

THE CUMC CATCH-UP

A World of Octobers

“I am so glad I live in a world of Octobers,” said Anne Shirley, the dreamy orphan in the novel, *Anne of Green Gables*. I, too, am glad I live in a world of Octobers. Fall brings fresh, crisp air, a feeling that sparks renewal in my soul. I want to spring clean; sweep and dust away the remnants of summer. October is a new beginning that continues into November. It may fall in the later half of the calendar, but it is a preview of the beginning of the new church calendar that begins with Advent in December. October to me is the best time. It is a reminder of hope. It begins a movement from “Ordinary Time” to some of the most deeply regarded celebrations in our faith: **Children’s Sabbath, All Saints Sunday, and Christ the King Sunday**. All of these days provide a beautiful time to reflect on hope.

Renewal, new beginnings and hope are found in the legacy of the future of our faith – our children. While we old people often get tired and want to give over to sitting on our blessed assurance as the birthdays tick by, the children remind us we have so much to do as we tend to the formation of their faith and celebrate how they have begun to grow in God within the context of their church family – us! There is still work to do! Let us run the race with perseverance and be the great cloud of witnesses for those just beginning to run.

All Saints Sunday could be seen as a time of mourning and grief as we recognize the saints that have entered glory in the year and remember those we still miss from years past. But while acknowledging our sorrow, we also rejoice that our loved ones have ended their course of labor and have entered into their eternal relationship with God. We are reminded to reflect their witness that lasted all their days. We praise God for their presence in our lives and gain inspiration from them for our days of service ahead. We find renewal in continued service in their honor.

While fall begins in October, its continuance into November also marks renewal and hope as we finish up our church year with the observance of Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday before Advent. This Sunday also lands near our observance of Thanksgiving which is perfect. It celebrates Christ the messiah and king who has sovereign rule over all creation. We praise God, whose will it is to restore all things through God’s well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, with the assurance that He will mercifully grant that the people of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin though we are, may be freed and brought together under Jesus’ most gracious rule. The observance of Christ the King Sunday reminds us that the once small baby, born in a manger to humble servants of God, will live to serve and sacrifice for us to give us the renewal and hope of the new beginning of the King to come to rule the Kingdom to come.

Jesus is our ever-present hope. I am so glad I live in a world of Octobers!

Pastor Monica

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Happy Fall, Y'all!

(Corny, I know, but I couldn't help myself.) Blessings from the Children's Ministry!

We are super, *super* excited for this month and want to share some things with you that you definitely won't want to miss!

First, **October 8th is our Children's Sabbath**. All aspects of our worship service will be lead by the kiddos – from the scriptures, to the music, to the message. Please be sure you join us that day to be blessed by them and show your support.

Second, **our Fall Festival is set for October 29th from 5-7PM!** This will also serve as our year-long VBS kickoff and sign-up. Please make plans to join us for a fun-filled evening and be sure to bring your friends! This is one of the best ways to love on our kiddos and our community.

We continue to work on making upcoming plans and appreciate the love you continue to show the children of this church. Thank you for all you do to support them in their walk with God!

Nicole Harriman, Director of Children's Ministry

COMING UP NEXT FOR CUMC KIDS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
KIDS IS BACK!

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:00PM

CHILDREN'S *Sabbath*
OCTOBER 8 • 10:00AM



Fall Festival

PRESENTED BY CUMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

LIVE MUSIC | PUMPKIN CARVING | FALL SNACKS

OCTOBER 29 • 5-7PM



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MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Choir + Friends Barbecue Party **Saturday, October 21 | 12:00-6:00PM**

