

July Birthdays

2 Ellen Joiner
Rollins Wear
Mildred Worthy
3 Sheri Grantham
6 Bobby Browning
Mary Hicks
8 Barron Bridges
Nicole Gilbert
10 Cole Friedlander
11 Sandra Lockwood
14 Cheryl Lynn
Ashley Strange
David Strange
16 Morgan Gilbert
20 Aaron Hopkins
21 David Corona
22 Avery Castellow
23 Grady Clements
Hugh Matthews
24 Patty Hopkins
Charlotte Strange
25 Ches Redding
26 Mandi Strickland
Ted Taylor
Patricia Tolar
27 Madison Huffman
29 Warren Arwood
Bill Black
Martha Malone
Austin McCall
Greer Turnipseed
30 Parker Goss
Matthew Mullins
31 Grayson Baker
Will Rykard
Laura Sapp



The GAP Summer Feeding program begins July 2nd! We will prepare and serve lunch in our Fellowship hall on week days July 2nd – July 27th (excluding the 4th).

Assist in kitchen: 11:00am

Servers: 11:45am

We will be serving lunch from 12:00-12:30pm.



Mark your calendars for the Back-to-School Sale. It will be held at the FUMC Annex Building on August 4th.

Wednesday Night Supper will begin August 8th at 5:30pm. Our youth will be sharing stories and pictures from their mission trip to Copperhill, TN.

A Message From Our New Choir Director

FUMC Family,

First, allow me to express my appreciation for the diligence and constancy displayed by Ingrid Wingate over the last 20 years. As a church, such dedication should be applauded, thank you Mrs. Wingate.

I am humbled and honored to have been chosen to replace her and I promise to bring diligence, dedication and a dash of creativity to the job. However, I need your help. The only way to have a good choir that reflects positively on this congregation, is to have congregation members willing to dedicate themselves to the choir. I know, for certain there are many of you who have the capacity to make a joyful noise to the Lord. Please do not feel intimidated by my presence or the presence of anyone else in the choir. The wonderful aspect of an all-volunteer choir is the mutual support and fulfillment that comes from making music for the Lord.

Here is what I promise you: 1) We will start on time and finish on time. I will not waste a moment of your time. 2) I will choose a wide variety of music. Some you will like some you won't (you can't please everybody all the time) but I will try to please everyone some of the time. 3) We will have fun and put forward a ministry you can point to with pride. 4) We will represent FUMC in such a way that shines a great light upon our church and our community. I want new people to come to our sanctuary and say "Wow, what a choir!"

In order for us to achieve these goals, we must have you. I know it is difficult to motivate yourself in the middle of the week to attend a rehearsal. As a choral director for the past 25 years (15 of those as a church musician) I can unequivocally say the time spent making music will drain stress from you quickly. You should leave a choir rehearsal feeling upbeat and positive. I will do my utmost to make that happen.

So here is my plan for the summer (please bear in mind, we will begin rehearsal in earnest beginning August 8th at 7PM):

July 11th - Initial meeting and rehearsal at 7 PM in the choir room

July 18th - Second and final rehearsal until August 8th

August 8th - beginning of the Fall and Christmas Season

If you have not been singing with the choir, for whatever reason, I beg you to give God a chance to show you how music can lift your soul and the souls of those around you.

I am excited by the potential and the plethora of possibilities that will be placed before us if we choose to work toward this together.

Musically yours,
Travis D Kern

VBS Info: There will be a VBS volunteer meeting **Monday, July 9th at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.** We will decorate for VBS **Saturday, July 14th.** All are welcome to help. If anyone has any fake Christmas trees we can borrow for decoration please let Laura know. Thank you!