

Kathryn King - Returning to New Jersey to work with *A Future with Hope* was rewarding. Opportunities to share God's love often occur when you least expect it ... like at a burrito stand. We met Barb of *Barb's Big Burritos* and her daughter Debbie on our first day in town. Debbie began to tell us about how Hurricane Sandy affected their business. She also shared that she had lost her job and her husband in a short span of time following the storm. We had to return before we left, and her mom exclaimed "my friends from Tennessee are here!" when we arrived. Whether you're building a house, interacting with your team or simply eating lunch, you are serving Christ.



Barb & Debbie of Barb's Big Burritos pose for a picture with team member Barbara Rogers.



Suzanne Rhoden - Always good to help those in need. Proud to represent 1st UMC and appreciate the church's support. Our team was awesome ... great attitudes, hard-working, willing to do whatever (even dig trenches by hand!!!), and have fun while doing it all. Enjoyed seeing a bit of the area and braving it into the BIG city (NYC) and I am especially grateful for the opportunity to see the 9/11 Memorial.



Go.Do. In New Jersey



KeKai Ruckstuhl - Through our lives we are guided through God to adventures that he has chosen for us. He did good on choosing the mission trip to help with Hurricane Sandy Disaster relief in Sandy Hook, New Jersey.

Our group was unique, ages ranging from 15 to 70 something. We were all inspired to fulfill the needs of the residents of New Jersey.

It was a reality check for me, the town was really damaged and in need of help, the residents were so appreciative of our presence and reasons we were there. They knew they were not forgotten and that people cared about them. The United Methodist Church was well represented by our group and we made our

time count. I thank you Clayton for all the cooking you did for us, breakfast, lunch and dinner, your were awesome. Thank you for the opportunity to have fulfilled a first time mission trip in my life and ALL the support the Church has given us.

Clayton Hensley - In the midst of news about severe flooding in Louisiana and continued recovery in places like West Virginia and South Carolina, I am reminded that recovery is a years long process. During this summer's trip to New Jersey, we heard from people like David, a man getting to see his new modular home put into place in the town of Highlands, NJ. It's been nearly four years since Superstorm Sandy uprooted lives along the Jersey Shore and hundreds of people are still waiting to return "home." It is a blessing to be able to not only help rebuild houses, but also build relationships with people who will need help for years to come. I was also blessed with having my son come along to help.

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All September long!

Read more in this edition of *The Church Bell* and online at 1stchurch.org/happening-at-1st/go-do

JONAH
Sundays in September
8:15 and 10:30 am

1st Worship Nights
a service of music and prayer

Sunday, September 4th @ 7:00 pm
Asbury Hall

Chris Lee and a few other friends will be leading this special evening of worship.



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Wednesday, September 7th - 10:00 am

Come help make cards that will be left on the beds at the KARM shelter to let people there know that the bed has been prayed over

Sunday, September 10th - 9:00 am to Noon

KARM Donation Truck
Clean out your closets and storage shed bringing household items, clothing, furniture and more to the donation truck set up in the church parking lot

Sunday, September 11th and September 18th

Bring new or gently used children's books to be given to children of families using the Brown Food Pantry at Broadway UMC

Wednesday, September 14th - 9:00 am

Come take a tour of Knox Area Rescue Ministries

Saturday, September 17th & Sunday, September 18th

Home repair mission trip to SW Virginia (Details on cover)

Wednesday, September 21st

Reading day at a local school

Saturday, September 24th - 10:00 am

Stop Hunger Now
Help prepare food shipments for this organization working all around the world to help stop hunger

Wednesday, September 28th - 9:00 am to Noon

Volunteer your time helping at Second Harvest Foodbank

In addition to these great opportunities, you can also volunteer to Go.Do. With our regular ministries like Celebrate Recovery, Welcome Table and Family Promise.



On September 11th, there will be a SPECIAL OFFERING to help buy supplies to fill UMCOR flood relief buckets as well as to help fund out Stop Hunger Now project on September 24th.
Just put "relief offering" in the memo line of your check or on the offering envelope.

Imagine South Sudan, its leaders, and all the people, bathed in prayer. For 24 hours on **September 1st**, people all over the Holston Conference will join together to pray for hope and peace in a war-torn, poverty stricken country.



