THE CIRCUIT RIDER

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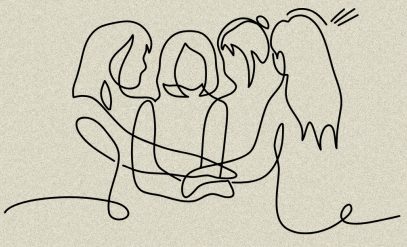
WOMEN'S RETREAT

With Special Guest

JORDAN (KNIPP) HUNTER

9:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Wednesday, October 14

Brain Injury Adventure Camp
1001 Shooting Star Ct, Robards, KY 42452



Lunch Served $5 Registration
Contact Annette Garrison or
ChurchOffice@HendersonFirstUMC.org

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
presents

A HALLOWEEN CONCERT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 6 PM

Director of Music, Maria Cusick, and Dr. Diane Earle
will perform works by Bach, Dupré, Hakim, Guaraldi & more!

Costumes are encouraged but not required!

THOUGHTS FROM

Pastor Janet

Spiritual Growth Through Study

What do we study when seeking Spiritual Growth in our life? Again, I share with you some "notes" from an Emmaus Walk weekend from an outline and talk entitled "Grow Through Study." What creates within us excitement and joy in learning more about our walk with Christ? We must take time and make time to study. "Study can be one of the most energizing, liberating, and deepening of human activities" (*The Upper Room Handbook On Emmaus*, page 53). Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary defines study as "an application of the mental faculties to the acquisition of knowledge." Interestingly, Webster's also defines study as "a state of contemplation." Perhaps we view study as an "adventure" or maybe even a "doorway to discovery." However, in our study we begin to understand as we see more deeply into reality. We grow through study. In Romans 12:12, the Apostle Paul said we are transformed through the renewal of our minds. We renew our minds by applying them to those things that are most worthy (Philippians 4:8).

Study is a constant part of our life. We study to discover new and better ways to run our households. We study what we think will help us discover ways to live fuller, more effective lives. However, how much time do we spend studying the Christian way? Study is known as a spiritual discipline — and it continues to produce growth within our lives. Again, how do you study? What do you study? What is effective for you to grow in your walk with Christ?

I quickly think of those ways we discover "excuses" for not studying. Sometimes we may say (or hear), "I just don't have time." As this resource shares, "The truth is that we find time for what is most important to us" (*The Upper Room Handbook On Emmaus*, page 56). Think about it. Maybe we just don't know what to study. If that is so, take time to visit our Church Library for resources. Perhaps visit a local Christian bookstore for help. Check out online purchasing of various resources that interest you (Amazon and/or a Christian bookstore).

Have you heard this excuse: "I don't like to read." Perhaps you can find accountability groups to guide your direction and discover where your passion surfaces. Or maybe you have heard this excuse: "I don't understand parts of the Bible." Well, join the club! That is why we study God's Word. There are additional and excellent resources to help aid your study; numerous commentaries, Bible dictionaries, and curriculum offer ample assistance in your learning process. Find a place you can relax and study. There are those who have expressed the love to journal. Keep a journal, jotting down notes or quotes that strike home and responding with your own thoughts. The bottom line is this: if we want to grow in our walk with Christ and be effective, we must study. And we must be intentional if we are to grow with grace in the image of God and mind of Christ. Again, how do you study? What do you study? What is effective for you to grow in your walk with Christ? Make study a priority!

Love in Christ,

Pastor Janet

Henderson First United Methodist Church Welcomes KY Conference West District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Wade Arp, to the Pulpit

Sunday, October 25

Rev. Dr. Arp will deliver the sermon during both worship services at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.





Throughout the month of October, the First UMC Mission Team will be collecting used eyeglasses for overseas distribution. Please bring your donations to the basket in the Gathering Area.



