

The VINE

The newsletter of Soddy United Methodist Church



Thanks, tidbits, news and information

As some of you know, our family went through a bit of a crisis near the end of January. I want to take a moment and publicly express our appreciation to the congregation for your prayers, support, encouragement and love. By God's grace, the situation has been resolved in a positive manner and things have gotten back to normal. As so many others have said, this is a wonderful congregation and we're proud to be here among you. Thank you again!

~ Pastor Todd



We're thinking about having a friendly cooking competition for the **March pot luck** night. It's been suggested that we have a chili-cook off. I need to know who would like to enter the contest!

People will vote for their favorite and there just MIGHT be a little surprise for the winner!! Let me know if you would like to cook up a pot of rib-sticking, belly-bloating goodness! Contact me at 423-595-4628, or email tnwebers@epbfi.com.

~ Suzie Weber

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From Pastor Todd, continued



Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on **Saturday, April 11, at 2:00 PM**. Kathryn Mullins will be unavailable for the event this year as she will be traveling back from Spring Break with her family. If you can assist in any way, please contact Kathryn by phone or text at (423) 847-5746, or by email at kathryndmullins@gmail.com. Also: please see page 5 for a list of donations that we need! Thank you!!



The North Hamilton Missions Network of the Scenic South District is hosting a Rise Against Hunger event on Saturday, March 14, from 9:30—11:30 AM in the gym at Hixson UMC.

Rise Against Hunger is a global organization dedicated to the eradication of hunger (riseagainsthunger.org). At this event, volunteers will put together pre-packaged meals that will be sent to Central and South America. Meals are used as a tool to change lives by promoting education, improving students' health and nutrition, addressing gender inequalities, stimulating economic growth, and fighting child labor.

This event is open to everyone of all ages. If you're interested in participating, you're encouraged to sign up online (so the organizers have an idea of how many people to expect). If you can't sign up ahead of time, feel free to just show up! They will put you to work!

Online registration can be found at

<http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/NorthHamiltonMissionsNetwork>

The North Hamilton Missions Network is made up of Brooks UMC, Burks UMC, Daisy/Sale Creek UMCs, Grace/Fairview UMCs, Hixson UMC, Hurst UMC, Red Bank UMC, Signal Crest UMC, Soddy UMC, St. Luke UMC, St Marks UMC, and White Oak UMC.

From Pastor Todd, continued

This year for Easter the choir will not be presenting a traditional cantata. Instead, they will be doing a number of special songs throughout the course of the worship service. Mark your calendars because you don't want to miss the most important day on the Christian calendar!



**Due to Easter Sunday being the second Sunday in April,
the Administrative Board meeting has been moved to Sunday,
April 19 at 5:00 PM.**



In addition to the shampoo and toilet paper that we collect each month for the Food Bank, we've also been asked to donate feminine hygiene products, as this is an ongoing need for many of the clients. *Thank you!*



From the Chairman of the Finance Committee:

Thanks to the stewardship from the congregation, SUMC finished 2019 with a budget surplus. The Finance Committee will continue to work with the Administrative Council to pursue the goals of the Church. —Alan Gram

March Birthdays

8 Mitch Weber
9 Ken Nunley
15 Emily Stulce
17 Art McDonald
26 Joseph Hendrix
27 Martha Bramlett
28 Tom Lynch

March Anniversaries

18 Steve & Jean Wortham
22 Ken & Mary Ann Scoggins

April Birthdays

1 Judy Teague	18 Jean Johnson
2 Robert Wood	20 Jim Adams
Kevin Jones	25 Frank Mulkey
4 April Mikeal Messer	26 Carla Anderson
Felicia Kingrea	Fay Daughtrey
10 Jean Wortham	28 Suzanne Parrott
14 Carlos Wilson	
17 Hannah Lynch	

“There is no more lovely,
friendly and charming
relationship, communion or
company than a good marriage.”

~Martin Luther

“As you get older,
three things happen:
The first is your
memory goes, and I
can't remember the
other two.”