But please don't stop there. Add the people of South Sudan to your prayer list and continue to cover them with your prayers until peace can be restored for these beautiful people we call our family.

**Prayers for South Sudan
Thursday, September 1st
Pray from 7:00 am and/or 7:00 pm
(Church Sanctuary will be open)**

Pipes aplenty

Just before Easter the sounds of the pipe organ returned to 1st UMC. Now it's about to sound even better. Over the past couple of weeks, workers from Barger and Nix have been installing as many as 200 new pipes, some of which are 16 feet in length. The new pipes will allow for a much broader array of instrument sounds and tones to be played!



Learning the arts of prayer

In conjunction with the month long focus on prayer, Rev. Sarah Slack led a special series of workshops on different ways to pray. In addition to making prayer beads, people learned about prayer stations, prayer journaling and contemplative prayer.

Thousands of reasons to smile

Earlier this month, our children's ministries director, Denise Johns was entrusted with a rather large donation of dental care supplies from DenTek. Over the course of a few days, Denise was able to get these valuable donations to people and organizations who need them. That includes a Head Start program covering six counties, a food pantry, a senior citizens speech program, and a local elementary school. Later some will even be heading to Costa Rica.



The Mission of Jesus

Bonnie VanPelt's Tuesday morning Bible Study starts up again on **September 6th** at 10:00 am with these lessons from Ray Vander Laan.

Study of Luke's Gospel

Rev. Catherine Nance invites you to take a closer look at the Gospel of Luke. The study on Sunday nights at 6:30 begins on **September 11th**.

A new "Just Moved" class for women

Mary Kay Hamlin is starting up a new class aimed at helping women who have just moved, have a chance to let go of the past, rebuild hope and embrace a new life by trusting God with their future.

The *Just Moved: After the boxes are unpacked* class starts up on Wednesday, **September 14th at 10:00 am**. For more information contact Mary Kay Hamlin at mkh323@charter.net or give her a call at 865-233-3359.

Find yourself in a small group study this Fall!

Covenant Bible Studies

Now is your chance to begin an unforgettable journey through the Bible. *Covenant Bible Studies* is a three part study with each "session" lasting eight weeks. **Session One** is starting up on September 28th at 10:00 am with the Rev. Sarah Slack leading.

Sign up for any of these studies at www.1stchurch.org/happening-at-1st or call the church office at 982-1273



Eight years ago 1stUMC helped start the *Family Promise Mission* in Blount County. It helps families facing a crisis in their lives, namely homelessness. Since that time 250 families have gained self-sufficiency and housing solutions but more of our neighbors need help. Those of us who serve have found it's not that demanding to spend a few hours once every three months at the church, eating a meal with the guest families, spending the night, hanging out on a Saturday, accompanying families on an outing (perhaps the Cunningham Farm, Knoxville Zoo, etc.), helping with set-up or take-down, or preparing a meal. In those few hours we've found immeasurable reward and admiration for these guests.

Each family has its own story. One example was a husband and wife expecting their first child when they both contracted pneumonia. Their health insurance would only cover a hospital stay for the Mom, Summer. The expectant father was sent home where he died without ever getting to meet his daughter, Abbygaile. The family was dependent on his income so his death left them homeless. Summer and Abbygaile have their own housing now.

YOUR service is needed. During the week of September 4th -11th, 1stUMC will be home for four families. Please email mavisziegler@yahoo.com to help fill the host positions or to arrange for host training. A male and female host is required when guests are present. Some hosts bring their own children and you should witness them interacting with the guests. They play with new friends not "those" homeless people.

I think God is smiling and so will you.

Yours in Christ,

Mavis Ziegler

Family Promise Coordinator at 1stUMC

**Two of the families this time are also first time Moms. Both entered Family Promise after leaving the hospital.*



All ladies in the church are invited to join the members of United Methodist Women as we have lunch together and learn about COMPASSion Counseling Center. CCC is a non-profit, spiritually integrated counseling center affiliated with Samaritan Institute. It is based in Maryville and it's Executive Director is Lakshmie Napogoda.

