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Hohenwald United Methodist Church (March) – (April) 2018

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From the Pastor's Desk



Bible Verse: *“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear...We love him because he first loved us.” 1 John 4: 18a,19*

“To be afraid is the basis of all things,” suggested the writer, William Faulkner. The first lesson, of course, is to admit our fear and not let it control us. If fear is not going to change us into the evil we despise, we must find some resources in the darkness to help us. But dealing with those persons or things which threaten us seems to require a power capable of reaching our very deepest anxiety.

So, how **do** we deal with fear? “Love overcomes fear,” says 1 John. Good advice in the light of day, but when the shadows close around, and loneliness takes over, it may sound like so much whistling in the dark.

Still, the Bible consistently teaches that in Jesus Christ there is an alternative to living in fear. The announcement itself

begins: “Be not afraid, for behold I bring you good news...” And, interestingly enough, this is the same word which greets those who first learn that Jesus has risen: “Be not afraid!” The message is clear that the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus addresses our deepest anxiety. But how?

“Why are you afraid?” This is the question Jesus asked his disciples one day when they were on a boat in a storm. It is also his question to us.

“Do you not care if we perish?” This was their fear shouting back.

Jesus understands our anxiety. He looks behind our fears to their source. Jesus knew there is a reality with the power to overcome our fear. It is the same truth which the writer of 1 John offered when he wrote that love has the power to overcome fear. In this dark and often dangerous world, we are in the company of a God who is love.

Is it like whistling in the dark? Maybe. Have you ever noticed how some people whistle when they are afraid? It relieves tension. But it also creates a tune which just may encourage someone else to join in—creating a feeling of **companionship**. And isn't that what we are really searching for in calming our fears? Companionship. A sense of community strong enough to

overcome our anxiety. The Christian reality expressed in Jesus Christ affirms that God, who is love, dwells with us. God has taken up residence with us and calls us to join with him in creating community.

Such love may be just what is able to overcome our fear. Where God's love finds expression, fear can be overcome. It is in such community that we can live from love and not from fear. Maybe in such a community we, too, can learn to whistle a tune like this:

***"'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear;
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
the hour I first believed!"***

—Drew

From Lay Leader Gloria Jones

PAWS OF WORSHIP wish to thank all the wonderful friends who have helped spread the love of God with sweet cuddly animals who have shared worship with us. Each time someone GIVES one of these gifts, he/she is blessed. Your contributions keep this little ministry going and God smiles!!!

New Sunday Night Bible Study Series

The new Sunday Night Series begins April 29th, "Escape the Coming Night," by Dr. David Jeremiah.

If you are familiar with Dr. Jeremiah's teaching, you will appreciate how simple and understandable the book of Revelation can be. *Turning Point Ministries* airs on TV as well as daily at 8:30 on 90.1 FM radio.

This study will make us more aware of the prophecies before us to prepare for the coming of Christ. Christ can come at any time, as we all know.

We will be watching the DVD series, "Escape the Coming Night," and follow with discussion. We will not be buying books to accompany this series unless requested. Bring a notepad if you wish. **See you Sunday night, starting APRIL 29th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary!!!**

New Sunday School Class will begin on May 6th in the old pre-school room (down the hall from Drew's office). Also there is an outside door from the sidewalk going toward the CLC.

I will be starting directly from the Bible. There will be coffee and maybe some goodies to share. This will be an adult class, which means if you are older than 18 and younger than 118, you will fit right in. ****Note:** I consider myself an associate teenager!

We will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. and be out by 10:15 a.m. Let's enjoy this time together in fellowship and God's word. Welcome!!!

Peace, Gloria Jones



United Methodist Women

The First United Methodist Women's group held meetings in March and April.

During March's meeting the group's speaker was Sherri Hughes, the Director of The Shelter, Inc., a domestic violence and sexual assault shelter. Located in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, this organization also services Lewis County.

It provides various services including a 24 hour hotline, free, comfortable and safe temporary emergency housing for battered

women and children, and other important services. Volunteers play a major role in the program. If you are interested in donating to this worthwhile group or giving items needed by the individuals this service assists, or in volunteering, please see anyone who is a member of UMW. She can provide you with a list of needed items and other information.

During April's meeting the guest speaker was Rosa Priest of the Buffalo River Services. She provided information about the individuals they service and how churches and the community can help. This is another service provided in Lewis County that is very important.

During both meetings the focal point of discussion included: purchase of a new ice maker for the Christian Life Center; the birthday celebration the group provides for the Lewis County Nursing Home, which includes a birthday celebration for all residents and staff; the April trip to work at the UMCOR facility in Decatur, Alabama; and a new project discussed below.



Garage Sale

The United Methodist Women will have a garage sale at the Christian Life Center during Hohenwald's Springfest weekend. **The sale will be Saturday, May 5th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Proceeds will go toward beautifying the men's restroom in the Sunday School section of our church.

If you would like to donate items for the garage sale, the drop off time will be on **Friday, May 4th from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. PLEASE PRICE YOUR OWN ITEMS.** Items should be in presentable condition; no clothes please.



