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Vision Casting Event announced:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

What a beautiful way we are walking into our partnership as sister churches! Hickory Bend and Andrew Price - - - you are amazing! Wasn't our evening of Worship and fellowship a joy on August 6 at Hickory Bend!

So what is next???

Sunday, September 10 we will have Sunday morning worship services and classes at AP and HB as usual at usual start times then bring a **covered dish for a meal at Andrew Price at noon**. Meat and drinks provided. Then, about noon-thirty,

I will share about the vision I see for us, our way forward. While I do not proclaim to know all that lies ahead, I am excited about what I see God is doing and I want to share that with you!

As we say at Epiphany each year wise men followed light to see the Lord - - - and Light leads us forward now!

Come!

Peace, +*Melisa*

Save another date also:

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We exist to serve God through Jesus' life changing model of love, acceptance, compassion and justice.

Offering Christ to A Hurting World

Posted: [August 15, 2017](#) | Author: [wtmcalilly](#) | Filed under: [Bishop's Blog](#) | [Leave a comment](#)

The events in Charlottesville, Va., last weekend took me back to my childhood in Mississippi where the history of racial violence is too well known. I remember waking up one morning as a high school student in New Albany, MS, to find a cross planted squarely in our front yard because my brother and I regularly gave David Fitzpatrick and R.C. Smith rides home from football practice. R.C. and David were black teammates on our football team. It was a shocking reminder that not everyone appreciated the act of grace we were offering.

My father was a pastor who stood for racial equality in the turbulent 60's and worked for the merger of the Upper Mississippi Conference and the North Mississippi Conference at a time when it was incredibly unpopular. He modeled for me a style of leadership which was brave and prophetic. It was not always easy. I am grateful for the ways in which my parents taught me to do the right thing.

When I observe the hatred and violence and evil that is unleashed in our country today my heart grieves.

There is no place in America in the 21st Century for White supremacists, Nazis or the Ku Klux Klan. Bishop Mike McKee writes: *"The carrying of the Nazi flag is evil. The flag is a symbol of an evil, failed state that brutally killed more than six million Jews and countless Romani people, homosexuals and others judged to be inferior. Those who sacrificed their lives in World War II defeated that evil. It is truly un-American to carry the flag for an evil dictatorship that our country defeated."*

When we baptize persons in the United Methodist Church, part of the vow we take comes in the form of a series of questions:

*Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of your sin?*

*Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves?*

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*Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the Church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races?*

Every person I have ever baptized has answered “I do” when answering the baptismal covenant vow. It is instructive that at the very outset of our Christian walk, right at the beginning, we affirm that evil exists. We also affirm that the Church through the power of the Gospel is called to stand against such evil.

Now is the time, as United Methodists, to live our **Baptismal Vows** in the most visible way.

Much has been said in the media about the travesty of this tragic event. There is little I can offer that enlightens our tribe called United Methodist.

However, I do appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for the victims of this senseless and tragic event. Pray for the those harmed by the senseless attack on the protesters and their families. More than that, pray that we in this country will respond to violence with peace. Pray that we begin now, today, seeking a loving path toward peace and reconciliation among all people of our great country.

As a white male in a culture of privilege, I have no idea how it feels to be a black person experiencing hatred and violence that grips our land. I pray today that God will show me how I unknowingly contribute to racism and injustice. I invite you to do the same. Let the United Methodists of the Memphis and Tennessee Conferences work toward a just and loving world so that those who live in fear and anxiety because of these evils will no longer be afraid.

Pastors, I call upon you to speak God’s truth into this moment of chaos and violence. Let it be said of the United Methodists in our communities that we do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God.

May we break the silence by joining our voices with the brave and prophetic who call out evil and injustice in our land.

Let us come together to find unity in the midst of diversity.

Let us offer Christ to those who are broken by this chaotic moment in time.

Let the peace of Christ dwell richly in you.

Grace and Deep Peace,
Bishop Bill McAlilly



Prayer Requests for July

Please pray for Rev. Melisa, our church family and our staff.

