

# Gleanings | Hickory Leaf



July 2019

by Rev. Melisa Derseweh

**D**ear disciples of Jesus Christ,  
What a joy to have Sundays roll around once a week with what that time means in our community!

For us Sunday morning is an opportunity to worship and share, an opportunity to sing praise and to be comforted in prayer, a time to be challenged to be more fully the disciples Jesus calls us to be. But Sunday is not the whole story . . .

We are blessed to be able to advertise that we gather to celebrate the Risen Christ without anticipation of torture or death in our setting. However, anytime we are really living into the radical discipleship of Jesus there is a cost involved.

The cost for radically following Jesus, for really loving our neighbor, is different for different people at different times. For some it

means being “made fun of” or otherwise not treated well, even by people we normally would trust to have our best interests at heart.

The most difficult part of the disciple’s journey is surely not the public mistreatment that can come, but the private moments when one’s love for Jesus is somehow trivialized. What is one to do?

First, know you are not alone. Commit to more time with other disciples who get it! Spend extra time in prayer, especially for the person who doesn’t understand your zeal. And by all means be even more involved in the work of Christ in concrete ways here and now!

Many years ago a grandfather told me that it was okay that his grandson wanted to be baptized, but he really didn’t want him to “get carried away” about what baptism means. What??? Of

course baptism means we absolutely do get carried away - - - carried away so much that our lives are different, our focus and energy is different, and our love is different!

Second, know this too shall pass. Even if the person(s) attacking your life in Christ seem relentless, something will change eventually. And, perhaps, your faithful and loving approach to “the least of these” will also be the very thing that wins others to radical discipleship in Christ!

See you radical disciples at church on Sunday morning, and I expect to catch sight of you or to overhear how you are getting carried away to serve others in the days ahead!

Grace and peace in the Lord!  
Know our only strength is in the Lord!

+Melisa

# Who Is My Neighbor?

AP & HB VBS with Donelson Heights

July 14th-17th | 5:30-8 pm | Donelson Heights UMC



We hope you will join us for this year's VBS, taking place on the Donelson Heights campus themed, Who Is My Neighbor?.

Evenings begin at 5:30pm with a snack supper.

All children must be registered by their parents or guardian in order to attend. The online registration link is below:

## Spirituality & the Performing Arts

Summer Series with Dr. Nettles

7/8, 7/22 | 7 pm | McDonough Rm, AP

You are invited to join us for a special series of conversations with Dr. Nettles exploring film, music and Christianity. We hope you will be a part of this dialogue as we explore these subjects in a faith challenging context. A light meal will be provided. Please RSVP to [coordinator@apmumc.net](mailto:coordinator@apmumc.net)

7/8: The Power of Faith

7/22: We Wear the Mask



# Church Life

## WEDNESDAYS

### TOGETHER

#### Wednesday's at AP

*We are currently on Summer break and will return to our regular Wednesday's together in the fall. We look forward to seeing you then!*

## YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO MT. T.O.P.

JUNE 30TH-JULY 6TH

## BOOK CLUB

JULY 2ND, 1 PM

McDonough Rm

You're invited to join us as we discuss our June's selection:

"The Book Thief"

by Markus Zusak

Upcoming

August Selection:

"Bad Monkey"

by Carl Hiaasen

## THE FORTE

### HANDBELL QUARTET

JULY 5TH, 7 PM

AP Campus

## FORWARD TOGETHER

JULY 7TH,

1:30-4:30 PM (HB)

## LAUNCHPAD

JULY 5TH & 19TH

7 PM (AP)

## AP TRUSTEE MEETING

JULY 8TH, 6 PM (MCDON)

## SUMMER SERIES WITH

### DR. NETTLES:

JULY 8TH, 7 PM

The Power of Faith

JULY 22ND, 7 PM

We wear the mask

MCDONOUGH, AP

Light meal provided.

Please rsvp to coordinator.

## LAUNCHPAD

### TRAINING

JULY 13TH, 10 AM-1 PM

(AP)

## HB PAST & FUTURE

### CONVERSATIONS

JULY 13TH, 6 PM (HB)

## VBS

JUNE 14-17TH,

5:30 PM-8 PM,

DONELSON HEIGHTS

## UMM

JULY 20TH, 8 AM

Location to be decided.

## 2ND HARVEST

### FOOD BANK:

JULY 25TH

4-6 PM

St. Philip's Episcopal Church.

## UMW

JULY 27TH, 10 AM

(AP) MCDON)

The July Finance & Ad

Council Meetings are

cancelled. The next

meetings are in Sept.

