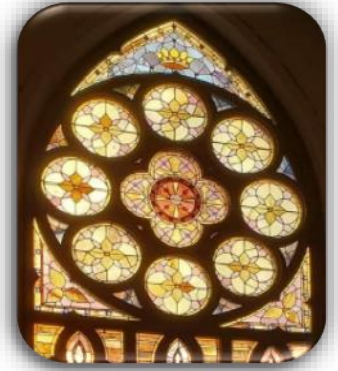


# The Link: Connected in Christ

## August 2023



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## Our Mission: “Bring People to Christ”

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Jesus said, “You didn’t choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit.” - John 15:16 (CEB)

Every Monday morning our church staff begins our weekly meeting with scripture, prayer, and devotional thought, often written by a United Methodist person living almost anywhere in the world.

A while back, a woman from Pennsylvania wrote about struggling with an opportunity to go on a mission work trip. She was anxious about many things ---- the environment of a large urban setting, and her own insecurity about being able to contribute anything to the work of the group. With the encouragement of others, she finally decided to go. But she was still uncertain and afraid.

One day during the week, something happened to change her heart and mind --- and her whole experience! In her own words:

“One day, while we were working at a food pantry, a man showed up with a food truck to be loaded for a delivery route. He handed me the keys, gave me the list of things he needed in the truck, and

### Church Service Times

**Saturday Chapel  
Worship 5:00 PM,  
in-person worship**

**Sunday Sanctuary  
Worship 9:30 AM,  
in-person worship.**

**Sunday Children’s  
Church 10 AM**

**Live Worship  
Streamed Online  
Sunday 9:30 AM  
Facebook, YouTube  
and KNIA**

**Radio Worship  
Worship with us via  
the radio at 1320 AM,  
95.3 FM or 94.3 FM at  
9:30 AM. on Sundays.**

said he would be back in an hour. Nervously, I chose my team, and we set to work. When the man returned, his truck was loaded with everything he needed. Later, one of my youth leaders told me

that the man had said that thanks to our help, he was able to deliver food to more people than usual. I felt so proud that I overcame my fear of New York City and was able to lead a team to get stuff done.

That trip was the best experience of my life. I learned that I could make a difference, despite being the least likely person for the job. When I trusted God enough to step out of my comfort zone, I realized that God had chosen me for the task and was with me every step of the way.”

Friends, this woman’s experience is no different than most Christians’. When we follow Jesus, we will inevitably be brought to opportunities and experiences that we’ve never done before, and that may even seem daunting. But, if will step out in faith and engage them, participate in them, alone or with others, we’ll find that God has called us to that ministry, and is with us every step of the way. Again, remember the prophetic words of Bishop Gregory Palmer: “For those people who will make themselves even reasonably available to God, the Holy Spirit will do amazing things in them, and through them!”

As our fall church programming approaches, August is a good month to ask yourself this important question: Where is God encouraging you to go? To volunteer to help with the youth group or teach Children’s Church? To serve on a committee? To invite a neighbor or friend or co-worker to join you and others in a mid-week time of fellowship and discussion of The Story - -- a walk-through of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation? To volunteer for a shift at the Outdoor Life Center Concession Window and give a cup of cold water to someone who is thirsty from playing Pickleball? To walk as an adult mentor with a Confirmation student on their faith journey? To find new life as part of a Women’s Circle Group or Sunday morning Bible Study. To band together with your brothers in Christ and begin a Men’s Ministry Group? Where is God encouraging you to go today?

Friends, as the mission trip participant from Pennsylvania prayed, so do we:

Dear God, help us to step beyond our routines to do your will so that we can shine your light to the world. Amen.

Peace, Pastor Jamie



United  
Women  
in Faith

## **UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH MEETING**

Next Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, United Women of Faith are having an executive meeting at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

## BRIAN FENOGLIO FAMILY AT KNOXVILLE LIBRARY

Brian Fenoglio, his wife Dorina, and their daughter, Ami, will be in Iowa, August 2-29 and they will be presenting a program at the Knoxville Public Library on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. They will be sharing their story on the changes in their life after Putin invaded Ukraine. They welcome all to come and hear their story.



