

**Dear Boomerang Express Volunteers,**

We cannot even begin to express our gratitude for all the hard work from all of you who made our Boomerang Express Vacation Bible School such a huge success. This being both mine and Leslie's first year to lead VBS, we were both a little nervous.

Everyone truly came together, from both campuses, and helped create a VBS that made a huge impact on the lives of over 100 children. We had around 90 volunteers, from those who did work in preparation for an exciting week, to the crew leaders and the room leaders. Thank you to all for your investment in the spiritual journeys of these children and for making an investment in eternity.



I also want to thank Barry Prince for all of her hard work and dedication to VBS. Without Barry, Leslie and I would have been clueless. This year's VBS proved to me that it truly does take us all coming together, working as a team in order for us to make the best impact possible. I am so proud to be a part of First UMC Lexington. Thank you for making this year's VBS so special. And always remember . . .

**It All Comes Back to Jesus!**

Blessings in Christ,  
 Lisa Michelle Wilson  
 Andover Children & Families Ministry Director



**Cookin' up a Cookbook**

The United Methodist Women of First Church are looking for a few good cooks – in fact, they are looking for a congregation of good cooks to share their *best of the best* recipes to be published in a cookbook, which is planned to be ready to sell in November. So don't delay! Send your recipes TODAY to [cindykennedy76@aol.com](mailto:cindykennedy76@aol.com).

NOTE: A special section is planned for diabetics, so keep that in mind as you submit your recipes.

**UMW Officers, downtown**  
 Cindy Kennedy, President  
 Judy Mathis, Secretary  
 Nancy Stengel, Treasurer

We invite all women to join this historic, mission-driven organization

**Update and information from our Staff Parish Relations Team...**

We have determined the need to return to supporting our children's ministry with a full-time Director of Children and Family Ministries versus part-time. Therefore, we are beginning a new search for a full-time director and will keep you updated.

Craig Olive, Chair

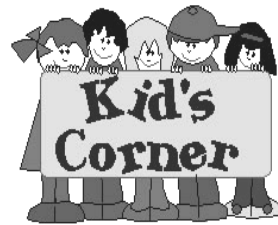
**Wedding Planning**

Non-members have requested the following 2010 Wedding dates:

**June 26, 2010**  
**July 10, 2010**

If you are a member and want to request either of the above dates for your wedding, please call Norma in the church office, 233-0545, as soon as possible.

Dear God,  
 I went to this wedding and they kissed right in church.  
 Is that ok?  
 Neil



Taken from Children's Letters to God by Hample and Marshall



**Sunday, June 28**  
 11:00 a.m., Worship Service, Sanctuary

**Sunday, July 5**  
 11:00 a.m., Worship Service, Sanctuary



**Sunday, June 28**  
 8:30 & 11:00 a.m., Worship Service, Sanctuary  
 11:00 a.m., Offerings Worship Service

**Sunday, July 5**  
 8:30 & 11:00 a.m., Worship Service, Sanctuary  
 11:00 a.m., Offerings Worship Service

**Two Locations. One Firm Foundation.**

**First United Methodist Church**  
**200 West High Street**  
**Lexington, KY 40507**

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On Saturday, July 18, our church will celebrate our second **Compassion Weekend!** Last spring, we sent more than 300 volunteers into our community, working at nearly every local missions partner of the church. We hope to send out at least as many this year.

**Compassion Weekend** is a great opportunity for you to have a first experience with many of our local partners and for our congregation to have a significant one-day impact across the city. Please mark your calendars and plan to participate on July 18. Sign-ups will be available at both church campuses and online beginning June 28.

*Compassion Weekend this year will conclude with a **Celebration Cookout at our Andover campus.*** United Methodist Men and Women will sponsor a cookout and dessert celebration beginning at 6:00 p.m. on July 18. Plan to come, see and hear about all that people did across the city in the name of Christ. Dinner cost is donation only.

**Compassion Weekend Volunteer Information:**

- ◆ We will serve at 12 different local partners in mission.
- ◆ Service opportunities vary in start and end times, so those who can commit to only a few hours will have an opportunity to serve.
- ◆ Service opportunities include seated, indoor projects and physical labor outdoors to accommodate all preferences and needs.
- ◆ Sign up beginning June 28 - in the Gathering Hall downtown, at the Compassion Weekend table at Andover, or online.



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## PAUL'S PERSPECTIVE...

by Rev. J. Paul Brunstetter, Senior Pastor

Our church will host the African American Episcopal (AME) Church Annual Conference for its opening and closing sessions on Wednesday evening, August 19, and Saturday morning, August 22. Some 400 - 500 pastors and lay persons will meet in our sanctuary. What excites me most is they have invited our church, as a celebration of our history and common roots, to participate in the services with them. Our choir will join their conference choir and our leaders will partner with theirs as we will give witness to the unity we know in Jesus Christ. What a great testimony this will make to our community.

The AME Church was organized by Richard Allen in 1816. The denomination is Methodist in terms of its basic doctrine and order of worship, and, to this day, does not differ in any major way from what all Methodists believe. The split from the main branch of the Methodist Church was not a result of doctrinal differences but rather the result of a time period that was marked by man's intolerance of his fellow man based on the color of his skin.