Sharers Class

Thelma Pearson
Rev. Jeff Fryer
Pete Scalf
John Pugh
Mark Shenker
Mike McCroskey
Wanda Grooms
Donald Smith
Benny Parsons
Melva Anderson
David Lloyd
Dwayne
Vicki Pruitt
Peggy Ivie

Builders Class

Jeff Tomlinson & Family
Bill & Sylvia Mooney
Bessie Richards
Marc Phillips
Richard Burton
William Alexander
Susan McElhaney
Anita Dungan
John Leath
Suzy Merkle
Robert Mullins
Diane and family
Betty Briggs
Ashlee
Frank & Jeannie Alley
Nina Bogle
Family of Holland White
Family of Houston Johnson
Debra Erwin
Ron and Marie Martin
Family of Debbie and Jeff Dungan

Other Prayer Concerns

People in Texas
Peace in the World
World Christian Churches
US Military
Our Country
Caregivers
Inmates at Riverbend
Don Choate
Keri

McDonough Fellowship Class

Deta Hopkins
David Tragle
Tom and Ruby Rogers
Jean & Clyde Ingram
Margaret Maggart
Estelle Groth
Jennifer Grissom
Cindy Stafne
Anleah



Condolences

We offer our condolences to Debbie and Jeff Dungan and their family on the death of Debbie's father, Windle Goodwin.

Prayerfully Remember

NHC at Cool Springs: Jack Collings

Life Care of Old Hickory: Ron Martin

McKendree: Don Choate, N 272, Melva Anderson, Manor 134

Waterford Assisted Living in Hermitage: Betty Briggs, 3778 Central Pike, Rm. 138,
Hermitage, TN 37076

Sycamores Terrace Retirement Community: Lois Overfield, 1427 Lebanon Pike, Apt.
126, Nashville, TN 37210

Providence Place: Virginia Rogilio, 1020 Charlie Daniels Pkwy., Apt. #402, Mt. Juliet,
TN 37122

Provision Living: Pete Scalf, 4131 Andrew Jackson Pkwy, Unit 107, Hermitage, TN
37076

At Home: Oliver Jamison, Rubye and Tom Rogers 615-883-3633; Anna Manson;
Jane Marshall

Church Life

As God's family
 we are **CALLED** and
GATHERED
 to **WORSHIP**
GROW and be
SENT to make
 a difference in the world
 for Christ!

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“Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.” Ephesians 6:18 (NRSV)

Andrew Price UMC Prayer Line: 615-883-5989



Attendance and Giving for August

	Worship 9:15	Sunday School/Small Group	Giving
August 6	95	70	\$ 9,632.00
August 13	98	86	\$ 5,025.00
August 20	112	77	\$ 1,805.00
August 27	93	71	\$ 1,565.00
			E-giving \$ 2,668.00

Church Life

September Meetings

September 5	1:00 p.m.	Book Club, <u>Between Shades of Gray</u> by Ruth Sepetys (McDonough)
September 13	6:30 p.m.	Drama Team Meeting (McDonough)
September 16	7:45 a.m.	United Methodist Men (Fellowship Hall)
September 17	3:00 p.m.	UMYF (Youth Room)
	4:00 p.m.	Finance Committee (McDonough)
	5:30 p.m.	Church Council (McDonough)

Fuel Program Commitment Cards



“When I was hungry, you gave me food...” Matthew 25. FUEL bags are bags of simple food items ready to eat and child friendly. The intention is to provide extra nutrition over the weekend for students who are identified by their teachers at Hickman Elementary. The FUEL bags are expected to cost approximately \$4.50 per bag. Last year we served more than 70 children each week of the program. If you wish to be a part of this ministry you may fill out a blue commitment card for a specific dollar amount per week, per month, per semester or a one time contribution. You may find the blue commitment cards in the foyer and narthex. You may leave the completed cards in the offering plate or send them to the office.

Friends of Andrew Price

The Friends of Andrew Price will meet at the church on September 14 at 10:00 a.m. and leave the church at 10:15 a.m. to travel to Bell Buckle for lunch. Please sign up in the foyer and contact Brenda Vanderpool should you have questions.