## 2023 NATIONALS PANCAKES



The Nationals pancake breakfast with the Methodist Church & Rotary Club working together is scheduled for **Wed-Saturday morning on August 9-12**. Helpers sign-up sheets are on the table in the Narthex. Workers should park behind the Armory. Go to the north side of the parking lot and through the gate to park at the back door. Don't leave a car past 1 pm as the gate will be locked soon after we finish clean up. Kay Jensen 842-5325 (h) or 641-891-7387 (c)

## PETER, PAUL, & PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Please join us for the First Annual Peter, Paul, and Pickleball Hosted by Knoxville First United Methodist Church. Doubles Tournament. Non-Sanctioned.

**Location:** 123 4th Street, (Courts at the corner of South 4th St and Robinson St)

**Friday:** August 25, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. ---- Welcome Reception and Doubles Partner Drawing. (Complimentary hot dogs and Pepsi at the concession window!)

**Saturday:** August 26 --- 8:00 a.m. --- 12:00 noon (end time approximate) ---- Tournament play, double elimination.

**Please note:** There are three outdoor courts and three indoor courts. Court location will also be drawn for.

**Cost:** \$20.00 per person. This gets you into Tournament and a T-Shirt

Tournament limited to first 24 players to sign up.

**Here's how!** Stop by the church at 313 E Montgomery St, Monday – Friday (9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.) or email [dgreiner@kfumc.com](mailto:dgreiner@kfumc.com)

This is going to be so much fun!!!



**VOLUNTEERS:** Also, we are looking for volunteers to assist at the concession stand, both Friday and Saturday. Please let Deb know if you are interested. You will have a front row seat for all the action!

## FELLOWSHIP UNITING NEIGHBORS

Do you know what this group does?

We show God's love in practical ways....

Like:

- Providing backpacks and school supplies to our community
- We assist with Rally Sunday
- We have a Harvest Dinner every October as free will donation and funds are given to MSPS and a second group to be decided
- We hand out Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets for families in our community
- We host a Free Christmas Dinner for the community every year



On July 31<sup>st</sup> the FUN group and KFUMC participated in the BACK TO SCHOOL BASH at the high school. We had several great helpers to make this happen and we want to Thank everyone who gave their time and talents to make this a success!

We gave out backpacks and school supplies to 76 Knoxville students of all ages. In addition, we received requests for another 50 backpacks and supplies for kids that were not pre-registered. We are overjoyed that we are able to provide this valuable service to so many youth/families in our community.

The annual Harvest Dinner is set for Saturday, Oct.14th. We depend so much on our church for their help and food support to make it so successful. The profits are split with MSPS and another project deserving to be decided. If you have any suggestions, please let the staff know!

Great News! We would like to thank the Pella Rolscreen Foundation for the grant to the church of \$2,500 to help with our food basket project. We are planning on providing Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets for families in need in the community. If you know of a family that could use a basket, please contact the office so we can add them to our list!

We invite anyone interested in this outreach ministry to come join us at our next meeting, Watch for dates on the church web site calendar at [www.kfumc.com](http://www.kfumc.com).

## **CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY HAPPENINGS**

The end of summer is just around the corner. I can't hardly believe it and am not sure where the last couple of months have gone. We have had a very successful and fun summer here at FUMC with our day camps, VBS, Story Time, and Youth Gatherings. Our fall schedule will be posted in the first half of August. I am excited to kick off Children's Church, Youth Group, and Pathfinders again! If you are interested in volunteering for any of these activities, please let me know. We can always use great volunteers to help with our CYF programs! If you have any questions, please contact me at [lpetersen@kfumc.com](mailto:lpetersen@kfumc.com).



### **Mark Your Calendars**

#### *Story Time*

Join us once a month for the reading of a Christian children's story accompanied by a fun activity. This event is not supervised, please provide supervision for your children.

- August 15th, 10-11am at Auld Park, East Shelter

#### *Living Way Youth Meetings - Summer Youth Group*

- August 27th, Bonfire

Watch your emails for RSVP dates and details on our summer Youth Group gatherings.

