

The VINE

The newsletter of Soddy United Methodist Church



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YOU LOOK GOOD TO BE 165!

This year marks the 165th anniversary of Soddy United Methodist Church! The year 1860 saw the births of a number of people who'd go on to leave their mark on the world for good and bad: Lizzie Borden, Anton Chekhov, Annie Oakley, and William Keith Kellogg (who revolutionized breakfast for everyone) to name just a few.

The Pony Express made its first run from Missouri to California. Abraham Lincoln defeated John C. Breckinridge, Stephen A. Douglas, and John Bell to be inaugurated as the nation's 16th President. South Carolina became the first state to secede from the United States. In Russia, the city of Vladivostok was founded. Willie Park, Sr. won the first Open Championship, which will become known as the British Open in later years. Charles Dickens published the first installment of *Great Expectations*. And in Soddy, Tennessee, a handful of Christians met with Miss Holland, a female missionary, and Soddy Methodist Church was born.

Since then, our church has been part of the Soddy Daisy community. We've baptized new members and buried beloved friends. We've witnessed marriages and participated in worship. We've worked to serve others in large and small ways. We've gone on mission trips, attended Resurrection, constructed the Friendship Hall, proclaimed the gospel of Jesus Christ,

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From Pastor Todd, continued

received the sacraments, and navigated difficult times together. In short, Soddy United Methodist Church has been faithful with everything that's been passed along from one generation to the next.

Did you know that from 1860 to 1913, a total of 33 circuit riders served Soddy Methodist Church (along with Daisy, Red Bank, Fairmount, and Burks)? Our first full-time pastor was J. B. McKenna from 1913-1917. Twenty-nine pastors have been appointed here since then. The current sanctuary was built in 1902 by local Presbyterians, and was purchased by Soddy Methodist Church in 1914. No church in Soddy Daisy has been based on the same site as long as ours. The Friendship Hall was funded and built by the congregation during Bob Gilbert's time as pastor (1988-1992). Our stained glass windows were installed in the early 1950s.



J.B. McKenna

As the recipients of all these treasures, and as disciples who continue to seek to fulfill the mission of Jesus Christ, we're proud of our church and what it represents. We stand on the shoulders of those who've gone before us. God's blessings have been and continue to be abundant.

A special Celebration Service is being planned for our 165th anniversary. It will be held on Sunday, May 4. Deborah Wallace-Padgett, resident bishop of the Holston Conference, will be with us that day, along with our district superintendent, Mickey Rainwater. Following the 11:00 a.m. worship service there will be a catered lunch in the fellowship hall. You're encouraged to highlight this date on your calendars so you don't miss this special celebration.



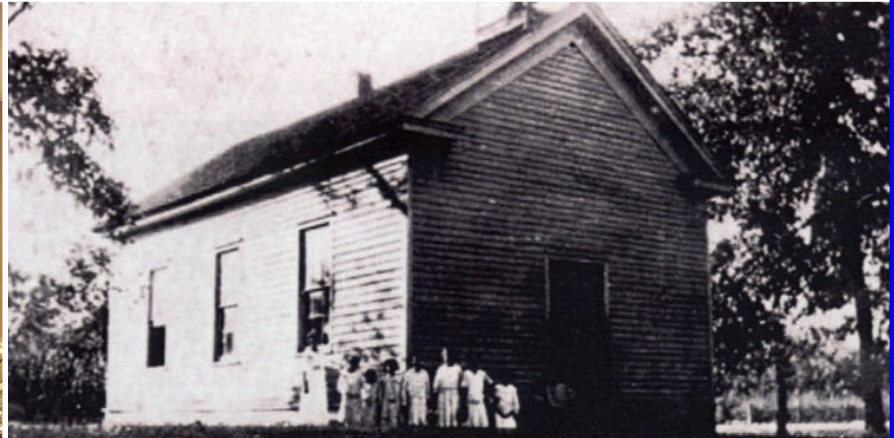
**Bishop Deborah
Wallace-
Padgett**



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The old church near Squire Card's home before 1914



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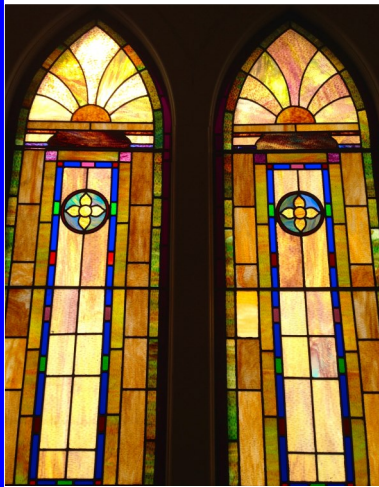
Women's Mission Society, 1900s



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ASH WEDNESDAY

March 5 6:30 p.m.

