SARA’S STORY (cont’d from last week)... There are a lot of challenging things that come with Tanzania; however, for me, everything was exactly as it needed to be. And because you and I share the same faith, it should be for you too. You’re going to hear a lot about our trip. You’ll hear a lot about what Tanzania needs. You’ll hear a lot about how good the people, the food, and the country are. Tanzania needs help with many of the physical, material aspects of life, and I expect you all to help them with that whether it be through giving or through prayer. So since you’re going to hear about what they need, since you are going to help with what they need, I’m here to tell you what we need. I’ve been in a lot of churches in my life. I’ve been an insider, an outsider, and oftentimes just an observer of my dad’s job. But let me tell you something, out of the seven churches I’ve been part of, I have never seen the deep, never-ending faith that these people in Tanzania have. I don’t think I’ve ever walked into a church and seen people actually dance, I haven’t seen kids younger than I get up on the spot to sing, I haven’t heard a pastor I met a week ago tell me he loves me and that I am his family. Their way of life is simple. Their way of love is simple (and real!). Their way of worship is sometimes messy, but it is simple. And church, please listen carefully when I say this, God is simple. God is not primarily focused on the fact that one church has stained glass windows while another worships under a tree next to a corn field. And the last time I checked, God likes to look at what’s in the heart of our churches rather than what’s in or on the structures where we worship. I cannot help but think that if churches in America were as simple and real and genuine as the churches in Tanzania-- how much good we could do, how much more we could love. If we could let go of our reservations, our prejudice, our laziness, our drama, what better things in the world could we focus on than our music on Sunday’s or how many steps we are away from an office? I know these aspects of our church are very important to many of us. But from an outsider with pure intentions, let me tell you that what I remember about all of the churches I’ve been in. It wasn’t the music at Vineyard or the stained glass windows at Millington or the insanely expensive organ at Christ Methodist I’ve taken with me. The most important thing about all of them is how they loved, and after going 8,000 miles away, I can firmly say that none made me feel as welcomed and loved as a church who didn’t even speak my language. And no, it’s not because we worshipped under trees or listened to sermons in plastic outdoor chairs. The love that I felt there was felt because those churches are really focused on sharing God through loving God. So church, I’m asking us to be focused and real. Not so that I can take memories of real love from this church, but so that our partnership with Tanzania will be as successful as possible. Our partnership will last if it is real, united, focused, full love from both sides. So to do that, I expect us all to unite, to be real on this, and to love like God loves us.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14
10:00 A.M.

ACOLYTES
Emma Pritchett/Grant Dykes

CROSS BEARER
Ellie Pritchett

SMALL TALK
Penny Garner

PRAYER WARRIOR
Maralyn Beck

SOUNDBOARD
Steve Guttery

VIDEO RECORDER
John Tucker

So watch out, church. Find where God can use you. Whether it be through giving the Church in Mika a roof, donating to the well fund, or praying relentlessly for those precious hands we were so privileged to hold, be real with it. Be genuine. And Most importantly, be Christ-like with it. From the bottom of their big hearts, I know the Mika Church is very thankful for what we have already done. May we continue to fearlessly love them, happily give to them, and continuously pray for them. Thank you. Join us this Sunday as we remember just how small this big world is, and we come to Christ’s Table to celebrate World Communion.

Sincerely in Christ’s service: Ed, Will and the First UMC Family
**RECORD OF LOYALTY**

**ATTENDANCE 10/7/18**

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**PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE**

- When a member of your family is admitted to the hospital.
- When there is a death in your family.
- When your class or group plans to use the church facilities for a meeting or a function.
- When either your home or business phone number or address changes.
- When a new baby arrives in your family.
- When a member of your family leaves for college or establishes their own residence.
- When you change your name.
- When a new family moves into your neighborhood.
- When you feel the pastor, staff, or church can assist you in any way.

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**Our FUMC Mission**

To Know, Love, Share, and Serve Christ

**Our FUMC Vision**

We seek to love God above everything and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

**Our Values**

Hospitality, Outreach, Loving, Tradition, Community, Teaching, Family

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**DOWNTOWN TRICK OR TREAT**

For several years, the downtown merchants have opened their doors to trick or treaters on Halloween evening beginning at 5:30. The 31st lands on a Wednesday this year so we are joining in this tradition by having activities on our upper parking lot. Our activities will include trunk or treating, a dunking booth, carnival style games, inflatable fun, hot dogs, etc. We will need folks to help run the games so get in touch with Patti Lou Parker (285-4794) to help. Dakota Hill is in charge of the trunk or treat. We are not planning a lot of “trunks” because of the other activities but call Dakota at the church (285-6454) if you would like to decorate a trunk.

When the Evangelism team heard about the Downtown Trick or Treat, they wanted to have a treat for the adults. It was decided that we would give families the ingredients for a spaghetti dinner (a package of dry spaghetti, a can of spaghetti sauce, and a box of crackers) that they could take home and cook. To avoid giving the impression that we are guilty of making prejudgments as to who needs a meal, we will give a bag to every family saying something like, “Have a meal on us. If you don’t need it, pass it on to someone who does.” The bags will contain the above-mentioned items and information about our church. We are expecting a large crowd, so we will need a lot of bags. Therefore, we are asking you to prepare a plastic bag or two or more with the food items, and we will add the church info. Bags can be dropped off in the second room to the right in the Family Life Center from 7:30 am until 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm until 6:30 pm Monday through Thursday and 7:30 am until noon on Fridays.