"She Loves to Eat Out"

Thursday, October 8
Red Lobster
4605 Bellemeade Ave, Evansville, IN

Meet at First UMC at 12:15 PM to Ride the Church Van or Carpool

Please RSVP by Monday, October 5

Susan Latham (270-826-1191)
or Joyce Lutz (270-577-5300)



The Following Contributions Have Been Received

In Memory of Jim Vincent

Michael & Annette Garrison
Charlie & Becky Heck
Frank & Lisa Tulipana
Betsy Chapman
Tony & Missy Fanok
Ben & Meg Burnley
George & Kris Jones
Tom & Marlene Williams
Galloway Electric
Jane Shipley

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Millie Tate
4 Michelle Jolly
7 Bob Hayes
8 Meg Burnley
9 Kris Beickman
Elizabeth Shannon
10 Luann Cohron
Dale Sights
13 Joyce Book
Jerry Gentry
Dennis Moran
15 Evie Glover
16 Vonnie Draper
David Park
17 Alan Hedgespeth
Martha Newman
Kristy Perkins
Dick Wham
19 Susan Pardue
Kobie Rolley
Jane Utley
21 Joyce Herrington
22 Chuck Armstrong
Lidia Luke
23 Suzette Jennings
24 Jim Hunt
John Logan IV
27 Julie Beickman
Terry Jackson
28 Jenna Engesath
Morganne Grounds
30 Tobi Audas

First United Methodist Church
Financial Report to the Congregation
8 Months through August 31, 2026

Income $499,204 **Expense** $457,590

Committee/Team	Expense	Annual Budget
Staff-Parish Relations	$207,431	$402,359
Church Operations/ Admininstration	90,143	117,000
Church Repairs/ Maintenance	23,168	44,000
Children, Youth, Young Adults	8,062	29,200
Spiritual Formation	1,623	2,800
Fellowship/ Congregational Care	334	2,000
Worship & Evangelism	13,663	15,000
Local & Conference Missions	62,616	102,610
Designated Offerings Processed	50,757	

Worship Service Volunteers

October 4, 10:00 AM Service
Announcements: Brenda Sasse
Call to Worship: Becky Summers
Offertory: Ray Nix
Scripture: Ann Crafton
Communion Stewards: Donna Stinnett, Ray Nix, Frank & Lisa Tulipana, Jim & Ann Crafton

October 11, 8:30 am Service
Announcements: Donna Stinnett
Offertory: Ray Nix
Scripture: Chuck Stinnett

October 11, 10:45 am Service
Announcements: Lisa Tulipana
Call to Worship: Tim Lutz
Scripture: Frank Tulipana

October 18, 8:30 am Service
Announcements: Donna Stinnett
Affirmation of Faith: Mike Duffy
Offertory: Ray Nix
Scripture: Becky Summers

October 18, 10:45 am Service
Announcements: Susan Latham
Call to Worship: Jane Shipley
Affirmation of Faith: Cathe Hedgespeth
Scripture: Rev. Leslie McKown

October 25, 8:30 am Service
Announcements: Donna Stinnett
Affirmation of Faith: Mike Grounds
Offertory: Ray Nix
Scripture: Carla Garrison

October 25, 10:45 am Service
Announcements: Cathy Motter
Call to Worship: Pam Moran
Scripture: Rev. David Latham

Sign Up to Provide

Altar Flowers

Contact the Church Office
or
Scan Code to Complete the Online Form



Worship With Us!

First Sunday of Each Month at 10:00 AM
All Other Sundays at 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM

(Nursery Care is available for children up to age 4.)

Church Staff

Rev. Janet Carden, *Pastor*
Rev. EJ Simmons, *Associate Pastor*
Maria Cusick, *Director of Music, Organist*
Mary Fuller, *Financial Secretary*
Beth Hayes, *Administrative & Executive Assistant*
Doug Sasse, *Custodian*

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
(The office may close each day for a 30-minute lunch break.)
Friday: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Articles for The Circuit Rider

All articles for the November issue should be submitted to the church office by Monday, October 26.

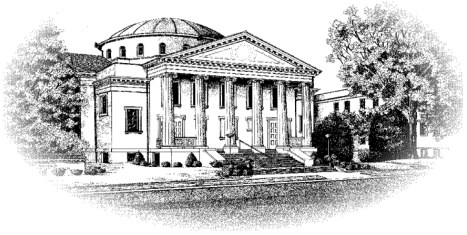
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