert Gates for frequently supplying the soup kitchen with bottled water, soda and juices, and a special thank you to Linda Biondi for recently tackling some "tidying up needs" we had on our shelves and cabinets (okay, I helped a little bit too). Items that we haven't used since becoming a take-out service have been stored in the dungeon for future use. Our previous source for donating leftover breads and sweets no longer needs these items, so we are now taking them to Saving Grace Women's Home in Baker, in addition to occasionally providing meals and goodies to Crestview Manor.

Thank you, FUMC family, for your dedicated support of the Soup Kitchen ministry! If you'd like to help out, please talk with me or call the church office, or join us any Saturday morning around 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Matthew 25:35 - "I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

-In His Name, Eileen Kurtz / Soup Kitchen Coordinator

Yarn Ministry

"We look for wool and linen, And work with our hands in delight."

Proverbs 31:13

Projects are headed out the door from our recent Yarn Blessing! They have been prayed over as they have left our hands and our hope is that anyone who receives an item will feel the comfort and warmth of God our Father.

Now is the time if you've been meaning to learn a new craft or skill- you are welcome to join in and do just that. We have plenty of supplies in 'Yarnia' and we are always ready to share them with a big side of encouragement!

This month's meetings will be held **Tuesdays, July 13, 27** at 6:00PM in Rm 213.

-Cathrin Owens

"May the kindness of the Lord our God be upon us; And confirm for us the work of our hands; Yes, confirm the work of our hands." Psalm 90:17



Chris's Corner

WOW time is flying by.

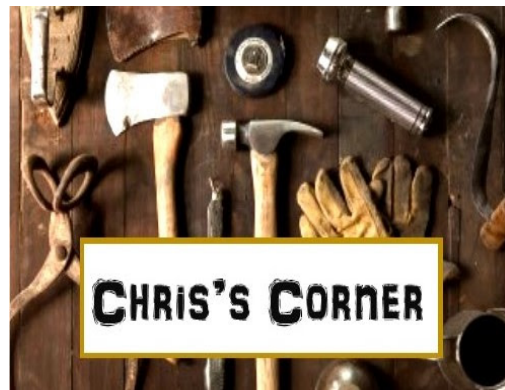
It seems like only yesterday I got started here at our beautiful church, Since then I've been busy, busy, busy!!! I would like to thank the church staff for helping me in my day to day task and the many pop-up jobs that happen seemingly every day, without you all it would be next to impossible to keep up with.

I also would like to send a special thank you to Stan Long, Jim Hight for all the help around the church campus with cutting grass, trimming trees and shrubs. Thank you!

Last but not least a thank you to my brother Jody Woodward for ramrodding and helping with our conversion from the really hot and inefficient halogen lights that were acting like a hot plate on the ceilings of the youth and the Wesleyan hall areas of the cross roads center to a much more energy efficient LED bulb which operates on about a tenth of the energy and is much cooler. This should save our Church much money and make it more comfortable as well.

Look for new doors in the Christ Chapel soon and many other upgrades to our beautiful church campus.

-Your friend in Christ , Chris Woodward



Crestview Prayer Network

Prayer Network meets July 7 at David's Catfish 12:00PM.

Next Prayer In Parking Lot will be Monday, July 19 at NOMC

Hospital parking lot 6:00PM.

- Kathleen Woodward



July Greeters, Ushers, Liturgists

Morning Glory / Christ Chapel 8:30AM

Greeters

July 4- Debbie Watson

July 11- Alesha & Robert Dabbs

July 18- Melanie & Gary Zick

July 25- Mike & Betsy Roy

Ushers

Steven Piner and Skipper Kemp

Contemporary / The Crossroads Center 9:45AM

Greeters & Ushers: Aimee Keller & Dan Taylor

Liturgists: Nell Sutherland- July 4, 18 (First & Third Sundays), Dan Taylor- July 11, 25 (Second & Fourth Sundays)

Traditions / Main Sanctuary 11:00AM

Greeters:

July 4 – F: Gary Johnson & Dax Reeves B. Darrell Smith

July 11- F. Tom & Edie Giovanini B. Darrell Smith

July 18- F. Judy Beard & Linda Bondi B. Darrell Smith

July 25- F. Dee Stager & Margaret Larson B. Darrell Smith

Ushers:

Ushers: Front / July 4: Dax Reeves, July 11: Carli Owens, July 18: Mike Steen, July 25: Mark Young

Ushers: Back - Darrell Smith

Liturgists:

Paul Adams, Mike Steen, Lee Thigpen

Important Dates In July

July 4- Happy Birthday America! All armed services are invited to wear their uniforms to worship service.

July 5- Church office is closed

July 7- Crestview Prayer Network 12:00PM at David's Catfish House, Worship Committee 5:30PM in Rm 212, No Kid's Street activities.

July 11- Trustees 3:00PM FH, Finance 5:00PM Rm 212

July 12 through 16- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!!

July 13- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM Rm 213

July 14- Fall Book Fair begins in the CRC

July 18- Children's Committee 12:15PM on Kid's St

July 19- August Newsletter deadline, Crvw Prayer Network's 'Prayer In Parking Lot' at NOMC Hospital parking lot 6:00PM

July 21- No Youth activities

July 25- Long Range Planning 5:30PM Youth Rm, August newsletter out

July 27- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM Rm 213

July 28- Community Dinner / Summer Luau

**FH- Fellowship Hall, Conf Rm- Conference Room, CRC- The Crossroads Center, Youth Rm- Youth Room*

Please see <http://fumcrestview.com/calendar-1> for any updates or changes

Looking Ahead to August

Aug 8- Blessing of the Backpacks in all services, Youth Committee 12:15PM Conf Rm, Missions 5:00PM Rm 212

Aug 9- United Methodist Men 6:00PM FH

Aug 10- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM RM 213

Aug 15- One Blood in CRC parking lot from 9:00AM-1:00PM

Aug 22- Mission Fair in CRC

Aug 24- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM RM 213

Aug 31- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM Panera's

*FH- Fellowship Hall, Conf Rm- Conference Room, CRC- The Crossroads Center, Youth Rm- Youth Room

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Prayer for the Fourth of July

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

Psalms 33:12

Eternal God, stir Thou our minds and stimulate our hearts with a high sense of patriotism
as we approach the Fourth of July.

May all that this day symbolizes renew our faith in freedom, our devotion to democracy,
and redouble our efforts to keep a government of the people, by the people,
and for the people truly alive in our world.

Grant that we may highly resolve on this great day to dedicate ourselves anew
to the task of ushering in an era when good will shall live in the hearts of a free people,
justice shall be the light to guide their feet, and peace shall be the goal of humankind:
to the glory of Thy holy name and the good of our Nation and of all mankind.

Amen.

Congressional prayer offered by Chaplain, Reverend Edward G. Latch on Wednesday, July 3, 1974.

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