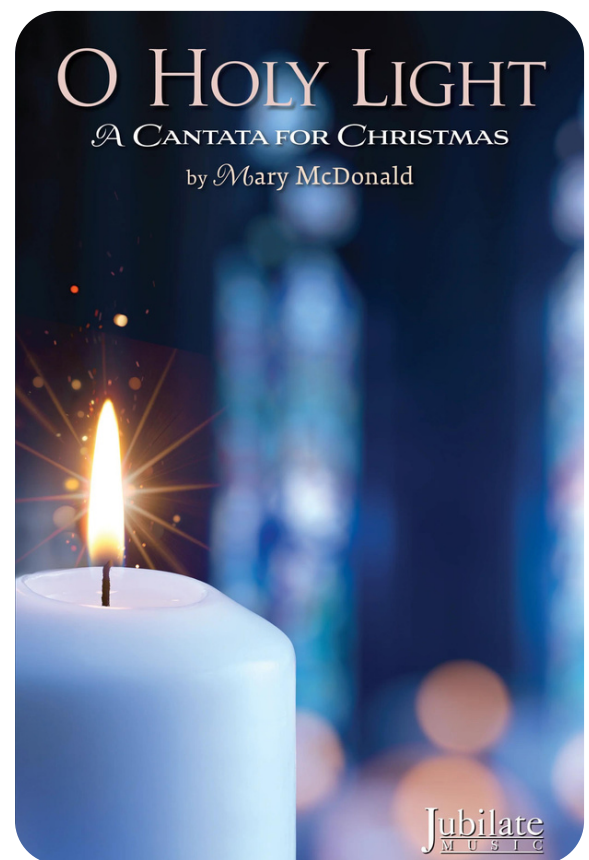
Corn hole, s'mores, horse rides, and delicious grilled delights are in store for anyone who participates in any part of our music ministry, be it handbells, special music, or tech. Families welcome!

***O Holy Light* Christmas Cantata** **with Barton's Creek Baptist Church**

The CUMC Choir is proud to bring you a wonderful time of worship this Christmas season in partnership with Barton's Creek Baptist Church of Lebanon. Both nights will have a reception with light refreshments following the performance.

December 10 • 6:00PM
Barton's Creek Baptist Church

December 17 • 6:00PM
Carthage United Methodist Church



The Bert Coble Singers' Annual Christmas Dinner Show **December 7-9 at 7:00PM | Baird Chapel (Cumberland University)**

The time-honored tradition returns this December! A number of folks from our CUMC Choir add their voices to this Christmas collective and would love to see you there. Tickers are \$50.00 and may be purchased at www.bertcoblesingers.com.

Jennifer Perry, Director of Music Ministry

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CHURCH + COMMUNITY NEWS

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Sponsored by The Becomers

It's almost Shoebox time! Boxes will soon be available in the Gathering Area. The Becomers will again be sponsoring the project which sends shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, and personal care items all over the world. Also included in all boxes is a booklet entitled *The Greatest Journey*, which tells of Jesus' love for all and invites children to join in the greatest journey of all – walking with Jesus!

Please consider helping in one of the following ways:

1. Pack a box at home and drop it off at CUMC.
2. Sponsor a Becomers-packed box for \$25.
3. Donate items. Balls, yoyos, scissors, and harmonicas are needed most. Small fast-food toys are also appreciated!
4. Pay the \$10 shipping fee on 60 packed boxes.
5. Pray for those distributing the boxes and the children receiving them.
6. Join The Becomers on packing day. All are welcome to pack a box, including children.



Smith County Preschool Consignment Sale October 6 (9AM-5PM) | October 7 (9AM-12PM)

Come out and shop for boys and girls clothing (sizes 0-18), toys, furniture, shoes, accessories, books, and more!

Steel Magnolias at Smith County Playhouse October 27-28, November 3-4

Robert Harling's iconic story of Southern sisterhood comes to Smith County this fall! Tickets are \$25 and include a meal (excluding the November 4th matinee) and can be purchased at Smith County Drug Center.



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COMING UP AT CUMC

Church Council Meeting October 1

All committee chairs, ministry team leaders and other officers need to make plans to attend.

The meeting will begin at 11:00AM in the CLC.

Church members are welcome to sit in on the discussion!

Lay Servant Ministries Academy October 6-7

Feeling called to serve in missions and ministry? Join the Lay Servant Ministries Academy! This event will offer courses designed to educate and equip United Methodists for participation in church and community leadership with instruction from a team of fantastic local clergy and lay leaders.

Registration forms and course selections are available in the church office or in the "What's New" section of the CUMC website.

Friday, October 6 • 5:30-8:00PM

Saturday, October 7 • 7:30AM-6:00PM

Women's Retreat October 13-15

Join us for a mountainside weekend of restoration and worship alongside other sisters in Christ.

The cost is \$125. Lunch will be provided Saturday.

Contact Dawn Bass or Connie Baxter to sign-up.

When You Pray Bible Study Wednesdays Thru October 25

Led by Jane Bass Turner, this 7-session study aims to draw us closer to God through different prayers.



Lay Servant Ministries

Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"† > ↑ & ↓" Sermon Series Begins October 15

This series will highlight the unfailing love of Jesus, who is with us and for us in our greatest triumphs and most difficult struggles.