## COMBINED FINANCE

### MTG

SEPT. 15TH, 1:30 PM

## COMBINED COUNCIL

### MTG

SEPT. 15, 2:30 PM

MCDONOUGH, AP

For a complete list of church calendar activities & events, visit our Charge website, OneVoice at:

[www.OneVoiceUMC.org](http://www.OneVoiceUMC.org)

## FALL 2019 CHARGE-WIDE RETREAT

### Henry Horton State Park

\*SEPTEMBER 27-29TH

+Fellowship time for gathering, chatting, relationship-building;

+Fun time with games and activities;

+Focus time for discussion about our moving forward together... Including a report from the Forward Together Team and next steps;

+Free time to wander the grounds, reflect, and meditate;

+Food time to nourish our bodies;

+Faith-expressing and faith-growing through worship, singing, and praying together

Save the date and plan to attend our fall retreat in one of Tennessee's beautiful state parks.

Fellowship, fun, and focus times are planned for all ages—children to adult. Families welcome. The Reverend Jeff Streszoff who has helped guide the Forward Together Team will lead and facilitate our focused discussions. We are excited to come together as two congregations moving toward one church to continue to build on our relationships and to discuss next steps. You are urged to prayerfully consider and plan to attend this weekend retreat. Registration information will continue.

## Featured Guest: Reverend Jeff Streszoff

Jeff has been serving the United Methodist Church since 2002. He answered the call to vocational ministry after spending time in advertising, sales and marketing. He and his wife, Denise, have been married for 25 years and they have two children, Madison and Robby. Jeff is currently serving as Lead Pastor at Grace United Methodist Church in Mount Juliet.

# THE FORTÉ HANDBELL QUARTET

from Colorado Springs, CO

In Concert:

FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2019

7:00pm

ANDREW PRICE MEMORIAL  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2846 Lebanon Pike

Nashville, TN



Admission: \$0 (a free-will offering will be collected)

fortehandbells.org

# Updates

## From our Pastor

Thank you for the great responses in our Town Hall as we continued the conversation about Andrew Price and Hickory Bend coming together as one church, Connection! And a special word of thanks to Donelson Heights UMC for providing their sanctuary for this meeting.

People shared thoughts, emotions, questions and the Forward Together Team gave us a full picture as we currently have of our future together.

Be in prayer as the Holy Spirit continues to inform and lead in the days ahead.

Especially plan on being present on **July 7** for worship together at 9:15 at Andrew Price Campus, small groups and then a fellowship meal together. Meat and drinks provided --- please bring side dishes to share!

Also mark Sunday **August 4** as we have a special celebration of being together (again 9:15 start time at AP campus) and listen for more information about this special day for us!

+Melisa

## Youth

Hello from the youth! We are off to the Mountain! We are so excited that our mission trip is finally here! There are 12 of us going from all three churches. We want to give you a big thank you for all your love and support. This mission trip to Mountain TOP would not have been possible without your prayers, donations, and unyielding support. Thank you for granting us the opportunity to be the hands and feet of God, we couldn't be more excited! We look forward to sharing our stories with you when we return.

### *Upcoming dates:*

June 30 - July 6: Mountain TOP

July 28: Youth at AP 5:00-7:00

July 7: No youth

Aug 4: Back to school pool party!!!!

July 14-17: VBS at DH

Aug 11: Water games (location TBA)

July 21: Youth at HB 5:00-7:00

Aug 18: Sounds game!

WATER GAMES!

(more information and paperwork coming soon!!!)

## Office

### Office Lunches

Thank you for the generous response to the office's request for lunches to give hungry people who travel onto our campus. You may leave your lunch donations in the Outreach Room. Please place the lunches in the designated plastic totes. This is to protect the food from field mice who visit when we have food sitting out.

There is a sheet to enter the number of lunches brought and the date. This is to help us track this ministry. Thank you for helping feed our neighbors as Jesus has asked us to do. They will know we are Christians by our love. Deaconess Debbie Byrd



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# Registration Now Open!

## FALL RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 27-29

### Henry Horton State Park

You are invited to attend our first charge-wide retreat, happening at Henry Horton State Park this September. We have 25 double rooms booked for the weekend of September 27th-29th. There can be up to 4 persons per room. Rates are as follows:

Space is limited, so claim your spot by returning your registration, along with a \$25 dollar deposit to our office by July 11th. A non-refundable \$25 deposit is required per person. This is part of the total cost, not in addition to. Deposit due by 7/11. Balance due by 8/11.

Henry Horton is approximately 45 minutes away and we welcome you to join us, even if you can't or prefer not to stay the night. Simply turn in your registration with a \$25 deposit and check the box to indicate meals and participation only. We hope to see you for this time of spiritual connection and relationship building!

Follow this link to register online:

<https://onevoiceumc.org/calendar/retreat-registration/>

*Inquire with the office to learn more about scholarship opportunities.*

## RETREAT REGISTRATION

2019

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

A non-refundable \$25 deposit is required per person. This is part of the total cost, not in addition to. Deposit due by 7/11. Balance due by 8/11.

*Please detach and mail form with deposit to:  
Andrew Price UMC  
2846 Lebanon Pike, Nashville, TN 37214  
or drop in the offering plate at worship*

### REGISTRATION OPTIONS

- 1-2 People persons in a room \$76 (a night)
- 3 People persons in a room \$86 (a night)
- 4 People persons in a room \$96 (a night)
- Participation & Meals only, no overnight

Please list name & contact for additional roommates:

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# Recap 2019 TN Annual Conference

Members of annual conference and guests were called to remember – through Word, Water, & Witness – their identity as baptized Christians and the firm foundation becoming a disciple in the United Methodist church provides.