SERMON SERIES: OBJECT LESSONS IN LENT "The Dust"



Daylight Savings Time begins

Don't forget
to set your clocks ahead
one hour
on Sunday, March 9th



Carla Anderson is compiling a history of the names and families on our stained glass windows. She will have small booklets available for you to record any information you may have on them. The final project will be available for our 165th anniversary celebration on May 4.

"It was one of those March days when
the sun shines hot and the wind blows
cold: when it is summer in the light,
and winter in the shade."

~Charles Dickens, *Great Expectations*



Upcoming birthdays!

March

- 8 Mitch Weber
- 15 Emily Stulce Buttrey
- 17 Art McDonald
- 26 Joseph Hendrix
- 27 Martha Bramlett
- 28 Tom Lynch



April

- 1 Judy Teague
- 2 Robert Wood
Kevin Jones
- 4 April Mikeal Messer
Felicia Kingrea
- 10 Jean Wortham
- 11 Sarah Williams
- 14 Carlos Wilson
- 17 Hannah Lynch
- 21 Asher Turner
- 25 Frank Mulkey
- 26 Carla Anderson
Fay Daughtrey
- 28 Suzanne Parrott
Heidi Knipp

Upcoming wedding anniversaries!

March



April

- 18 Steve & Jean Wortham

Scholarships to Camp Lookout are once again available to children and grandchildren of Soddy UMC members.

To see program offerings and dates, go to www.camplookout.com. Once you make your decision, contact Marylu McDonald at 423-596-9236 or email usaapple@epbfi.com to obtain the scholarship code.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 19 2:00 P.M.

We're in need of the following donations:

- COOKIES / SNACKS for the reception
- INDIVIDUALLY-WRAPPED CANDY (chocolate and non-chocolate)

Please leave donations in the fellowship hall.

Contact Kathryn Mullins if you can help or if you have questions.

**Our potluck dinner will be held on Wednesday,
March 12, at 5:30 PM.**

**Following will be a video presentation of the choir's performance
at Carnegie Hall last year. The church provides meat and drinks.
Bring your favorite dish or dessert and join us!**

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 17

6:30 p.m.

SERMON SERIES: OBJECT LESSONS IN LENT
"The Bread And Cup"



Sunday, March 2nd

"A Challenge For Lent"

Tuesday, March 4th

Marthas & Marys Bible study (10:00 AM)

Wednesday, March 5th

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 6:30 PM
SERMON SERIES: OBJECT LESSONS IN LENT
"The Dust"

Thursday, March 6th

Choir practice (6:30 PM)

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS



Sunday, March 9th

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
SERMON SERIES: OBJECT LESSONS IN LENT
"The Tree"

Tuesday, March 11th

Marthas & Marys Bible study (10:00 AM)

Wednesday, March 12th

Worship Team meeting (2:00 PM)

Potluck dinner (5:30 PM)

Thursday, March 13th

Choir practice (6:30 PM)

Sunday, March 16th

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
SERMON SERIES: OBJECT LESSONS IN LENT
"The Law"

Monday, March 17th

St. Patrick's Day



Tuesday, March 18th

Marthas & Marys Bible study (10:00 AM)

United Women in Faith (12:00 PM)

Thursday, March 20th

Choir practice (6:30 PM)

Sunday, March 23rd

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
SERMON SERIES: OBJECT LESSONS IN LENT
"The Coin"

Tuesday, March 25th

Marthas & Marys Bible study (10:00 AM)

Thursday, March 27th

Choir practice (6:30 PM)

Sunday, March 30th

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
SERMON SERIES: OBJECT LESSONS IN LENT
"The Chairs"



April



Tuesday, April 1st

Marthas & Marys Bible study (10:00 AM)

Thursday, April 3rd

Choir practice (6:30 PM)

Sunday, April 6th

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
SERMON SERIES: OBJECT LESSONS IN LENT
"The Temple"

Tuesday, April 8th

Marthas & Marys Bible study (10:00 AM)

Thursday, April 10th

Choir practice (6:30 PM)

Sunday, April 13th



PALM SUNDAY
SERMON SERIES: OBJECT LESSONS IN LENT
"The Donkey"

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD meeting
(5:00 PM)

Tuesday, March 15th

Marthas & Marys Bible study (10:00 AM)
United Women in Faith (12:00 PM)

Thursday, March 17th



MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:30 PM
SERMON SERIES: OBJECT LESSONS IN LENT
"The Bread And Cup"

Saturday, April 19th

Easter Egg Hunt (2:00 PM)



Sunday, April 20th



Easter Sunday
SERMON SERIES: OBJECT LESSONS IN LENT
"The Tomb"

Tuesday, April 22nd

Marthas & Marys Bible study (10:00 AM)

Thursday, April 24th

Choir practice (6:30 PM)

Sunday, April 27th

Hymn Sing

Tuesday, April 29th

Marthas & Marys Bible study (10:00 AM)