



# GLEANINGS

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LOVE

ACCEPT

ENGAGE

GO

Dear Resurrection People!

At last we are officially announced as partnering with our sister church Hickory Bend with our first Sunday as June 25. I am excited to be a part of this new thing that God is working among us!

Details of the arrangement are yet to become certain but the generous spirit I hear in the comments of the leadership from both churches is a testimony to faith in God who is always creating!

I ask that we all be in an intentional state of prayer as we look for how God's Spirit continues to inform us and work among us. May we better see the Glory Sightings and live the God Stories in these days!

*Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations. Amen.*

Ephesians 3:20-21

Grace and peace,

+Melisa

P.S. Please note the Do No Harm message inside...may we all continue to learn how to be true servants of love instead of agents of toxic charity. God bless us all!

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

# Church News

## Honoring Veterans

**Did a spouse or other family member who has died serve in the military?**

**If so, would you allow us to borrow a picture of your loved one in uniform for a special memorial on the Sunday before Memorial Day?**

**Picture, your name, your loved one's name, birth and death dates are needed by Monday, May 8.**

**Example:**

**(Picture)**

**John Smith**

**(01/01/1900 - 12/31/2000)**

**Husband of Jane Smith**

## Thank You from Hickman Elementary

On behalf of the Hickman faculty, staff, and students we want to thank Andrew Price UMC for their generous gifts of school supplies this school year. Every single supply you have given has been appreciated and has been used by all teachers in their classrooms. We also want to thank you for the FUEL ministry. You have helped so many students have food over the weekend. We are grateful for your kindness and giving. Christy Earl

## VBS Registration

VBS registration has begun. A registration table has been set up in the foyer. Our VBS is for all ages (children, youth, and adults). VBS dates are June 25-29. Rev. Woody Adams will lead adult bible study each evening in the Builder's classroom. Please sign up for meals each night you plan on attending dinner. Our theme this year is "Hero Central - Discover Your Strength in God!" Please contact Christy Earl if you have questions or wish to help with VBS.

## Thank You from L-21:4

Thank you to all who donated funds and clothing items. Thank you to those who attended the blessing of the undergarments for the clothes closet at Two Rivers Middle School. It was a spirit filled event held at Donelson Heights UMC. The fellowship and music provided by Hickory Bend UMC were blessings to all in attendance. We blessed 237 pairs of socks, 588 pairs of underwear, 106 bras, and 108 t-shirts/camisoles. We will continue to collect undergarments through May for Two Rivers Middle School homeless students. You may place your donations in the bin labeled L21:4 in the Outreach area across from the nursery. Praise be to God for your generous gifts.

Deaconess Debbie Byrd

# Church Life

## Book Club

Come and share with the book club which will meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Carolyn Sullivan will be the facilitator. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 6 at 1:00 p.m. in the McDonough Room. The book to be discussed will be The Sandcastle Girls by Chris Bohjalian. Contact the office should you have any questions.

## No Lunch with the Pastor in May

There will be no lunch with Pastor Melisa in May. The next lunch will be on June 14 at 1:15 p.m. at Ellendales.

## Native American Ministries Sunday

Thanks be to God. Your gifts of \$240.00 given on this special Sunday will go to support Native American Ministries across the denomination.

## Celebration for Alli Newman

Come celebrate the high school graduation of Alli Newman on Sunday, May 21st at 11:30 a.m. for a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Meat and drinks will be provided. A sign up sheet is located in the foyer. Sign up to bring a side dish. If you are unable to attend that day and would like to get a gift for Alli, you may give it to Christy Earl.

## Second Harvest Food Bank

Remember to bring non-perishable food items to add to our donations to 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 4th Thursday of each month from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

## Young at Heart (XYZ)

The Young at Heart will be leaving the church at 10:45 a.m. on May 9 for an outing to Demo's in Lebanon. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer. Contact Mary Ann Foley, maryannfoley@gmail.com or Johnnie Maggart, tandjmaggart@bellsouth.net, should you have questions.

## 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.

**Prayer Requests for May**  
**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

**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  
 Sandy and Red Hughes  
 Diane and family  
 Mike Cowell  
 Betty Briggs  
 Ashlee  
 Martin  
 Family of Norma White

**Other Prayer Concerns**

Peace in the World  
 World Christian Churches  
 US Military  
 Our Country  
 Caregivers  
 Inmates at Riverbend  
 Don Choate  
 Debbie Erwin  
 Keri Zachary

**McDonough Fellowship Class**

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

**Prayerfully Remember**

McKendree: Don Choate, N 272  
Sycamores Terrace Retirement Community: 1427 Lebanon Pike, Nashville, TN 37210,  
 Lois Overfield, Apt. 126  
Providence Place: Virginia Rogilio, 1020 Charlie Daniels Pkwy., Apt. #402, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122  
Provision Living: 4131 Andrew Jackson Pkwy, Hermitage, TN 37076, Pete Scalf, Unit 107  
Old Hickory Life Care: Melva Anderson  
At Home: Rubye and Tom Rogers 615-883-3633; Barbara Jamieson; Anna Manson;  
 Margaret Maggart, Fite Living Center, 5 Fite St., Cartersville, GA 30120;  
 Jane Marshall; Betty Briggs

**Attendance and Giving for April**

	<b>Worship 9:15</b>	<b>Sunday School/Small Group</b>	<b>Giving</b>
<b>April 2</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>\$ 4,924.34</b>
<b>April 9</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>\$ 4,864.18</b>
<b>April 16</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>\$ 4,274.00</b>
<b>April 23</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>\$ 2,871.00</b>
		<b>E-giving</b>	<b>\$ 2,299.23</b>

## **Do No Harm**

Charity often hurts the people you try to help. We cannot give away enough money to move someone out of poverty. Our goal should be impacting their lives so they are moved into a direction of self sufficiency.

