

Fulton First *UMC*

MAY 2024

Fulton First United Methodist Church
Loving | Growing | Serving
PO Box 1386, 200 Carr Street
Fulton, KY 42041

Pastor's Pen

A new day at Fulton First UMC has begun. After a long period of reflection, we have chosen to move forward with the Annie Ruth Pirtle Childcare Center. We have already received calls about being on a waiting list! How amazing is God?

I am sure you are wondering what the next steps are. First, the Childcare Team and the Trustees are finalizing the building plans to be sent to the state for approval. Once that step is complete, the plans will be sent to several construction firms for bids. When the bids are back the Trustees will review and a proposal will be prepared for the Finance Team. When those groups have agreed it will be voted on by the Church Council.

Secondly, we have been blessed to receive a matching fund challenge of \$50,000 for the Annie Ruth Pirtle Childcare Center. The Childcare Team and the Finance Team are finalizing a plan to invite your support. You will be receiving a letter, as will many of our community partners, to prayerfully consider helping fund the construction of the Center. Partner sponsor levels are being developed now, and pledge information sent with the appropriate letter.

Finally, the Childcare Team can now begin to work on the operational details of the Annie Ruth Pirtle Childcare Center. They will set hours the center will be open, student population ratios, staff expectations, and afterschool program structure. A parent handbook, teacher handbook, training schedule, and a business plan will be developed and presented to our Church Council in cooperation with partner teams SPPRC, Trustees, Finance, Discipleship, and Mission and Outreach. There is a lot of work ahead, but it is exciting work and it's a gift to be able to watch God work in our church and community.

That's not the only news though. Casey Jones has stepped up to Music Director and is working hard to get oriented into planning worship on Fridays for Celebrate Recovery and two worship services on Sundays. She is doing well and will be helping us develop music opportunities. Todd Belt is our new Media and Communications Director. He is learning all our existing ways of communicating and is trying to help us be more effective. If you have ideas or suggestions, you will want to share them with Todd. Give him a few weeks to get settled in, and he will be ready to respond. His email is communication@fultonfirstumc.org

May is filled with ministry opportunities. Every Sunday is full of activities like Mother's Day, Skit Guys, a free flea market, a graduation celebration, and a special night to celebrate Danielle's ministry here with us over the last three years. We hope you will be here for all of them or as many as you can. Please pray that God will bless our outreach events with new people who want to know more about the Kingdom, and our church family with fellowship opportunities to grow in love and grace.

It's a busy season of new life and new possibilities. We are looking forward to seeing how God leads us in the days ahead. Your prayers are deeply appreciated as we look forward to serving God together. Stepping out in faith is easier when we do it as family.



upcoming EVENTS

MAY 5

SENIOR SUNDAY
10:45 AM in the Sanctuary

MAY 11

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST
8 - 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall

MAY 17

SKIT GUYS LIVE
6 PM in the Sanctuary

MAY 18

FREE MARKET
9 AM - Noon in the back parking lot

WHAT IS A Free Market?

A great way to clean out unused or no longer needed household items and donate them for a good cause.

It's like a flea market, but absolutely *FREE* to the shopper.

An opportunity for FUMC to serve the community.

A chance to watch a person who has a need fulfilling that need without having to sacrifice another need.

A great way to get to meet neighbors that we don't know.

An opportunity to "plant seeds".

A chance to set an example of Christian love.

A great opportunity to fellowship with old friends and make new ones.

SHARE WHAT'S HAPPENING
IN YOUR MINISTRY AREA!

