



The Connection

July 2019

A monthly publication of the
Millington United Methodist Church

Our Mission: To Know Christ, and to Make Him Known



July Bible Readings

- 7/7-** 2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
Galatians 6:1-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
- 7/14-** Amos 7:7-17
Psalm 82
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37
- 7/21-** Amos 8:1-12
Psalm 52 or 82
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42
- 7/28-** Hosea 1:2-10
Psalm 85
Colossians 2:6-19
Luke 11:1-13

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<p>Roadside Pick-Up Saturday, July 13th at 9:00 a.m. Meet in the church parking lot *****</p> <p>July 15-19 9 a.m.-noon Vacation Bible School *****</p> <p>Friday, July 19th 2-8 p.m. Blood Drive in the Millington United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall *****</p> <p>Sunday, July 28th 10 a.m. Soup Lunch hosted by Millington United Methodist Women in the Fellowship Hall</p>
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July Birthdays....

- 5** Doris Webster
- 9** Kristopher Dickson
Virginia Ingram
- 10** Vera Ginger
- 12** Dorothy Chapin
- 16** Dennis Gasper
- 17** Gabe Dueweke
Sophie Dueweke
- 18** Brason Trato
- 23** Graham Trato
- 24** Jody Boyd
Kaitlin Burns
- 26** Ben Crawford
- 27** Trudy Burns
- 30** Kaylani Burks
Christina Dickson
- 31** Rocky Bolton
Henry Nicholas

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Pastor's Page....

The Wisdom to Know the Difference

Many people are familiar with the short prayer “God grant me the serenity”

It was written by Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971), and gained wider recognition when it was included as part of the 12-step program of Alcoholics Anonymous. There is a longer version of it dating back to the 1940s.

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; Courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time; Enjoying one moment at a time; Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will; So that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him forever and ever in the next. Amen.

It isn't Scripture – but it does guide us to think more along those lines.

A man came up to Jesus wanting Him to settle a legal dispute. “Jesus replied, ‘Friend, who made me a judge over you to decide such things as that?’” (Luke 12:14 NLT). That man needed serenity!

Another time Jesus straightened out a disciple's thinking was when he guided Peter to focus on his own responsibilities than on anything God had in mind for John. **(See John 21:20-22).** Peter needed some wisdom for serenity as well.

Yet again, the disciples needed wisdom when they wanted to control others engaged in ministry, recorded in **Luke 9:49-50**. *“John said to Jesus, ‘Master, we saw someone using your name to cast out demons, but we told him to stop because he isn't in our group.’ But Jesus said, ‘Don't stop him! Anyone who is not against you is for you.’”*

As in these examples, we often find ourselves appealing to God to “set things straight.” After all, there are so many things in the world that aren't the way God

intended! But . . . here's a curious point to ponder: *Why would God need my instruction to do something He isn't already doing?*

The answer is: He doesn't. Rather, there is most likely a human element that is choosing to resist God. And, it is possible that *I, myself*, am the one who needs to respond to God's grace and guidance into a more Christ-like experience of God's kingdom on earth – to become a more like Jesus on this earth. In Niebuhr's words, I will gain the wisdom to know the difference.

So when James and John (the disciples) ask if they should call down fire on some inhospitable Samaritans, Jesus rebukes *them*, not the Samaritans. **(Luke 9:51-56** – right after the verses **49-50** incident above.)

How will I gain that wisdom? I can ask a few questions of myself – as well as put them to God to help me discern my actions.

Courage v. Serenity - Will my actions or response embody redeeming love? Will what I do help draw someone into a closer walk with Jesus, perhaps even inviting Him into their heart? It will cost me something to be gracious. That is the nature of true grace.

Courage v. Serenity – I may be able to control someone else because of power I have over them (*at the moment*), but will it make them a “puppet” instead of a person? When God controls people in redeeming love, it is by the presence of His Holy Spirit inside them: a life-relationship given to us by Jesus Christ. That is the quality of gracious truth.

Wisdom to know the difference means I need the Holy Spirit in me for that wisdom – and grace – and truth. I'll be addressing the gift of, gifts of, and fruit of the Spirit on Sunday mornings this summer. I hope we'll have some great discussions.