Church Life

ALTARSCAPES



Acts of Worship include visual aspects of our life in community. In an effort to involve more participants and to save the Church the costs of unreimbursed florist bills the Worship Committee is asking for your participation on celebrating our faith in altar arrangements.

Options to participate are:

1. Natural green plants/branches
2. Cut flowers from your own garden or purchased
3. Rockscapes or other hardscape items such as pottery
4. Candles, cloth other natural items to emphasize theme of day or season
5. Thanksgiving stones
6. Bible(s)
7. Bread and or fruit
8. Mission gifts (such as canned goods for Second Harvest)
9. Prayer symbols (bells, butterfly cuttings, prayer partner cards, stewardship commitments)
10. Worship items (certainly Holy Communion but also other worship items such as stoles, hymnals)
11. You may contact florist of your own choosing to provide arrangement. Because flowers will need to be delivered on a Saturday for Sunday worship you will need to contact the church office to borrow a key to meet the florist or you may deliver the arrangement yourself.



For any of the above options advise the church office of the week you would like to participate at least three weeks prior the date you would prefer.

If your altarscape is in honor or memory then provide that information to the church office in writing at least three weeks prior to the date. (For example: Today's tulips are in memory of my mother, Helen Laverne Derseweh. Given by Pastor Melisa.)



Church Life

the labor of life

born through labor
we make our journey in labor
as through the years
we labor from
dependence to and
through counter dependence
laboring on to and through
independence and continuing
until our labor brings us
to interdependence where
hopefully we learn to
live cooperatively and
to labor for the
common good
accepting life as
labor given and
labor received
until finally we begin
to labor through the
diminishment of life and
on to and in the labor
of death and that time
when it is said of us
*blessed are those who
rest from their labors*
finally finding complete
rest in God in whom
we've often unknowingly
rested all through
the labor of life



LABOR DAY

Bill Mooney
Reflecting on Labor Day
August 29, 2017

September 10 Event with Hickory Bend UMC

Please join us as we gather on September 10 at 12:00 p.m. with Hickory Bend UMC at Andrew Price. Pastor Melisa will share a vision message with both congregations. This is an important message for our churches as we move forward with our partnership in the Donelson Community sharing God's love. There will be a covered dish luncheon before the message so please bring a dish to share. Please register in the foyer or contact the office. Meat and drinks will be provided. It is our hope that all will attend for this time of fellowship.

Joint Healthy Congregations Workshop on September 24

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MISSION OUTREACH



"The Memphis and Tennessee Conferences are working together to respond to the disaster affecting our sister conferences in Texas and Louisiana. Please continue to pray for all those whose lives continue to be impacted by this storm. We ask for your help"

Bishop Bill McAlilly

You may donate to UMCOR by making your check payable to the church with UMCOR-Harvey on the memo line. Those funds will then be forwarded by the church. Every dollar donated to this fund goes to US Disaster Response – none goes toward administrative costs.

Second Harvest Food Bank

Remember to bring non-perishable food items for Second Harvest Food Bank. Donation bins are located in the narthex at the front entrance and the hallway leading to the Education Wing. The AP Team works the fourth Thursday of each month from 4:00-6:00 p.m. If you wish to be a part of this ministry you may contact the office.

Pop Tops for Ronald McDonald House

Please support the Ronald McDonald House with your pop tops from aluminum cans. These tops are used to assist with funds needed to purchase items for the house. You may place your tops in the labeled bin in the area across from the nursery.

Box Tops for Education

Hickman Elementary receives 10 cents for each box tops clip donated. You may donate your education box tops in the labeled container in the area across from the nursery.



Rest in the Curve

Rest in the Curve is open every Saturday from 10:00-11:00 a.m. We offer a clothes closet and a nonperishable lunch for our guests. Contact the office or sign up in the foyer to volunteer.

Glasses for Lions Club

Please remember to leave eyeglasses in the Lions Club collection box located in the foyer. Recycled eyeglasses are distributed to people in need in low and middle income communities where they will have the greatest impact.

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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