United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men group met on March 6th and April 3rd. Planning has begun for the Fishing Rodeo to be held June 9th. All youth are encouraged to participate. Information about times and place will be announced so watch your church bulletin and newsletter. Everyone is invited so don't miss the fun, sun, and fellowship.

2018 Easter Services

The congregation celebrated the resurrection of Christ during the first of April. The day began with the yearly Sunrise Service and Breakfast, followed by the Traditional 10:30 Church Service. We had many friends and guests as visitors and enjoyed beautiful music, an inspiring sermon, and time with friends and family. Easter lilies adorned the front of the sanctuary and were given in honor and memory of various individuals as noted in the church bulletin. Three young people dedicated their lives to Christ on this beautiful Easter Sunday. They were Hadley James Spitzer, Christopher Michael Spitzer, and Katherine Isabella Cruz.

Hadley and Christopher are sons of Kellie Spitzer and Matthew Spitzer; grandsons of Jimmy and Sue Hurt, Mike and Dana Spitzer, and Rick and Ruth Richardson, and great-grandsons of Clarice Smith.

Katherine is the daughter of Natalie and Chano Cruz and the granddaughter of Mac and Jimmie Kay McCarthy and Marty and Donna Wheeler of Fortuna, California.

Congratulations and prayers for these three young people as they journey through life. May they be blessed by God's joy and love.



“The LORD thy God in the midst of thee [is] mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.” **Zephaniah 3:17**





UMCOR Donations and Volunteer Work



United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Sunday was March 11, 2018. UMCOR reaches out to help those in need in all 50 states as well as all over the world to provide immediate assistance in the event of natural and human-caused disasters and to help support ongoing ministries of food, shelter, health and peace for those in need. Monies collected help keep this vital organization active. The total collected on this day was \$1,205. 90. Thank you for all of your donations. We will continue accepting donations. Just mark your check or envelope for UMCOR.

On April 10th, sixteen volunteers from the United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men journeyed to Decatur, Alabama to one of the distribution centers for UMCOR. They spent the day working the warehouse doing various jobs. Those who participated enjoyed the day giving their time to such a worthwhile organization.

Reaching Out to Others

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY= "SENDING LOVE THROUGH COOKIES"

All Cookies **must** be made from one of the approved recipes. Contact the church office or Joyce McCutcheon for guidelines or copy of a specific recipe.

Please bring your cookies on a disposable plate to the church library **May 2nd** between 8 a.m.-3 p.m. If you cannot be here, please contact Joyce McCutcheon for special arrangements, 796-5909. Remember to add **Love & Prayer** as you prepare your gift.

HFUM Youth Choir

Enthusiasm prevails when the HFUM Youth Choir takes part in the Sunday morning church service. Considering they didn't meet for rehearsals during the months of January and February 2018, they made up for lost time in March and April. On March 18th, they presented two songs with excitement and zeal. The first song was a new rendition of the spiritual, "Do Lord," on which they met the challenge of singing acapella (without accompaniment) for the first time. Secondly, these awesome kids really showed out on one of the all-time favorites, "I'll Fly Away." The congregation demonstrated their enjoyment and support as they clapped to the beat of the song and ended with a surprising standing ovation for the performance. Besides Brenda Duncan, our talented and faithful pianist doing the accompaniment for "I'll Fly Away," Graham Kilsby joined in with an outstanding rhythmic component on the guitar.

"Great Morning, Great Day" was not only the name of the Youth Choir's presentation on March 22nd, but it exemplified the entire church service. This was another "parts" song which can be quite challenging, but as

always, the Youth Choir again stepped up to the plate and gave an excellent performance. Thanks again to Brenda Duncan for accompanying them on piano. We so appreciate your willingness to help us out, Ms. Brenda.

The members of the Youth Choir take pleasure in praising our Heavenly Father through song, and they appreciate the invitation to be part of the church services on occasion at Hohenwald First United Methodist Church. In the picture below from L to R, starting with the first row are: Xavier Shook, Starr Holmes, Rebecca Robbins, Gabriel Shook, Hadley Spitzer, Nevaeh Groves, Christopher Spitzer, Conner Sood, Christan Ganus, Chris Fierce. Not pictured: Siarra Mayberry.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Graves—Youth Choir

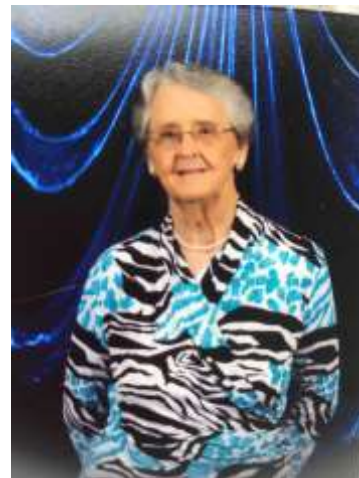


Junior/Senior Sunday School News

The Junior/Senior High School class completed its 18-month study of the book entitled *David* by Beth Moore. We took the last Sunday of the study to review the things we had learned about King David, which was a substantial mass of information.