Pastor John



Mission Notes for July

Many of us have participated in the past several weeks since Mother's Day in the Baby Bottle Boomerang to benefit Positive Alternatives. The provide 75 bottles, 44 were taken. We so far have had 33 returned with your spare change. We appreciate your cooperation. We will be collecting them over the next few weeks.

We are also having a dinner to express our appreciation to the Police and Firemen for what they do for us. Their service to our community is much appreciated.

I want to express my appreciation also to all who have brought medicine bottles which I take into the Free Medical Clinic in Flint. I truly appreciate all who remove all the labels and also have the goo removed. If you have questions about removing the goo contact me at 871-2242.

Maury Chapin
Mission Chairperson



PLANET GREEN RECYCLE

RAISE FUNDS BY RECYCLING INK CARTRIDGES AND SMALL ELECTRONICS

Thank you to all those who help raise money for our Children's program by recycling your ink cartridges. We have earned almost \$200 by recycling items dropped off to the church. Below is a list of items that can be recycled. Please bring your items to the church office to be collected. Thank you!

What we recycle:

Inkjet Cartridges
GPS & Radar Detectors
eBook Readers
Digital/video Cameras
iPads/Tablets

Cell Phones & Accessories
Calculators
iPods/MP3 Players
PDAs
Video Game & Consoles

Finance



Moment

Stewardship cannot be reduced to a program or a yearly campaign to meet the church's budget. Stewardship is an attitude, a way of life in which every area of life is brought into a faith relationship. It is based on three underlying convictions.

First, all of us have a need to give. Imagine a world without generosity. Imagine a world where everyone thought only of themselves. What an impoverished world it would be. The truth is that generosity is an essential part of what it is to be human, made in the image of God, the One 'who gives generously to all'.

Second, the world has a need to receive. Generosity is not only essential to our wholeness. It is also a sign of Christ's love to others. When we share our resources, we participate in God's amazing work.

Third, money has a power to which we need to remain alert. Money brings with it the temptation to place our faith in it. We know it is possible for our possessions to possess us, to gain the whole world and lose our soul in the midst of it all. We know that money can be a wonderful servant, but a terrible master.

What we do with our finances reflects our priorities and commitments. The fact that we live in a culture that tends to emphasize 'never having enough' or that 'bigger is better', or that 'our spiritual needs can be met by material things' means that generosity does not happen by accident or osmosis. It requires intentional resolve and incremental steps of growth in faith.

Excerpts from: A Statement on Christian Financial Stewardship
First Presbyterian Church, Brandon, MB



United Methodist Women

Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 28th and plan to join your church family in the Fellowship Hall for a soup lunch hosted by the Millington United Methodist Women. The ladies will also be having a bake sale at the soup lunch. Soup will be ready immediately following first service and take outs will also be available. Anyone that is willing to donate baked goods, please let Jennie Brown know as they are greatly appreciated. We Hope to see you there!!

~Jennie Brown, UMW President





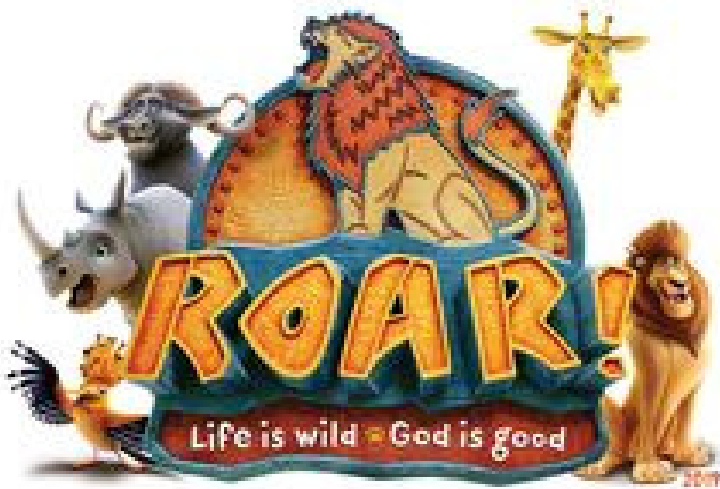
JULY 15 – 19
MILLINGTON U.M. CHURCH
9:00 to noon
CHILDREN K-6TH GRADES



wild Bible adventures
 sciency fun
 lively songs
 team-building games
 yummy snacks
 friends & surprises



Register by calling Janine at 871-3341 or Becky at 871-3489



Millington UMC Vacation Bible School

July 15-19

9:00 a.m. until noon

Registration Form

(One Per Child-more forms are available in the narthex or the church office at the church. Please fill out and return to the church office.)