Sister Lakshmie Napagoda was born in Sri Lanka. She moved to the United States in 1981, learned English, became a citizen of the United States. Lakshmie started and developed a program which provides

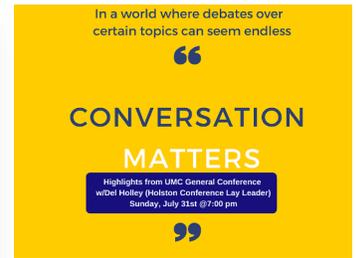
**Joint Circle Meeting
and Lunch
September 15th
11:00 am
Wesley Hall**



Islam:
A global, modern
perspective

w/ Dr. Phillip Sherman

September 25th
5:00 pm
Asbury Hall



On Sunday, August 28th, Dr. Phillip Sherman of Maryville College came to 1st UMC to lead our latest *Conversation Matters* event. The evening focused on the basics of the Islamic faith. On, **September 25th** the conversation will continue with a look at modern day Islam and how Western culture perceives and reacts to it.



Chris Lee, the Contemporary Worship leader at 1st Church, brings his music and some of the stories behind it to September's JOY Fellowship event. Lunch begins at 12:30 and Chris' presentation is at 1:00.

Please sign up online or call 982-1273. Lunch is \$5 per person at the door.

educational, psychological, social and enrichment services to under-resourced women in the community. She earned her Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Tennessee while in this position. Lakshmie is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to COMPASSion Counseling.

Please make a reservation by Sunday September 11 by going online or contacting Donna Doede (856-0276) or Linda Richards (233-0722).

Amelia Geis-Scott is preparing the lunch. A \$5.00 donation is requested for each meal. We hope to see you on **Sept. 15**.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Honoring Vietnam Veterans

Any veteran who served on active duty between 11/1/55 and 5/15/75 will receive a special lapel pin during the *Celebrate Recovery* services on **September 14th @6:30**.

If you are a veteran who served during this time we hope you will be here, and if you know of a veteran who is eligible for the pin, please invite them to come, too.



Chris' story - Submitted by Sandy Hodson

My name is Chris, and I am a grateful believer in Jesus Christ who is in recovery for co-dependency and the effects of a painful divorce.

I came to *Celebrate Recovery* as the result of the 'hurt' I experienced from divorce. I was absolutely devastated when my husband of 26 years walked out of our marriage. However, through CR, God was able to completely heal that wound as He showed me my responsibility in the failure of my marriage. He helped me come out of denial and face my anger. He taught me how to forgive. As I worked through the step study, God revealed to me my co-dependent behavior – my need to control others, my deep desire to please people and be accepted and my perfectionism – and how these behaviors were harming the ones I loved the most.

I don't think you ever stop being co-dependent, but with God's help as well as the help of my accountability partners in CR, I have been able to have victory over this co-dependent behavior. I am able to recognize the behavior sooner and to turn from it and I have been willing to turn control of my life over to my Higher Power, Jesus Christ. As a result, all my relationships – with friends, co-workers and especially my daughters – are stronger and healthier today. As I have learned to turn control over to God, the worry, anxiety and stress in my life have diminished. The freedom I feel is amazing.

To me CR is the way God intended the church to be – a group of believers who struggle – willing to love and support each other – not judge and condemn – as we find victory in Jesus over our hurts, habits and hang-ups.

August 21st

Lord's Healing w/Ellie Mann

**Coming up at
Celebrate Recovery**

September 7th

Powerless w/Parker Benson

September 21st

Hope w/Parker Benson



The youth enjoying a little time at the lake, along with a rainbow at Louisville Point Park

Upcoming Youth Events

*No youth on September 4th

Youth worship and fellowship
6:00 to 8:00 pm

Fall Break Trip
October 6th - 9th

News



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All of the items in the back of this van made their way to Montvale Elementary School. Money collected at the lemonade stands in July made it possible to buy them. Over the past couple of weeks, the children (and a few adults) went on special shopping trips to get all of the items.

**3rd Grade Bible Presentations
September 11th during worship**

**Acolyte Training
September 11th @ 4:00 pm
Sanctuary**

During Children's Choir times on Monday afternoons, the children have been helping put together some treat bags that will be handed out once a month to people coming to Welcome Table. The next bags will be handed out on September 8th.



The Children's department is excited to announce that the Fall Festival at 1st is set for **Sunday, October 30th from 2-4 pm**. This is the largest one day mission activity our church has and this event cannot be successful without many volunteers.

Please begin praying for this ministry and come to the event in October.

If you are interested in helping, the first planning meeting is this Wednesday **August 31st at 6:00 in room C8**, located in the Children's department on the lower level.