The class is now about to begin a study of Beth Moore's book *Daniel*. There is so much more to Daniel than the story of him in the lion's den, and so few Christians are aware of this book, that the class wanted to delve into the Daniel story to see what might be gleaned. This study will be based on 4 DVD's, and the information will be viewed on our TV screen. The entire set of lessons will consume 16 or more meetings, so this study should take us well toward the end of this year.

Respectfully Submitted by Dr. Jerry Turner



Getting to Know Church Family

Famous first lady matriarch Barbara Bush once stated, "To us, family means putting your arms around each other and being there." These words resonate in my head as I write about our next church family member, **Mrs. Sue Bouldin**. For Mrs. Sue, family has always been the center of her world. Another importance to her has been

and always will be her church family. She admires people who are dedicated and involved in their community and church. This delightful lady is a symbol of Southern elegance, strength, and kindness and has given much to others in her ninety-one years on this earth.

Marion Sue Bouldin was born to Claudia and Charles Anderson and raised in Lewis and Perry Counties in Tennessee along with three other siblings; brothers Luther Anderson and Bobby Anderson (both deceased), and sisters Evelyn Tatum (deceased) and Martha Edwards. As Mrs. Sue talked about her childhood, it became obvious that everything she has learned about life and living has been because of a strong family, which began with her parents. Her father was a hard working man who worked as a mechanic, lumberman, school bus driver, and innovator during his time on this earth. Mrs. Sue with pride told of her father running pipe from a natural spring to their house, allowing them to have running water in the house. She said he was very smart and industrious. Her mom, a dedicated wife and mother to four children, cooked, made their clothes, and worked alongside her husband to see that their family was well taken care of. The family started out in the Riverside Community of Lewis County where all four children were born, then moved to the Sinking Creek Community in Perry County. Later the family moved to Hohenwald, Tennessee.

Mrs. Sue married Jacob Springer Marbet and had two children, Bill Marbet who presently lives in Columbia, Tennessee and Lynn Tate who lives in Lobelville, Tennessee. Mr. Marbet passed away when Lynn was three years old. In 1957, Mrs. Sue married Dr. Roger Bouldin who was a dentist in Hohenwald. She, like her mother before her, was a house wife who put great emphasis on the importance of family and closeness. Her life has been enriched by

her children and her grandchildren, Dan and John McEwen and Lee and Jacob Marbet. She also has seven great-grandchildren. She beams when she talks about them all and says they have been her greatest accomplishment in her life. Living life to its fullest has always been her philosophy, and that fulfillment has been enhanced by her loving family.

During their years of marriage, the Bouldins traveled as many places as life allowed them time to travel. Mrs. Sue has been in 49 states and 23 countries. Her favorite state was Colorado because of the memorable panoramic views of the terrain, and her favorite country was Italy for the very same reason, its breathtaking beauty.

Over the years Mrs. Sue has enjoyed playing countless bridge games with friends, reading good books (her favorites are *The Horse Whisperer* and *Education of Little Tree*), watching a few sports games (especially the Tennessee Vols), participating in the United Methodist Women's group where she served as an officer, and spending time with family and friends.

Being raised in a Christian household, the family attended the First Methodist Church of Hohenwald. Mrs. Sue has been an active member for many years. Church is her second home, and she says each time the congregation loses someone, it is like losing a family member and the loss is painful.

Interviewing this delightful lady was a treat. It was Thomas Wolfe author of *Look Homeward Angel* who said, "You can never go home again." But what if your heart and soul never left? Mrs. Sue Bouldin loves Hohenwald because it feels like home and home is where she will forever be. Borrowing a quote that fits this special lady, "Home is where love resides, memories are

created, friends are always welcome, and family is forever.”

Mrs. Sue Bouldin recently celebrated her 91st birthday on April 18th. If you haven't wished her a happy one, give her a hug.



News & Announcements

- Choir practice is each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
- United Methodist Women meet every second Monday of each month at 3:00 p.m.
- United Methodist Men meet every first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. A meal is provided.
- If you would like to support the Radio Ministry, the Committee on Christian Witness would appreciate your help. See Brother Drew or Mark Warrington if interested. The cost is \$25 per week, which allows someone who cannot attend to listen to our church service.
- Radio Broadcast of church service is every Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. on WMLR 1230 AM.
- Hohenwald's Springfest will be held May 4th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, May 5th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is the 7th Annual Craft Fair

and Family Fun Event. See more information at www.hohenwaldspringfest.com

- A garage sale sponsored by the United Methodist Women will be held on Saturday, May 5th. Times for the sale are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Christian Life Center.



- Next due date for information to be placed in the May/June newsletter is June 19, 2018. Please send news articles to Sally Thornton. Contact information is included below.
- Sunday, April 29, 2018, following worship service—5th Sunday Pot-Luck in Christian Life Center.

How to Spread the News

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