Child's Name: _____ Child's Gender: _____
 Child's Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Last School Grade Completed: _____
 Name of Parent(s): _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Home Telephone (____) _____
 Parent/caregiver's cellphone: (____) _____
 Home email address: _____
 Home Church: _____

Church Use Only:

Crew Number or name: _____
 Allergies or other medical conditions: _____
 In case of emergency contact: _____
 Phone: _____
 Relationship to child: _____

Upcoming Events and Information...



The Church Office
Will Be
Closed on Thursday,
July 4th



Join Us
this Summer

Mark Your
Calendars now
for Vacation
Bible School

July 15-19th from 9a-noon....
Watch for more information
to follow.



MUMC Family Game Night

Saturday, July 27th
6:30-9:30 p.m. in the
MUMC Fellowship Hall
Bring a snack and drinks and
join the fun!!!



The United Methodist Women invite
you to join them for a soup lunch on
Sunday, July 28th...soup will be ready
immediately following first service. Please
mark you calendar now to join them for a
delicious lunch.



**Millington United Methodist
Church will be hosting the
blood drive here in the
Fellowship Hall on Friday,
July 19th from 2-8 p.m.**

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY



**ROAD SIDE
PICK-UP
SATURDAY, JULY
13TH**

9:00 A.M.

**MEET IN THE CHURCH PARKING
LOT. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE
FOR YOUR HELP WITH
THIS PROJECT!**

**Women's 4th Day Group meets here at the
church Tuesday mornings at 8:30 a.m.**

**Men's 4th Day Group meets here at the
church Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m.**



This Month's Meetings:

Monday, July 1st VBS Crew Leaders Meeting
Monday, July 8th— 7:30p Trustees
Monday, July 15th— 7:30p SPRC
Monday, July 22nd— 7:30p Finance

**There will be
NO**

**Wednesday Night Dinners
through the summer. Dinners will
resume again in September.**

*Please watch for more information
to come in August.*

**Newsletter Folding will be
Thursday, July 25th at 10 a.m.**



*Congratulations to
Dick & Nolavay Blackmer on the arrival
of their new Great Granddaughter*

Sloan Ivy Duby

May 30, 2019

*Sloan Ivy weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz. and
was 21" long.*

*Congratulations also to Sloan's parents
Jordan & Taylor Rose, as well as big
brother Kade who is 19 months old.*



Congratulations to the

Millington

Girls Varsity Softball Team

on winning the

2019 Division III State Championship!!!

This year's Lady Cardinals team includes McKenna Slough
who is Diana Slough's granddaughter...Well done ladies!!!

*A
baby
is a
blessing*

Jake & Lindsy Johnson
welcomed their 2nd daughter

Lillian Jo Johnson
on

June 25, 2019
Lillian weighed 8 lbs 2 oz.
And was 20" long
Congratulations to
Jake, Lindsy, & big sister
Aurora Rose



Congratulations to

John Andrew Britt

&

Melissa Hartwig

Who were married on June 22nd.
May God Bless you as you
begin your new life together!

MILLINGTON UMC BLOOD DRIVE

At the Millington United Methodist Church-9020 State Rd. 2:00-7:45 p.m.