All Saints Sunday November 5

Join us in honoring the loved and lost who have gone before us in faith. Candles will be available to light on behalf of passed saints.

Christ The King Sunday November 26

Celebrate the final Sunday of Ordinary Time with us before the Christmas season hits at a special worship service centered around Christ's messianic kingship and sovereign rule over all creation.

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CELEBRATE + CONNECT

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Judy Hackett	10/05
Christina Martin	10/05
Carolyn Webster	10/05
Grayson Banka	10/06
Liz Carver	10/06
Dalton Paschal	10/06
Gary Garrett	10/08
Valerie Tippy	10/08
Susan Daniel	10/09
Suzanne Gammon	10/09
Suzette Long	10/09
Sophia Ward	10/09
Mary Evelyn Key	10/10
Pat Wooten	10/10
Turner Upchurch	10/11
Tina Doran	10/13
David Donaldson	10/14
Joann James	10/14
Mackenzie Ash	10/15
Darby Anne Hudson	10/17
Jason Kemp	10/19
Nancy Pettross	10/19
Jeff Davis	10/20
Amanda Meredith	10/22
Virginia Reed	10/22
Louise Ethridge	10/24
Elizabeth Johnson	10/25
Mallory Dickerson	10/26
John Flemmons	10/27
Dollie Cowan	10/28
Randy Dillehay	10/28
Emme Jenkins	10/28
Blake Manning	10/28
Clara Martin	10/30
Alan Long	10/31

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Kim Jackson	11/02
Dakota Mowdy	11/03

ANNIVERSARIES

Tucker and Kristi Huseh	10/01
Casey and Sarah Owen	10/03
Jeff and Lauren Davis	10/06
George and Virginia Reed	10/06
Jon and Tiff Ethridge	10/09
Eric and Melanie West	10/11
Brooks and Christina Martin	10/14
John and Lisa Flemmons	10/17
Jerry and Jodi Gammon	10/18
Robert and Susan Daniel	10/21
Terry and Kim Jackson	10/21
Marcus and Leann Lavender	10/21
Bard and Terry Coggins	10/22
Marc and Sherry Tuley	10/31



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**CARTHAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OCTOBER 2023**

<p>1 COMMUNION</p> <p>11 a.m. Church Council Meeting</p> <p>4 – 5:30 p.m. BS Troop 367</p>	<p>2 5-7 p.m. The Spot</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 9 a.m. – Noon Women's BS 6 p.m. Children's Ministry 6 p.m. Pastor Monica's BS 6 p.m. Youth 7 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>5 12 Noon – Zoom BS</p>	<p>6 SCPS FALL CONSIGNMENT SALE</p> <p>Lay Servant Ministries School – Centertown UMC</p>	<p>7 SCPS FALL CONSIGNMENT SALE</p> <p>Lay Servant Ministries School – Centertown UMC</p>
<p>8 Children's Sabbath/ Communion</p>	<p>9 COLUMBUS DAY – OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>5-7 p.m. The Spot</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 9 a.m. – Noon Women's BS 6 p.m. Children's Ministry 6 p.m. Pastor Monica's BS 6 p.m. Youth 7 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>12 12 Noon – Zoom BS</p>	<p>13 Women's Retreat</p>	<p>14 9 a.m. Shawl Ministry</p> <p>Women's Retreat</p>
<p>15 Women's Retreat</p> <p>3-4:30 p.m. BS Pack 367</p> <p>4-5:30 p.m. BS Troop 367</p>	<p>16 Smith Co. Schools – Fall Break</p>	<p>17 Smith Co. Schools – Fall Break</p>	<p>18 Smith Co. Schools – Fall Break</p> <p>9 a.m. – Noon Women's BS</p>	<p>19 12 Noon – Zoom BS</p> <p>Smith Co. Schools – Fall Break</p>	<p>20 Smith Co. Schools – Fall Break</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23 5-7 p.m. The Spot</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 9 a.m. – Noon Women's BS 6 p.m. Children's Ministry 6 p.m. Pastor Monica's BS 6 p.m. Youth 7 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>26 9 a.m. – November Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>12 Noon – Zoom BS</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 Churchwide Breakfast</p> <p>5-7 p.m. Fall Festival/VBS Kickoff</p>	<p>30 5-7 p.m. The Spot</p>	<p>31 HALLOWEEN</p>				