You certainly don't have to have young children, or any children at all, to help make a difference by volunteering for this festival. There are many areas that you can volunteer for including: games, trunk or treat, community publicity, and organization.

Mark your calendars!

Family Christmas night coming up
December 4th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Yes, it is already time to begin planning our special Children's programming that will happen in December. This event is a wonderful night for children of all ages.

If you can help, please come to our first planning meeting on **September 7th at 6:00 pm** in room C8 located in the Children's department.



Christian sympathy extended to:
Jean Leavitt in the death of her daughter,
Judith Ann Clough on July 24th.

Jo Ellen Barrow in the death of her mother,
Marie Kook on August 11th

Ramona Hodge in the death of her father,
Raymond Morgan on August 24th

Memorials & Honorariums

Table with 2 columns: In memory of / In honor of, and Given by. Sections include Building Fund, Family Promise, Friends of Estonia, Memorial Fund, and Music Fund.

Sundays

- * 7:35 am Morning Glory Chorus, 249
* 8:15 am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
* 9:15 am Sunday School (Various rooms)
* 10:30 am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
* 10:30 am Contemporary Worship, Asbury
* 4:00 pm Run for God study, 202
* 4:30 pm Youth Handbells, 252 & 254
* 5:10 pm Celebration Singers, 249
* 5:15 pm Evensong Handbells, 252
* 6:30 pm Study of Luke's Gospel, 202 (Starts September 11th)

September 4th

- *No youth or handbell choirs
7:00 pm 1st Worship Nights, Asbury Hall

September 11th

- 3rd Grade Bible Presentations—during worship
4:00 pm Acolyte Training, Sanctuary

Mondays

- *3:30 pm Children's Choirs
(*No choirs on September 5th)
Primary Praise (K-1st)
Merrymakers (2nd/3rd)
Joy Singers (4th - 6th)

September 5th

- *Church office closed

September 12th

- 10:00 am UMW, Circle 2, 205

September 19th

- 5:30 pm Finance Committee

Tuesdays

- *10:00 am Bible Study (Bonnie VanPelt), 152 (Starts on September 6th)
*7:00 pm Pickleball, Asbury Hall

September 6th

- 8:30 am Senior Adult trip to Lake Lure, NC

Wednesdays

- *10:00 am Just Art, 119
*10:00 am After the Boxes are Unpacked, Study (Starts September 14th)

- * 5:30 pm Celebrate Recovery Light Meal, Asbury Hall
* 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery Worship, Asbury Hall
* 7:40 pm Celebrate Recovery Share Groups (various rooms)

- * 6:30 pm Covenant Bible Study - Session 3, 205
* 7:30 pm Chancel Choir, 249

September 7th

- 6:00 pm Children's Christmas Event Planning, C8

Thursdays

- * 6:30 am Men's Bible Study, Panera Bread - Alcoa
* 5:00 pm Welcome Table, Asbury Hall
* 6:00 pm Run for God, Run/Walk

September 8th

- 10:00 am Knit Together Ministry, 205
6:30 pm Trustees, 202

September 15th

- 11:00 am UMW General Meeting & Lunch, Wesley

Fridays

- *10:00 am Covenant Bible Study - Session 2, 205

*The Wednesday Noonday worship service is taking a break with August 31st being the last service for awhile. Look for this worship opportunity to return during the Advent/Christmas season.

Welcome to 1st



Bryan and Tucker Powers

*Denotes a recurring event

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Mission Trip Opportunity

Winter storms back in February left behind severe damage to dozens of homes in **Southwest Virginia**. On **September 17th & 18th**, we would like your help repairing some of these homes so they will be prepared for the winter months. The trip is open to anyone, regardless of skill level. (The minimum age is 7th grade). The trip costs \$25 per person.

Throughout September there will be many opportunities for you to **Go. Do.** The first thing coming up is on **September 3rd** when you can help assemble flood buckets for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). A special offering for the buckets (and our Stop Hunger Now event on September 24th) will be taken up on **September 11th**.

Other opportunities are listed on page 2 of the newsletter.
You can also find them and sign ups on the church website at:
<http://1stchurch.org/happening-at-1st/go-do>

You can also call Rev. Sarah Slack at the church office at **982-1273** or
email her at sslack@1stchurch.org for more information.

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