

Messenger

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Literature, painting, music—the most basic lesson that all art teaches us is to stop, look and listen to life on this planet...

When Jesus says that the greatest command of all is to love God and to love our neighbor, he too is asking us to pay attention. If we are to love God, we must first stop, look and listen for him in what is happening around us and inside us. If we are to love our neighbors, before doing anything else we must see our neighbors. With our imagination as well as our eyes, that is to say like artists, we must see not just their faces but the life behind and within their faces. Here it is love that is the frame we see them in.

--Frederick Buechner,
Whistling in the Dark



SUNDAY, JULY 23

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship

TUESDAY, JULY 25

- 6:00 p.m. Emmaus Meeting

SATURDAY, JULY 29

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



23. Mary Hagen Ketchum

Stephen Harris
Michael Hughes

25. Dr. Walter Burnett

27. Susan Melton

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26. Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Harris

28. Mr. & Mrs. Kirk Coulton



Help Needed!

Our church playground is in need of repairs and improvements.

Concrete and a new fence is needed. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please make your checks out to the church and mark "Playground Project."



John McGowan

Frank M. Patty, Jr.

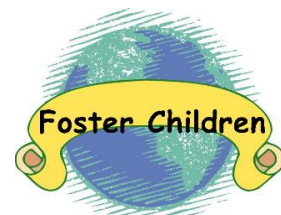
Marty Pender

Josephine Peterson

Pat Webb

M/M Charles Davis

Josephine Peterson



Ministries

BACK TO SCHOOL

If you would like to help with the purchase of "Back to School" clothes and supplies, please make your check/donation to First Methodist Church and indicate that it is for foster children. Presently, after helping with Christmas, Easter and summer camp supplies, we are low on funds.

Thank you! Allison



Newborns

*Congratulations to Laura Catherine and Brad Phillips on the birth of their son, **Thomas Bane Phillips**, who was born July 6, 2023. Proud grandparents are Mary Kay and Chat Phillips and Stephanie and Kenny Goodman.*

Bible Hiskidz and Bible in Life

This Sunday is our last lesson in the series, **WHO IS GOD?** Our lesson this week is "God forgives Us." This Sunday we will be talking about the story of the Prodigal Son. This story is an all too familiar one about a father's love and forgiveness.

HISKIDZ

Summer is coming to an end and school will soon be starting. We are planning an End of Summer Activity that will be happening soon.



Youth Sunday School

Our series for the month of July is **WHO IS GOD**. This Sunday we will begin to catch up on some of our past lessons. This week is called "Sons and Daughters of God." The apostle John gave a poetic description of Jesus Christ referring to Him as "the Word." Only God's Son can make us God's children. Without Him, we are hopelessly lost; by receiving His, we are eternally saved (John 1:12).

Summer Activity: I am working on planning a few Youth Fellowships before school starts back up, so be watching for that info.

WINTER XTREME – The youth will be attending **Winter Extreme** in Branson, December 27-29. We will hear multiple speakers and Christian Artists. A message will be sent out soon for sign-up.

Ellison Methodist Church Revival

Brother Lauren will be preaching a revival at Ellison Methodist Church Sunday, July 23 through Wednesday, July 26. The Sunday evening service will be at 6 p.m. and the Monday through Wednesday services will be at 7 p.m.

Sunday, July 23, 2023

Greeters	Diane Vaughan/Millie Phillips
Scripture	Joshua 4:15-24
Sermon	“Signposts from God”
Flowers	Sara and Rodney Henderson

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JULY

23. 8th Sunday after Pentcost	Mark 6:30-34; 53-56
24. Never again!	Genesis 8:15-22
25. Make a name	Genesis 11:1-9
26. Abounding in steadfast love	Exodus 34:1-10
27. Sin begets sin	2 Samuel 11:1-15
28. Hoping for God’s deliverance	Palm 14
29. Love that surpasses knowledge	Ehpesians 3:14-21