**JUNE
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE
5/20/24**

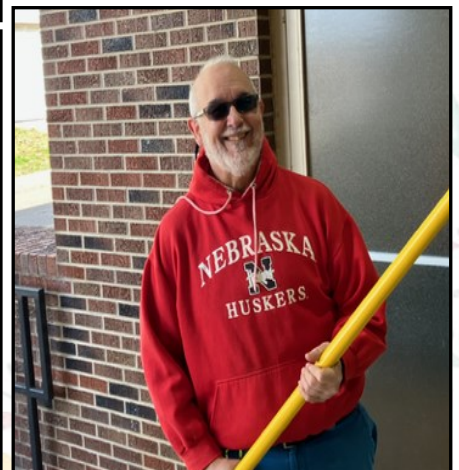
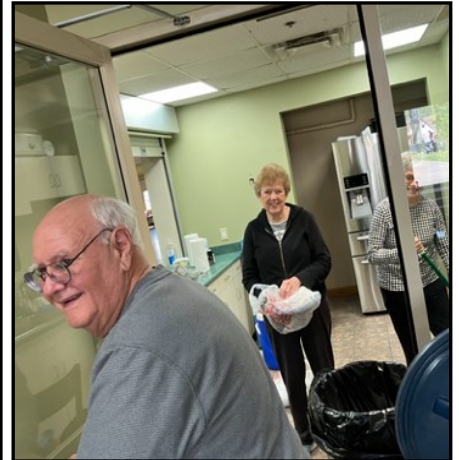
Send articles to Amanda Cabral.
amanda@fultonfirstumc.org



**UMM crowd gathered for breakfast
on Sat., April 6, at 8 am in fellowship hall.**



UMM Cleaning day as a success! Some things we accomplished include: removing old bushes from WC front, knocking down dirt dobber nests in breezeway, cleaning of the chairs, trimming of the hedges, cleaning of the youth closet.



Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Welcome Todd Belt to the Fulton First United Methodist team as Communications Director. We are excited to have Todd's help getting church info out to everyone.

Thank you Kaye Dixon for helping us with playing the piano. A few years ago you also played piano for the early service. Trivia: Kaye played piano for a gospel group back in the day and the group performed early and late one August at Kirk's church. He asked her out 1 September and Kaye married Romeo that December. This December will be 49 years. The group lost its pianist. We continue to search for a full time pianist.

HELLO!

I'm excited to join the team at Fulton First!
Drop me a line at the e-mail address below if
you need anything communicated on E-News
or our website!

TODD BELT
Communication/Media

 communication@fultonfirstumc.org

Mission Matters and Outreach Opportunities

May 2024

The Mission & Outreach team meets the first Thursday of each month. You are welcome to join us anytime.

Our annual Easter egg hunt was a great success! Approximately 50 children and their families attended and had a wonderful time. Many thanks to all who volunteered and worked to make this day special.

We hosted one mission team at the Willingham Center in April. The other two teams were redirected to housing closer to their work sites.

The Skit Guys, Tommy Woodard and Eddie James, will provide a one hour program in our sanctuary on Friday night, May 17th . There will be a cookie reception in the Fellowship Hall immediately following their performance. If you can make 2 dozen cookies and deliver them to the church by 2:00pm on Friday, May 17, please sign up at the Second Street entrance or the atrium entrance. Our Congregational Care team is in charge of the cookie table and our CR team will man the beverage table. We will need volunteers to meet and greet our visitors. Please plan to attend and/or participate as you can.

FREE Market – We need your help!! Please bring household items that you don't need or want. Beginning immediately, you can bring them to the church bus garage on Monday or Thursday between 8:00am and 10:00am. If you need to drop off at some other time, please call Steve Fly at 859-227-3011 to make arrangements. We will need lots of help setting up our "market", meeting and greeting our customers and fellowshiping with them. PLEASE plan to participate.

Set up for the event will begin at 7:30am on Saturday. Don't forget – **FREE COFFEE!!!!**

When - Saturday, May 18, 2024

Time – 9:00am until 12:00 noon

Where – FUMC parking lot in rear of the church

What – Miscellaneous household items such as lamps, pictures, frames and photo albums, home décor items, clocks, linens (sheets, pillowcases, blankets, etc.), furniture, purses, bags, shoes, books and many more.

NO CLOTHES - Free coffee will be available - ALL market items are totally FREE

No one will be allowed to begin shopping until 9:00am.

Railroader Taco Bar – We will feed the Railroaders Monday, 6/3/2024 at 5:30pm. Everyone is invited. Mark your calendar!