~Norman Wisdom



Our grandson, Makai, wrote a poem I would like to share with our congregation. I may be just a little prejudiced, but for a then 10-year old boy, I thought it was pretty good! (Suzie Weber)

When I was walking through the forest

by Makai Weber

(December 2019, Grade 5, Age 10)

**When I was walking through the forest,
The leaves beneath my feet crunch like CEREAL in my mouth.**

**When I was walking through the forest,
I stood on pride rock as if I were a KING.**

**When I was walking through the forest,
I stepped on stones as if they were beetles beneath my feet.**

**When I was walking through the forest,
I gulped water as if the water was running off Niagara Falls.**

When I was walking through the forest...



Community Easter Egg Hunt

Leave your donations in the fellowship hall

Saturday, April 11th 2:00 PM

We are in need of the following donations:

- **COOKIES** for the reception
- **INDIVIDUALLY-WRAPPED CANDY** (chocolate and non-chocolate)
- **NEW PLASTIC EGGS** (to replace some of the old ones)

Contact Kathryn Mullins if you have any questions.

Haiku poetry by the Tween class

Three lines: 5, 7, 5 syllables

Title: I am made in God's image

Brody

We do anything
For the Creator, O Lord
In Christ's Holy name

I am God's image
I am gentle with Bennett
I am very kind

I reflect my Lord
In God's name I help people
I give food to the poor

Makai

Our Lord made it all
The land, the trees, and all things
And gave it to us

He created us
We worship God in God's name
For we are thankful

Brynlie

I am thankful for
Bennett and my family
And for staying safe

Made in God's image
By helping Mom with Bennett
And at home with chores

Paige

He created me
To be gentle, patient, love
Have kindness, love all

Preston

He created me
To be gentle and be kind
I am God's image



Sunday, March 1st

LENTEN SERMON SERIES : BY HIS WOUNDS

"Wounded By Betrayal"

Tuesday, March 3rd

Marthas & Marys Bible study; Girl Scouts;

144 HOURS Bible study

Wednesday, March 4th

Fellowship dinner; choir practice; youth

Sunday, March 8th

LENTEN SERMON SERIES : BY HIS WOUNDS

"Wounded By Rejection"

Tuesday, March 10th

Marthas & Marys Bible study; Girl Scouts;

144 HOURS Bible study

Wednesday, March 11th

Fellowship dinner; choir practice; youth

Saturday, March 14th



RISE AGAINST HUNGER mission event

Sunday, March 15th

LENTEN SERMON SERIES : BY HIS WOUNDS

"Wounded By Grief"

Tuesday, March 17th

Marthas & Marys Bible study; Girl Scouts;

144 HOURS Bible study

Wednesday, March 18th

Fellowship dinner; choir practice; youth

Thursday, March 19th

United Methodist Women

Sunday, March 22nd

LENTEN SERMON SERIES : BY HIS WOUNDS

"Wounded By Others"

Tuesday, March 24th

Marthas & Marys Bible study; Girl Scouts;

144 HOURS Bible study

Wednesday, March 25th

Fellowship dinner; choir practice; youth

Sunday, March 22nd

LENTEN SERMON SERIES : BY HIS WOUNDS

"Wounded By Ourselves"



Wednesday, April 1st

Fellowship dinner; choir practice; youth

Sunday, April 5th



PALM SUNDAY

LENTEN SERMON SERIES: BY HIS WOUNDS

"Wounded By Violence"

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Tuesday, April 7th

Marthas & Marys Bible study; Girl Scouts;

144 HOURS Bible study

Wednesday, April 8th

Fellowship dinner; choir practice; youth

Thursday, April 9th

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Saturday, April 11th

easter egg hunt



Sunday, April 12th



Easter Sunday

Tuesday, April 14th

Marthas & Marys Bible study; Girl Scouts

Wednesday, April 15th

Fellowship dinner; choir practice; youth

Thursday, March 16th

United Methodist Women

Sunday, April 19th

"Preaching Everyone Can Agree With"

Administrative Board meeting

Tuesday, April 21st

Marthas & Marys Bible study; Girl Scouts

Wednesday, April 22nd

Fellowship dinner; youth

Sunday, April 26th

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

APRIL 23rd - 30th

PASTOR TODD WILL BE ATTENDING A CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENT

Tuesday, April 28th

Marthas & Marys Bible study; Girl Scouts

Wednesday, April 29th

Fellowship dinner; youth