

The **Mini**

# Church Bell

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TRANSFORMED BY CHRIST WE WILL:  
TELL, TEACH, TOUCH THE WORLD

## ALL THESE OFFERINGS!!

By: Rev. Catherine Nance

When we are in “storm season”, the need can seem overwhelming.

We want to help everyone!

**Where to give?**

**How much to give?**

**Didn't we take up a special offering last week?**

Sometimes, people feel guilty because they are not able to give to a special offering or are not able to give much (even though we say, ‘every penny counts!’).

I will quote what I have heard clergy say for years: **If you only have one dollar to give, give it to the ministry offering (some people say general or operating offering).** Your regular offering ensures that our day in and day out ministries are taken care of. So, if you are concerned about helping people, know that what you put in the offering plate as “general offering” supports Celebrate Recovery, children’s ministries, music programs, Welcome Table, etc. Some of that general offering goes into the community to places like Good Neighbors and Family Promise and Compassion Counseling.

We tithe (give ten per cent) our general offering each week to the Holston Annual Conference which in turn gives to WORLD SERVICE FUND which joins with all of the other United Methodist Churches to be in ministry AROUND THE WORLD!

So, yes, your *regular offering* is keeping the lights on here, but it also provides support to missions and outreach **here and beyond!**



On September 2nd, more than 50 people came out to help pack flood buckets for UMCOR.



The 30 flood buckets packed on 9/2, the special offering, and the money you regularly give will all help assist victims in storms like Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.



**UMCOR**  
United Methodist Committee On Relief

**Rise**  
AGAINST HUNGER  
food • community • sustainability

**SPECIAL OFFERING, SUNDAY 9/10**  
**PRELIMINARY TOTAL:**  
**\$13,500**

More information on **Go.Do.** events can be found on the next page.

Find the full schedule and sign ups at:  
[www.1stchurch.org/GoDo](http://www.1stchurch.org/GoDo)



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd**  
**10:00 AM**  
**ASBURY HALL**

Packing 10,000 meals in less than two hours may seem like a daunting task, but when the spirit to **Go.Do.** is at work, it is more than possible.

For the third year in a row, you have a chance to pack meals with [Rise Against Hunger](#) (formerly, Stop Hunger Now) right here at the church. No special skills are needed and people of all ages and abilities can help. People who have helped in the past have described this as a fun way to help others. So come out on Saturday, September 23rd, put on your gloves and hair net and get to work!

Rise Against Hunger has a goal of ending hunger by 2030.

While you don't have to sign up to participate, we would like a better idea on how many people are coming so go to [www.1stchurch.org/GoDo](http://www.1stchurch.org/GoDo) and let us know.

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## Go.Do. around the world

The call to help our neighbors is global in nature and in 2018, there will be at least two opportunities for you to help people outside the United States. Details are still in the works and we will have those for you in the next edition of *The Church Bell*, the website and our social media channels.

### Latvia Mission Trip

Sometime between June 1st and June 22nd, a team from 1st UMC will travel to the Baltic region of Europe to our sister church in Kuldiga, Latvia. While there, the team will help with VBS, work on building at a church camp and continue to build relationships.

### Kenya Mission Trip

This trip will happen sometime in late May. Details are still being worked out. The timing of the trip will determine exactly what work will be done, but all people going will have opportunities to help.

## Conversation Matters

*Poverty Simulation*

*Sunday, September 24th*

*5:00 to 7:00 pm in Asbury Hall*

This month, our Conversation Matters event will be more of a hands on learning exercise. Anne Travis will lead the group in a poverty simulation, an activity designed to help you begin to understand what it might be like to live in a typical low-income family trying to survive from month to month. The objective is to help sensitize participants to the realities faced by low-income people.

The simulation will be in Asbury Hall with "families" seated in groups. Set up around the hall will be tables representing community resources and services for the families in need.

This exercise will last a couple of hours, starting at 5:00 pm. This includes an introduction, a briefing, the exercise itself and a period of time where participants can share their feelings and experiences.

## JOY Fellowship Lunch

*Mike Feely from Henderson Settlement*

*Wednesday, September 27th at Noon*

*Asbury Hall*

The Henderson Settlement is located in Frakes, KY and is part of the Red Bird Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church. This mission has been helping people in this isolated part of the mountains since 1925.

Mike Feely, the director of Mission Advancement at Henderson Settlement, will fill you in on the mission's rich history and how it's helping today.

He'll also have apple butter and crafts from the mission to sell during this J.O.Y. Fellowship event.

Lunch is \$5.

Learn more about these events and sign up for them in the "Happening at 1st" section of [www.1stchurch.org](http://www.1stchurch.org) or call 982-1273



**Acolyte Training**  
**Sunday, September 17th**  
 (after worship)

**Fall Festival at 1st**  
**October 29th at 2:00 pm**  
 Volunteers needed.



**Youth Fellowship:**  
**Sundays from 6:00 to 8:00 pm**

\*There is a trip in the works to  
 Main Event entertainment  
 center planned for October 1st.  
 Details coming soon.

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# CELEBRATE RECOVERY



**SEPTEMBER 20TH**  
**REV. PARKER BENSON**

**SEPTEMBER 27TH**  
**Jeff Stultz of the**  
**Broken Chains Motorcycle Ministry**

**Every Wednesday**  
 5:30 Light Meal  
 6:30 Worship  
 7:40 Share Groups

[www.CRMaryvilleTN.com](http://www.CRMaryvilleTN.com)

## Memorials & Honorariums

### Building Fund

|                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>In memory of:</i> | <i>Given by:</i>      |
| Sara Margaret DePew  | Jerry & Frances Hodge |
| Sara Margaret DePew  | Dan & Jan McCoy       |

### Welcome Table

|                      |                              |
|----------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>In memory of:</i> | <i>Given by:</i>             |
| Blanche Badgett      | William & Elizabeth Pedersen |
| Blanche Badgett      | Vulcan Materials Company     |
| Blanche Badgett      | Midsouth Machine & Service   |
| Blanche Badgett      | Ed Harmon                    |
| Blanche Badgett      | Guy Badgett                  |
| Blanche Badgett      | Marvin & Jimmie Eaves        |
| Blanche Badgett      | Cheryl Landgren              |
| Blanche Badgett      | Joe & Jackie Sprigg          |

## WELCOME

Anderson David Myers  
 who was baptized on  
 August 27th.  
 His parents are Kevin and  
 Amanda Myers.



## Christian sympathy extended to:

John Kerr and his family in the death of his wife  
 Pat Kerr on September 10th.

## IN MEMORIAM



### **Pat Kerr**

*Joined First Church: March 7, 1993*  
*Entered the Church Triumphant: September 10, 2017*

### **Martha Jo Smith**

*Joined First Church: January 5, 1997*  
*Entered the Church Triumphant: September 6, 2017*

### **Sara Margaret Depew**

*Joined First Church: October 20, 1985*  
*Entered the Church Triumphant: September 3, 2017*

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Mark your calendars for **SEPTEMBER 2, 2018**.  
The first ever All-Church Tailgate was a big success and we are doing it again next year.  
Here are a few pictures of the fun from the first Sunday of September.  
(Find more pictures on Facebook, twitter, Instagram and at [www.1stchurch.org](http://www.1stchurch.org))



Online, all the time at:  
[www.1stchurch.org](http://www.1stchurch.org)