The AME church began mainly in the northeast and Midwest; however, Kentucky was one of the few states below the Mason Dixon line that had an AME congregation before the Civil War. In fact, it was members of our congregation who started St. Paul AME church (South Upper Street) in

1820. Our congregation, then called Hill Street United Methodist, was anti-slavery and helped this group (yes, members in our church) start their own church. One might suspect this was a negative split, but there seems to be some evidence that indicates this was a positive move with our congregation's support in a difficult era in our nation's history.

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### Did you know...

This summer, First Church will serve as host to more than 200 persons in mission as they travel through Lexington on their way to various service projects. These persons are part of youth groups, mission teams and other organizations—many who have lodged with us multiple times—and recognize First Church as always ready to "offer a cup of cold water in Jesus' name" and prepare a place of hospitality to extend Christ's love to others.

### Make A Difference...

## M.A.D. Thursdays

Andover Campus, Thursdays through July, 6 - 8 p.m.

Food on the grill, games, fellowship, study--fun for the whole neighborhood!

Contact Lisa Michelle Wilson, [lisa@1stumc.org](mailto:lisa@1stumc.org) for more info.



### ANNUAL DAY Saturday, September 12 9:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

2050 Lexington Road  
Versailles, Kentucky 40383

#### Items Needed for the Silent and Live Auctions:

- Quality antique furniture, lamps, art, paintings, prints, sculptures
- New & used items in excellent condition such as bicycles, televisions, furniture
- Collections and collector's items such as game balls, baseball cards
- Handmade quilts and afghans
- Gift certificates to restaurants
- Themed baskets filled with bath items, coffee, tea, pasta dinners, etc.
- Handcrafted items such as wooden shelves, wreaths, Christmas decorations

#### Hot Selling Items

- Golf Packages for 9 or 18 holes
- 30-Minute Massages
- Cruises, weekend Getaways
- Pair of tickets to any Kentucky game
- Manicures or Pedicures
- Hair cuts

#### Visit us on the Web!

Most of our ministry and mission information is now on our web site at [www.1stumc.org](http://www.1stumc.org).



Make us your "home page" so the First Church web site opens each time you log on to the Internet!

### Invite Team needs Hospitality Volunteers!

Help us welcome our visitors. If you are interested in being a greeter, welcome host, or door step volunteer please contact Leah Boggs at [gamblinatty@hotmail.com](mailto:gamblinatty@hotmail.com) or 502-545-4719.

### Salvation Army seeking donations of clothing

The Salvation Army Thrift Store at 228 E. New Circle Road is in need of clothing for men, women and children. Direct any questions to Kimberly May, [kmay1966@insightbb.com](mailto:kmay1966@insightbb.com).

### GROW "UP" IN SUNDAY SCHOOL! Connect to God—and to each other!

#### Adult Sunday School Classes

Bart Peak Class.....Slaton Chapel  
BLT.....room 2  
Contemporary Issues.....323 S. Upper Cornerstone.....room 107  
Fellowship of Believers. ....room 110  
Forum.....room 13  
Grand Sweep.....Old Parsonage  
Murphy's Bible Study.....Old Parsonage  
Open Door/Prospects Unlimited...W Chapel  
Prospects Unlimited. ....West Chapel  
Rays of Light. ....room 11  
Seekers .....room 1  
Young Adults/College.....Old Parsonage  
Friendship. ....Andover  
Sentinels. ....Andover  
Unplugged .....Andover

For more information about Sunday School classes, visit [www.1stumc.org](http://www.1stumc.org) and click on Sunday School

### ATTENTION-- All Parents with children or any interested person!

The Health Cabinet is offering a class on First Aid, Sunday, July 19, downtown, at 12:30 p.m., following the 11 a.m. worship service.

We know that summer is a time of frequent accidents and thought it would be helpful if parents were equipped and ready for common happenings.



We will offer this IF there is interest in providing the class. PLEASE respond by calling Kathy Sullivan at 277-2444 or leave a message with the church office, 233-0545. The deadline is July 5 so please let us know if you are interested.

Kathy Sullivan  
Health Cabinet Chairperson

**BLOOD DRIVE!**  
MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
Sunday, July 26.

### LaRoca UMC...

## BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Save the Date!!  
August 8  
Opportunity to serve!

There's plenty to do: set up, work food booths, work game booths, and tear down. Contact Pat Boggs to volunteer or for more information, 859-619-9043, [spboggs@hotmail.com](mailto:spboggs@hotmail.com).

### Endowment Corner...

FUMC Endowment Foundation is a permanent enterprise established to provide for the future needs of our church.



### Sympathy to...

Steve and Connie McKinney and family on the death of her father, J.L. Beyersdoerfer, who died on Tuesday, June 9, 2009.

### In Memory of...

#### Asa "Nick" Thompson by

Kathleen Baker  
Belle Bennett Circle  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fleming  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Fritch, Jr.  
Betty Hagan  
Mary Wis E. Haggin  
Dr. & Mrs. James Kemp  
Mr. & Mrs. William Riddle  
Dr. & Mrs. Wimberly Royster  
Frederick Walker

### Congratulations to...

Jamie and Kelly Svec on the birth of their daughter, Virginia Carolyn Svec, on June 12, 2009. She weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. She is welcomed home by her sister, Rynne, and brother, Nathan. Proud grandparents are Jim and Linda Svec.

### Thank you,

FUMC's cleaning crew would like to thank all who took part in the Vacation Bible School. Thank you for your wonderful effort. Your contributions made our jobs more joyful.

Thanks again,  
Scott and Mattie

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Congregation.