The annual conference opened with worship on Wednesday with a sermon by Rev. Dr. Davis Chappell, Senior Pastor at Brentwood UMC.

*The body elected 2020 Delegates, approved the creation of a new conference that will join the Tennessee and Memphis conferences, and considered and approved other proposed resolutions.*

The Board of Ministry report included that 28 people would be ordained and commissioned and 19 would be licensed this year.

## Retirement

A video montage of retirees celebrated the 30 clergy who retired in 2019. A full listing of those who retired as well as the video can be found on the conference website [2019 Retirement Class](#) page.

## Licensing, Commissioning & Ordination

Wednesday evening, the Service of Licensing, Commissioning & Ordination filled the sanctuary. Bishop William McAlilly's message was "Abiding on the Journey." Twelve Elders and 2 Deacons were ordained into full membership in the conference. There were 9 Provisional Elders and 5 Provisional Deacons commissioned. Nineteen First Time Local Pastors were licensed.

## Presentations

Inspiring presentations, often with a strong witness of the transforming love of Jesus Christ, were given throughout annual conference.

## Memorial Service

On Friday, family members and friends lit candles at the Service of Remembrance and Memorials to remember the 26 souls who passed in the last year. Rev. Dr. Kenard Murray, retired District Superintendent Red River District, preached on a treasured scripture, Psalm 23. Business of the annual conference began on Wednesday with presentations and re-

ports for items to be voted upon on Friday. Thursday was dedicated primarily to the election of delegates and the resolution to form a new conference.

## Election of Delegates

On Thursday, the day was spent electing delegates and alternates for the 2020 General Conference and 2020 Jurisdictional Conference. Electronic devices were used.

*Young people appealed to the body to elect people under 35 for at least 25% of the positions. Sam McGlothlin and Maggie Taylor, elected to serve at General Conference, are under 35. Of the total 20 people selected, 35% are under the age of 40.*

The following clergy and lay delegates were elected:

### 2020 General Conference Clergy Delegates

Harriet Bryan, Stephen Handy, Marie King, Samantha "Sam" McGlothlin

**2020 General Conference Lay Delegates**  
Jim Allen, Connie Clark, Maggie Taylor, George Brown

### 2020 Southeast Jurisdiction Clergy Delegates

Jacob Armstrong, Jefferson Furtado, Paul Purdue, Laura Brantley

### 2020 Southeast Jurisdiction Lay Delegates

Linda Furtado, Tom Lee, Jacob Vaughn, Leslie Hotzfeld

### Clergy Alternates

Monica Mowdy, Stephanie Dodge

### Lay Alternates

Christine Archer, Rachel Hagedwood

### New Conference Resolution

Also on Thursday, a resolution on the creation of a new conference was presented and voted on by written ballot. It read in part, "the Tennessee Annual Conference affirms sending a motion to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, for action at its 2020 session, requesting that the Tennessee and Memphis Conferences be joined to form a new Conference, and to meet as a fully unified Annual Conference **in 2021.**"

The ballots were sealed to be counted at the close of each – Memphis and Tennes-

see – annual conference. [The bishop announced on his blog on Monday, June 17, that the **measure passed in both conferences with 68% overall approval – TNUMC: 441 yes, 236 no (65%) and MEM: 319 yes, 123 no (72%)**]

## Direct Billing Proposal

The Council for Finance and Administration presented 7 action items for vote. Two of those action items were related to the **initiation of direct billing to each church for clergy benefits. These received much attention and discussion.**

After many questions and arguments for and against, the following action items were passed on Friday:

*That half the amount of \$13,215 (\$6,562.50) per clergy for participation in the Conference Clergy Health Benefit Plan shall be directly billed to each church for their appointed participating clergy with the remainder paid from conference reserves. Benefit direct billings will be paid or drafted from the church's account via ACH.*

*That 25 percent of the cost to the conference for each clergy participating in the Conference Clergy Pension Plans shall be directly billed to each church to which the clergy is appointed, with the remainder paid from conference reserves. Benefit direct billings will be paid or drafted from the church's account via ACH. The specific amount will be calculated for each church after appointments have been made, but no later than October 31, 2019.*

## Voice Vote Resolutions

The following resolutions were passed by voice vote on Friday: Housing Pension Resolution, Martin Methodist Month Resolution, and Suicide Prevention Resources Resolution.

## Inclusion Resolution

On Friday, a revised resolution was presented that addressed the passage of the **Traditional Plan at the 2019 Special Session of General Conference.**

To read the recap in its entirety, visit:

<https://www.tnumc.org/2019/06/18/a-brief-recap-of-the-2019-tennessee-annual-conference/>

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Engage

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Are you available to help out with weekly youth activities or food preparation? If so, please reach out to our youth contact & let her know your availability.

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