Friday July 19, 2019-Volunteer sign-up sheet

Please call the church office at 871-3489 if you can help :)

Donor Check in:

2:00-4:00 p.m. 1. _____

4:00-6:00 p.m. 1. Jennie Brown

6:00-7:45 p.m. 1. Jennie Brown

Canteen Area:

2:00-4:00 p.m. 1. Bonnie Moore 2. _____

4:00-6:00 p.m. 1. Rosemary Bedtelyon 2. Norma Coon

6:00-8:00 p.m. 1. _____ 2. _____

Cookies:

1. Lois Boyd

2. _____

3. _____

Sandwich Spread:

1. Lois Boyd

2. _____

Juice:

1. _____ 1 Gallon

2. _____ 1 Gallon

Plates & Cups:

1. Becky Johnson

Unload Equipment: 1:15 p.m.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Load Equipment: 8:00 p.m.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

**SHARE THE GIFT
OF LIFE.**



love, give, live.

Sunday Service Volunteers for July

DATE	Communion	Greeters	Reader	Media & Sound	Children's Gathering 4 yrs.-5th Gr.	Nursery Infant-3 yrs.	10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
7	1- 2- The Gasper Family	Lois Boyd	1- 2-Charles Tanner	Media- 1-Lois Bushaw 2- Sound- 1-Don Jensen 2-Pat Burns	?	Need Volunteers	Helen Alvord
14		Lois Boyd	1-Tim Kinney 2-Destany LeVan	Media- 1-Lois Bushaw 2-Tom Sabgash Sound- 1-Don Jensen 2-Charles Tanner	Sharon Trato	Need Volunteers	Bonnie Moore
21		Lois Boyd	1- 2-Ann Tanner	Media- 1-Lois Bushaw 2- Sound 1-Don Jensen 2-Pat Burns	Destany LeVan	Need Volunteers	Sharon Trato
28		Lois Boyd	1-Lois Boyd 2-Bonnie Moore	Media- 1-Lois Bushaw 2-Tom Sabgash Sound 1-Don Jensen 2-Charles Tanner	Danielle Dickson	Need Volunteers	Darla Gasper

Readers:

1st Service

8/4- Nolavay Blackmer
8/11-???
8/18- Diana Slough
8/25- Bonnie Moore

2nd Service

Charles Tanner
Sophie Dueweke
Ann Tanner
Bonnie Moore

Communion:

1st Service-Dick & Nolavay Blackmer

2nd Service-

Coffee Hour

8/4-Tammie Reinert
8/11-Darla Gasper
8/18-???
8/25-Janine Britt



	July 2019					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30p Rotary 7p VBS Crew Leaders Meeting	2 8:30a Women's 4 th Day 7p Bible Study	3 8a Men's Bible Study	4 Happy 4 th of July Church Office Closed	5 Church Office Closed	6
7 9a Worship 10a Coffee Time 10:30a Worship 6p Men's 4 th Day	8 7:30p Trustees	9 8:30a Women's 4 th Day 7p Bible Study	10 8a Men's Bible Study 10a-3p Quilt Club	11 9a-noon VBS Decorating	12 Church Office Closed 9a-noon VBS Decorating	13 9a Roadside Pick Up
14 9a Worship 10a Coffee Time 10:30a Worship 6p Men's 4 th Day	15 9a-Noon Millington UMC Vacation Bible School 6:30p Rotary 7:30p SPRC	16 9a-Noon Millington UMC Vacation Bible School 7p Bible Study	17 8a Men's Bible Study 9a-Noon Millington UMC Vacation Bible School	18 9a-Noon Millington UMC Vacation Bible School	19 9a-Noon Church Office Closed Millington UMC Vacation Bible School MUMC Hosts Blood Drive in FH 2-8p	20 Girl Scouts Training in two Classrooms
21 9a Worship 10a Coffee Time 10:30a Worship 6p Men's 4 th Day	22 7:30p Finance	23 8:30a Women's 4 th Day 7p Bible Study	24 8a Men's Bible Study 10a-3p Quilt Club	25 10a Newsletter Folding	26 Church Office Closed	27 6:30-9:30p MUMC Family Game Night in the Fellowship Hall All are welcome!
28 9a Worship 10a Coffee Time 10:30a Worship UMW host Soup Lunch 6p Men's 4 th Day	29	30 8:30a Women's 4 th Day 7p Bible Study	31 8a Men's Bible Study			

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OUR SUNDAY SCHEDULE.

***9:00 Worship *10:00 a.m. Coffee/Cookies *10:30 a.m. Worship**