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**FOOD PANTRY**

Suggested:
- Spam, Beef Stew,
- Jelly, Tomato Soup,
- Mac & Cheese,
- Ravioli/Beefaroni,
- Ramen noodles,
- Peanut butter, Crackers, Chicken noodle soup

**PLACE IN PLASTIC TUBS**

Love to sing? Join the Parish Choir! We rehearse on Wednesday's @ 6 p.m. in the Music Suite.
Feeling Forsaken

Our lectionary reading for the week takes us to Psalms 22. “My God, my God why have You forsaken me?” Psalm 22:1. We see the psalmist calling out to God in desperation. We also see these same words uttered by Jesus on the cross in Matthew 27. Jesus bearing our sins on the cross was feeling the same pain that you and I feel in times of hurt, disappointment, agony, and desperation. Because He was fully divine however, Jesus was also pointing back to scripture here in the Old Testament. When you read the rest of the Psalm 22, you see the redeeming nature of the Father. Jesus in Matthew 27 was not doubting the Father but fulfilling the promise. Just as we see David crying out in desperation in the beginning, we also see David praising God in the end. Church remember, “Weeping may spend the night, but there is joy in the morning!” Psalm 30:5

May you and your families have a blessed week,
Brian, Mary, Brylee, Holland Funderburk

Hospital and Recently Ill

In order to keep our teams informed about persons you’ve requested prayer for, please send updates every three weeks.

Joann Lewis
Robin Pipkin - Jan Kelt’s daughter - 3037 Little Bear Highway, Gilbertsville, KY 42044
Peggy Jane Helm
Mary Grace Jennings
Dolores Hearn - The Highlands Room 219
Larry Voss

When In Our Music God Is Glorified

It is about this time of year that I begin to break out in hives. That’s a peculiar statement, isn’t it? You might be wondering why that is. Well, Advent is coming soon. And while I love the season of Advent, it makes me a bit nervous. There are so many things to get done between now and the beginning of the season of Advent. We must prepare for the Hanging of the Greens, Chancel Choir Cantata, Children’s Music, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day just to name a few! Not to mention other celebrations before Advent such as All Saints’ and Thanksgiving.

While we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior, we know that our minds aren’t quite ready. We continue to make lists of all that we need to get done between now and then. We are bombarded with outside distractions as we attempt to make ready our homes and hearts for the birth of the Savior.

I would invite you to consider singing with the Chancel Choir during the season of Advent. We have a place for you and will welcome you with open arms! Prayerfully consider how you might get “plugged-in” to Music and Worship Arts at Dyersburg First!

Grace and Peace, Dakota

YOUTH FALL RETREAT
FYRNE LAKE
OCTOBER 26 - 28
MORE INFORMATION TO COME!
MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

PASTOR’S DISCRETIONARY FUND
In memory of: Helen Vick
Given by: Richard and Betty Carraway
Helen Vick
Lloyd and Barbara Collier

MUSIC FUND
In memory of: Helen Vick
Given by: Nancy Wheatley

Are you up to date?
Help us make sure your information is accurate at
the church. Have you dropped your landline or
changed your cell phone number? Have you
changed your email address or moved? Please call
the church (285-6454) or email
(kkesterson@fumcdyersburg.com) and let us know.
If you are not sure if you have updated this
information at the church, please send it to us
anyway.

UPWARD BASKETBALL
It is time to register your children (ages 5 through 6th
grade) for Upward Basketball and Cheer. Online
registration begins this Thursday, October 11. You can
also register by picking up a brochure from the church
office or from the Family Life Center. We are pleased to
let you know that we have reduced the registration fee to
$55. Also, there will be discounts for families with more
than one child participating. As always, scholarships are
available to help with costs. Online Link: https://
registration.upward.org/UPW67654

All basketball players must attend an evaluation.
Those dates are
Nov. 8 6pm to 9pm.
Nov. 10 8:30am-12pm.
We will have a special evaluation date for FUMC
members and guests.
First practice is Dec. 3
First Game is Jan. 3.

Don’t forget we will need coaches, devotional leaders,
concession stand workers, etc. Anyone who wants to be
contacted to participate in this great program please
contact Patti Lou Parker (285-4794);
plparker@fumcdyersburg.com), Patrick Lemons (731-
697-5200); patrick_lemons@hotmail.com) or Jamison
Gullett (731-693-3122; jamisongullett@gmail.com).

Sunday, October 14, 2018
21st Sunday after Pentecost/in
Kingdomtide-Green

Lectionary Readings
Job 38:1-7 (34-41)
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

SUNDAY SERVICES
9:00 A.M. Sunday School
10:00 A.M. Service
5:00 P.M. Evening Prayer

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