A Note from Associate Pastor

Kimberly Brann

We have some very exciting things happening here, y'all! The prayer of my heart is for the Holy Spirit to transform and unite us as we continue moving forward in being part of building God's kingdom right here in our community! I am beyond grateful to be a part of all that God is doing in this place!

Mark your calendar and join us on Friday, May 17th at 6pm for a night of laughter with the Skit Guys! (You can find them on YouTube if you aren't sure who these guys are). I hope you come expecting to laugh and ready to worship with the praise band. Invite your family and friends!

Blessings & Peace,
Kimberly

the **skitguys**



Coming Soon to First United Methodist Church

**200 Carr Street
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5/17/24

6-8 PM

skitguys.com

Music Ministry

WITH CASEY JONES

Greetings! The last few months have been an important reminder of how the dedication of those serving in our FFUMC music ministry continues to be such an integral part of our congregational worship experience the entire year. With that in mind, we want to incorporate as many people as possible into our weekly services.

Do you have a musical talent to use for God's glory? We invite you to join us! We have many opportunities to utilize the gifts God has given you, and I hope you will prayerfully consider being a part of our worship services. There is something for everyone--whether you play an instrument, sing, or prefer solo or ensemble opportunities. Please reach out if you have any questions or want to learn more!

As you may know, April 1 began my journey as FFUMC Music Director. I am thrilled to serve our church in a new capacity! Gavin, Ella, and I continue to thank God for the way you have welcomed us into the FFUMC family since January 2023, and for the love you have shown us. With my transition to Music Director, we have a staff opening for an Accompanist. Please help us spread the word and pray for the person God will send to fill this role!

I will leave you with the verse that has been on my heart this week, [Ephesians 3:20-21](#) (NRSV): "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, forever and ever. Amen." Praise God for all He has done and will do, especially for all that is abundantly and immeasurably more than we may even ask or imagine! May God pour out His blessings on each of you!

In Him,

Casey Jones
Music Director

FULTON FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP PIANIST AND ACCOMPANIST

Position open for an accompanist for the Chancel Choir and New Day Worship. Experience with choral accompanying preferred.

Contact: Casey Jones
casey@fultonfirstumc.org



YOUTH NEWS

Hello everyone!

Our youth have had an eventful last few weeks. We had the joy of a Mystery Trip to Chattanooga, TN where we visited the Tennessee Aquarium and stayed in a super awesome AirBnB in Rock Spring, Georgia. I hope you enjoy the attached picture! As we begin to wind down our weekly activities for this summer, we have one more opportunity to provide and join us for our Sunday night meal on May 19th. If you're interested please let Danielle know! As always, thank you so much for the many ways you support the young people in this church.

Blessings, Danielle



A Special Note From Youth Pastor Danielle Simone

Hi everyone,

As I'm sure many of you are aware, I am graduating from my Master's program and CYMT this month. While I am incredibly grateful and excited to be finished with this portion of my theological education, it does come with the sad reality that my contract with CYMT and Fulton FUMC ends on May 31st.

While discerning my call in the last three years, I have discovered what I believe to be a call to ordained ministry as a deacon in the UMC, and I have officially started the candidacy process. I have also begun to feel that God is calling me to continue working with young people in an environment outside of traditional church ministry. While I don't know exactly what that means yet, I do believe that my next steps are elsewhere, and have begun seeking opportunities to minister to and with young people in different settings that I hope to share about at a later time.

Serving the children and youth at FFUMC since I started working with Celebrate Recovery in 2019 has been one of the greatest blessings in my life and in my call story, and I am so grateful that you have all been a part of it thus far. So many people at FFUMC have loved and supported both Jimmy and I, and for each of you I am so grateful. This church family and especially its young people hold a special place in my heart, and always will. Lots and lots of love,

Danielle



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Susan Engle Carrigan, Lead Pastor

Kimberly Brann, Associate Pastor

Sunday Worship: *First Light* - 8:45 a.m. | *New Day* - 10:45 a.m.

Celebrate Recovery Worship: Fridays - 6:30 p.m.

Church Office: M - F, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Willingham Center: M - F, 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.