### **Volunteers Needed**

We need volunteers for our upcoming school year programs including Children's Church, Youth Group, and seasonal events such as Rally Day, Children's Christmas Program and more. If you are interested in volunteering for these events, please reach out to me as soon as possible. Our wonderful Children's and Youth programs are not possible without our great volunteers.

### **Thank You**

Thank You to everyone who helped with our July Day Camp. We had a wonderful turnout with 41 kids who enjoyed learning about the story of creation through crafts, games, and science experiments!

Thank you to all of our VBS volunteers. We could not have done it without you!

## **NEWS FROM MONTGOMERY STREET PRESCHOOL (MSPS):**

The school year is rapidly approaching! MSPS will soon be abuzz with laughter and energy as our preschool students begin classes. We have just a few openings remaining in our 2 year old and 3 year old programs, so if you know of someone that may be interested in preschool reach out to Katie soon.



# **Montgomery Street Preschool**

**Enrollment for the  
2023/2024 school year is  
open**

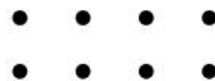
**Limited space available for 2  
year olds, 3 year olds, and  
PreK for 4 and 5 year olds**

**Enroll today!**

**Email: [mspschool@hotmail.com](mailto:mspschool@hotmail.com)**

**Phone: 641-842-2193**

**Website: [www.kfumc.com](http://www.kfumc.com)**



We are always blessed by our church family donating items to keep the preschool going. The donation list for this year is listed below. We love and appreciate the support that the church gives both the staff and students of Montgomery Street Preschool. Donation items may be turned into the church office or dropped off in the tote on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor by the preschool doors.



**Montgomery Street Preschool  
Donation List for the  
2023/2024 School Year:**

- 5 oz dixie cups
- 100% Juice bottles
- Clorox/Lysol wipes
- Markers
- (washable 8 or 10 count, fine tip & normal)
- Thin paper plates both large and small
- Paper towels
- All purpose cleaner
- Napkins
- Liquid Hand Soap Refills
- Nilla Wafers or Graham crackers
- Goldfish/Cheezit crackers
- Fruit Loops, Apple Jacks, Cocoa Puffs
- Canned fruit or applesauce

**Jesus said “Let the little children come to me  
and do not forbid them...” Matthew 19:14**



We will be welcoming some new faces to MSPS this fall. Please help welcome Carey Liston and Chelsea Kingery to the staff at MSPS! They will be joining myself and Marsha McCullough as teachers this fall. Please introduce yourselves as you see them in the building. May God bless the rest of your summer!



## COUNTING ON YOU

*Jesus left the area, and many people followed him. He healed all the sick among them, but he warned them not to say who he was. This fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah concerning Jesus—"Look at my Servant, whom I have chosen. He is my Beloved, and I am very pleased with him. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. He will not fight or shout; (Jesus) will not raise his voice in public. He will not crush those who are weak, or quench the smallest hope, until he brings full justice with his final victory. And his name will be the hope of all of the world."*

--Matthew 12:15-21

It is pretty amazing that the prophet Isaiah was given this insight about Jesus three thousand plus years ago. We have been blessed, even in the generations after Jesus lived among us, with people who have accomplished great things for God despite overwhelming odds. The great majority of us remain ordinary people, struggling to make it through many challenging situations, and we'll probably not get recorded as accomplishing great things. We do our best to remain faithful to God's Word, and live the life Jesus taught us. We worship together, we participate in supporting our back pack program, support the Almost Free Shop and other missions. Jesus encourages us to carry on. He quotes the prophet Isaiah, "He will not crush those who are weak, or quench the smallest hope, until he brings full justice with his final victory." Jesus cares just as much about you and me as he does the people we read about in the Bible carrying out extraordinary things. We are all, great or ordinary folks, dependent upon God's grace. Remember the good news that the Son of God died for your sins, and when you accept that into your heart, you are totally forgiven. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound. God is counting on you. See you in church! --Pastor Brent Hanna



REMINDER: The most current version of the church calendar can be found at [www.kfumc.com/calendar](http://www.kfumc.com/calendar) as updates are made throughout the months.

## August 2023



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