The best way to help our brothers and sisters is not to give in a way that enables an unhealthy lifestyle. When we give people who come on our campus or elsewhere cash we may be contributing to an unhealthy lifestyle.

A better way to assist people in a moment of crisis is to offer food, clothing or information. This has the potential to move them in a direction of self sufficiency. The money saved by not having to purchase a meal or shoes can then be used for living expenses.

We as United Methodists adhere to the Wesleyan tradition of “do no harm”. The church’s compassion should be helpful and not harmful. We must remember that when we do give directly to others we must be responsible by that giving.

By giving cash you may be putting the staff or other church people at risk of physical or verbal harm. You are encouraging people to return to the church again and ask for cash. Word does spread that cash can be obtained here. It has been my experience that many times people are only seeking cash and nothing else will be acceptable.

Imagine being in the parking lot alone when you are approached by someone wanting cash. This does happen to the staff and others who are here. It can be quite scary and potentially dangerous. I can attest to the fear of bodily harm and the verbal abuse. Pastor Melisa and I have been spoken to in ways most of you cannot imagine. We have also felt unsafe here in God’s house and in the parking lot.

By telling people “no” when asked for cash you are helping them become self sufficient by offering alternatives. You may direct them to the office during the week for lunches or information. You may tell them about Second Harvest or the Rest in the Curve where they may receive food and clothing. There are flyers in the foyer to give them.

When we give people cash at church, in the parking lot, and on the street we are not helping them become self sufficient. If we expect them to take no responsibility for the consequences of their choices, we are enabling them.

Being the hands and feet of Jesus to transform the world means caring for others in a way that can offer self sufficiency and does not cripple them by charity. It does not mean enabling them in such a way that our giving causes harm.

Deaconess Debbie Byrd

Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living.

Do No Harm

Do Good

Stay in Love With God

**May**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p><b>1</b> 7:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 5:00-8:00 p.m. Ethiopian Church Meeting 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 6:15-8:15 p.m. Music City Bronze Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. AA Book Study Meeting (Shade Tree)</p>	<p><b>2</b> 7:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 1:00 p.m. Book Club (McDonough) 4:00 pm 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting Women, 1st Steppers (Shade Tree)</p>	<p><b>3</b> 7:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) Wonderful Wednesday 6:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study (New Life), BLAST (Blast Room), Handbells Rehearsal 7:40 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00-9:00 pm Moonlighters Rehearsal (FH)</p>	<p><b>4</b> 7:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 5:30-8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby (FH) 6:30 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting (McDonough) 7:00 p.m. Alanon (Library) 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting</p>	<p><b>5</b> 7:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 7:00 p.m. Young &amp; Sober (AA, Shade Tree)</p>	<p><b>6</b> 9:00-11:00 a.m. Nashville Ethiopian Evangelical Church Prayer Meeting (Anna Gay Room) 10:00 a.m. End Slavery TN Hermitage Donelson Volunteer Group (McDonough) 10:00-11:00 a.m. Rest in the Curve 10:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 3:00-6:00 p.m. Nashville Ethiopian Evangelical Church Worship and Choir Rehearsal (Sharers Room) 5:30 &amp; 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 7:00 p.m. Young &amp; Sober (AA)</p>
<p><b>7</b> 8:15 a.m. McDonough Fellowship Sunday School Class <b>9:15 a.m. Worship Service, Rev. Woody Adams preaching</b> 10:30 a.m. Sunday School and Small Group 11:45 a.m. VBS Leaders Meeting 1:15-3:00 p.m. Nashville Ethiopian Evangelical Church Fellowship (FH) 2:00 &amp; 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 4:00-5:15 p.m. UMYF 6:00 p.m. Young &amp; Sober (AA)</p>	<p><b>8</b> 7:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 5:00-8:00 p.m. Ethiopian Church Meeting 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 6:15-8:15 p.m. Music City Bronze Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. AA Book Study Meeting (Shade Tree)</p>	<p><b>9</b> 7:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 10:45 a.m. Young at Heart (XYZ) leave church for Demo's, Lebanon 11:00 p.m. LOC (Library) 4:00 pm 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting Women, 1st Steppers (Shade Tree)</p>	<p><b>10</b> 7:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) Lunch with Pastor Melisa <b>Cancelled</b> 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) Wonderful Wednesday 6:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study (New Life), BLAST (Blast Room), Handbells Rehearsal 7:40 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00-9:00 pm Moonlighters Rehearsal (FH)</p>	<p><b>11</b> 7:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 6:30-8:00 p.m. Boy Scout Court of Honor (FH) 7:00 p.m. Alanon (Library) 7:00-8:00 p.m. Emmaus Board Meeting (McDonough)</p>	<p><b>12</b> 7:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 7:00 p.m. Young &amp; Sober (AA, Shade Tree)</p>	<p><b>13</b> 9:00-11:00 a.m. Nashville Ethiopian Evangelical Church Prayer Meeting (Anna Gay Room) 10:00-11:00 a.m. Rest in the Curve 10:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 3:00-6:00 p.m. Nashville Ethiopian Evangelical Church Worship and Choir Rehearsal (Sharers Room) 5:30 &amp; 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 6:00-9:00 p.m. Graduation Celebration for Elshadai Daniel (FH) 7:00 p.m. Young &amp; Sober (AA)</p>

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